Estonian libraries take to the airwaves

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"AS PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS WITH A PROFESSIONAL INTEREST IN COPYRIGHT, LIBRARIES HAVE A CRUCIAL ROLE IN ANY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DEBATE ON **A NEW COPYRIGHT LAW ."**

– ALEKSEI KELLI, HEAD OF THE IPC WORKING GROUP

Objectives

- Engage libraries in the planned copyright law, and inform the general public about copyright issues that libraries face everyday.

- Represent libraries, including public and research libraries, in national consultations organized by the Intellectual Property Codification (IPC) Working Group.

- Raise emerging issues, such as the lending of e-books and audiovisual works, and collaborate with legislators to develop workable solutions for legal problems that arise in the new technological environment.

Achievements

- ✓ Library copyright expertise was built up and cooperation strengthened. A Library Copyright Working Group with representatives from six major libraries was formed. It met five times each with a different focus: general copyright, lending of AV works and e-books, orphan works, future plan.

- ✓ With legal support, amendments to the Copyright Act were submitted to the IPC Working Group including the lending of audiovisual works; copying of e-books for preservation; text and data mining; clear rules for orphan works; no override by contract terms.

- ✓ Libraries formed new alliances that will benefit into the future e.g. with the Estonian Public Broadcasting organization on orphan works, and established cooperation with the Ministry of Justice.

- ✓ Libraries received extensive media coverage and positive attention from the general public.

- ✓ The final project seminar featured on Estonian National Television main evening news (17.01.2013) and on Vikerraadio, the national radio station.

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