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Another highly productive and rewarding year has been made possible thanks to ongoing collaboration with over 60 partner and project countries and the continued support of our funders.

[Read the 2012 EIFL annual report](#)



We raised over US\$5,400 for the Volta Regional Library!



Lots to learn - Volta Regional Library takes fully-charged laptops to schools to give children hands on computer experience. Our fundraising appeal raised over US\$5,400 to buy more laptops for this innovative service.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to Volta Regional Library's innovative mobile library service, which takes fully-charged laptop computers to schools in Ho, Ghana to help 450 schoolchildren pass their exams. Thanks also to everyone who shared our appeal with their friends and through their networks.

With your help, EIFL has raised US\$5,437 for the library – and donations are still coming in. We have also succeeded in the GlobalGiving Open Challenge. Success in the challenge means we have secured a permanent place on the [GlobalGiving online fundraising platform](#), and can raise funds for more innovative library services in future.

Your support is making a real difference to the lives of 450 schoolchildren. Thank you – we could not have done it without you.

Click the link to read more about [Volta Regional Library's innovative service](#).

EIFL wins WSIS 2013 Project Prize for excellence

Prestigious international development prize awarded for excellence in implementing development strategies that leverage the power of ICTs.

Geneva, Switzerland - Today [EIFL](#) (Electronic Information for Libraries) was awarded a WSIS Project Prize for excellence in implementation of World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes to achieve an inclusive and development-oriented information society.

The prestigious award was presented by Dr Hamadoun Touré, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) during the opening ceremony of the WSIS Forum 2013 on May 13. The world's largest annual gathering of the ICT for development community, the [WSIS Forum 2013](#) was attended by more than 1,500 delegates from more than 140 countries, including over 120 government ministers, ambassadors, CEOs, and civil society leaders.

Accepting the award, EIFL Director Ms Rima Kupryte said: 'I am very happy and honoured to receive the WSIS Project Prize as it is an important recognition of public libraries as partners in development. Internet and communication technologies are changing our lives, but there are many people, especially in developing and transition countries, who do not own a computer or smart phone. Our experience shows that innovative public libraries offering free access to ICT and training in e-literacy skills can have a powerful positive impact in their communities. Through our Public Library Innovation Programme (PLIP) we were able to demonstrate how communities in 23 countries benefited from ICT-enabled public library services, and how individual lives were improved.'



EIFL Director, Rima Kupryte receives the prestigious award from Dr Hamadoun Touré, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

EIFL is one of 18 winners selected from 280 projects nominated from 64 countries. EIFL won the award in Category 4, "Capacity Building" for the work of its Public Library Innovation Programme (PLIP), which supports public libraries in developing and transition countries to use ICT to implement innovative services that improve lives. Over 9,000 people in 23 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe have benefited from ICT training in local libraries as a result of EIFL-PLIP support. New e-literacy skills are benefiting subsistence farmers, vulnerable youth, those suffering from ill health, health workers' struggling to update their knowledge, unemployed women, the homeless and many other disadvantaged groups.

Read more about [EIFL-PLIP's innovative public library services](#).

EIFL - Electronic Information for Libraries - is an international not-for-profit organization dedicated to enabling access to knowledge through libraries in more than 60 developing and transition countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. Learn more at www.eifl.net and follow us @EIFLnet.

WSIS – the World Summit on the Information Society – is a UN process that was initiated in two unique phases in order to create an evolving multi-stakeholder platform aimed at promoting Information Society at the national, regional and international levels. The goal of WSIS is to achieve a common vision, desire and commitment to build a people-centric, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information. The Final Review of this process will take place in 2015. The **WSIS Project Prizes** were developed in response to requests from participants at the [WSIS Forum 2011](#) for a mechanism to evaluate and recognize individuals; governments; civil society; local, regional and international agencies; research institutions, and private sector companies for outstanding success in implementing development strategies that leverage the power of ICTs.

EIFL-Licensing update

Renewal agreement for Cambridge Journals Online

EIFL has signed a renewal agreement with Cambridge University Press for Cambridge Journals Online.



The agreement runs until 31 December 2013 and is open to EIFL-partner consortia in 36 countries:

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cambodia, Cameroon, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Palestine, Senegal, Serbia, Slovenia, Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Zimbabwe

Cambridge Journals Online offers access to a multi-disciplinary collection of over 320 leading journals covering subjects including science and technology, medicine, and the humanities and social sciences.

- Find out more about the EIFL-negotiated agreement for [Cambridge Journals Online](#).

New agreement for Credo Online Reference Service, Academic Core Collection

EIFL has signed a new agreement with Credo for Credo Online Reference Service, Academic Core Collection.



The agreement runs until 31 December 2015, and is open to members of EIFL-partner consortia in the following 27 countries:

Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Kosovo, Laos, Lesotho, Macedonia, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Moldova, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Senegal, Serbia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Credo Online Reference Service combines innovative technology and award-winning content to help users gain important information skills, providing a strong reference foundation before seamlessly connecting them to librarian-approved resources.

The service, named “Best Overall” by Library Journal in 2012, is packaged with the Academic Core Collection which includes over 620 titles from more than 80 publishers including Cambridge University Press, Elsevier, Routledge, SAGE, and Wiley-Blackwell. Purchased in print, this collection of titles would cost over \$100,000.

- Find out more about the EIFL-negotiated agreement for [Credo Online Reference Service, Academic Core Collection](#).

Renewal agreement for the Oxford Textbook of Medicine Online

EIFL has signed a renewal agreement with Oxford University Press for the Oxford Textbook of Medicine Online.

The agreement runs until 31 December 2015 and is open to EIFL-partner consortia in 14 countries:

Albania, Armenia, Cambodia, Kosovo (new from 2013), Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Macedonia (new from 2013), Maldives, Moldova (new from 2013), Mongolia (new from 2013), Nepal, Palestine, Tajikistan (new from 2013), Uzbekistan (new from 2013)

The online edition of the Oxford Textbook of Medicine (5th edition) offers comprehensive coverage of the scientific aspects and clinical practice of internal medicine and its subspecialties, and includes over 2,500 illustrations and photographs.

- Find out more about the EIFL-negotiated agreement for the [Oxford Textbook of Medicine Online](#).

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Renewal agreement for Grove Art Online and Grove Music Online

EIFL has signed a renewal agreement with Oxford University Press for Grove Art Online and Grove Music Online.

The agreement runs until 31 December 2015 and is open to EIFL-partner consortia in over 40 countries:

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cambodia, Cameroon, Estonia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Palestine, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania (new from 2013), Uganda (new from 2013), Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Grove Art Online provides comprehensive coverage of all aspects of the visual arts globally from prehistory to the present day - from painting, sculpture and architecture to ceramics, textiles and photography.

Grove Music Online is the leading online resource for music research. Offering full-text access to music scholarship, online-only entries, and multimedia content it is the unsurpassed authority on all aspects of music.

- Find out more about the EIFL-negotiated agreement for [Grove Art Online](#) and [Grove Music Online](#).

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EIFL-OA update

EIFL supports Accelerating Science Award Program

EIFL today joins 23 organizations, including major sponsors Public Library of Science (PLOS), Wellcome Trust and Google, in the launch of the Accelerating Science Award Program (ASAP), which recognizes the use of scientific research, published through Open Access, that has led to innovations in any field that benefit society.

The goal of ASAP is to build awareness and to encourage the use of Open Access scientific research and, through these initiatives, inspire greater support for open access .



'By sponsoring ASAP, EIFL encourages greater use and reuse of Open Access content to increase research impact and to accelerate socio-economic development,' states Iryna Kuchma, EIFL Open Access Programme Manager. 'It will illuminate how the unrestricted exchange of information can advance science and medicine, and benefit society. It will also, hopefully, encourage a new generation of individuals to embrace the use and application of scientific research published through Open Access.'

ASAP will award individuals who have used, applied, or remixed scientific research – published through Open Access – to make a difference in science, medicine, business, technology or society as a whole. Potential nominees include individuals, teams, or groups of collaborators such as scientists, researchers, educators, technology leaders, entrepreneurs, policy makers, patient advocates, public health workers, and students.

Three top awards of \$30,000 each will be awarded in Washington, DC in October 2013, where they will be honored at an Open Access Week event hosted by SPARC and the World Bank. **The nomination period is open from May 1 to June 15, 2013.**

The ASAP Program is [sponsored by 24 global organizations](#) that value the transformative impact of applying scientific research published through Open Access to extend the reach of science and medicine. Major sponsors include Google, PLOS, and the Wellcome Trust.

For more information, including the full details of the ASAP Program, nomination process, and the Award specifics, go to <http://asap.plos.org>. For Program rules visit <http://asap.plos.org/nominate/rules/>.

World Bank's OKR Partnership program

The Office of the Publisher at the World Bank is creating a pilot program targeted at exploring interoperability with open access institutional repositories in Africa. The goal of the pilot program is to exchange technical expertise on how the content in a repository can be exposed to be more discoverable and re-usable.



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The World Bank is currently looking for institutions that are interested in participating in the pilot program. They impose no restrictions when sharing best practices but they are particularly interested in working with institutions that have an interest in, and that produce development knowledge.

EIFL encourages repository managers in Africa to participate in the Open Knowledge Repository Partnership Program.

Background:

The World Bank is a significant source of development knowledge. The World Bank's [Open Knowledge Repository \(OKR\)](#) was launched in April 2012 and is the institution's official open access repository for its research and knowledge outputs. The OKR was built using the DSpace platform, and is OAI compliant. As of April 2013, the repository contains over 10,000 research works, is approaching one million downloads, and has been accessed by users from over 200 countries worldwide.

And effective 1 July 2012, the World Bank has introduced an [Open Access policy](#) for its research outputs and knowledge products.

Contact information:

Any institutions that are interested in this pilot program should contact Paschal Ssemaganda using the information below:

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EIFL-IP update

Copyright in Armenia - will library expectations be met?

In a short space of time, the library community in Armenia has taken charge of its position during a major review of the copyright law, emerging as a strong force with a new standing as a credible stakeholder with policy makers and other players. These are the results of a seven month project led by the Electronic Library Consortium of Armenia (ELCA) on organizing a campaign to review the copyright law.

The project involved the formation of a library copyright committee, consultations with librarians in the regions, publication of the first resource on copyright adapted for local law, recommendations for library-friendly amendments, and the fostering of a professional relationship with the copyright office. Will the new law live up to library expectations? Time will tell when the Draft Law is published (expected sometime after April 2013), followed by public hearings for stakeholders.

The project results are described in a case study, the second in a series describing the results of eight EIFL-IP funded projects for advocacy campaigns in support of copyright law reform in Africa, Asia, and Europe.

[Read the case study.](#)

[Read about the other advocacy campaigns.](#)

CFL adapted for the use in the western Balkans

EIFL is delighted to announce that "Copyright for Librarians" (CFL) is now available online and in print in the Serbian language. The printed version has been distributed for use in academic libraries in Serbia and to national and university libraries in Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The online version is [freely available to download from PHAIDRA](#), the repository of the University of Belgrade, established in June 2012 to permanently archive and manage digital objects at the University.



The CFL text was translated into Serbian (Latin script) by Dr. Stela Filipi Matutinovic, librarian at Svetozar Marković University Library, the main library of the University of Belgrade, with support from Professor Dr. Dragan Prlja, a legal expert at the University's Institute of Comparative Law, who reviewed and amended the text. The work was done as part of "[New Library Services at Western Balkan universities](#)", a project of the [EU TEMPUS programme](#), which supports the modernization of higher education in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Western Balkans and the Mediterranean region.

"Until recently, copyright was not widely known about by librarians in Serbia. However technical modernization, integration of academic library systems in the region, and the establishment of open access repositories means that a clear copyright policy must be in place to manage electronic materials before they go online", said Dr. Stela Filipi Matutinovic. To fill the gap, the TEMPUS project team decided to use the up-to-date and freely available curriculum developed by EIFL and Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society. The new resource is being used to conduct training courses for librarians, and is recommended reading for undergraduate and postgraduate students of Library and Information Science (LIS) at the University of Belgrade. 'I adapted the case studies in the curriculum into short texts that describe the practical problems and possible solutions for librarians and professors. I hope that the new resource contributes to the transformation of communication in science in the western Balkans, that will benefit education throughout the region', said Dr. Filipi Matutinovic.

The translation has already sparked interest. In March 2013, [EIFL co-organized a meeting in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) with around 50 librarians and ministry officials to discuss the development of the library consortium, [Electronic Information Consortium of Bosnia and Herzegovina \(EICBIH\)](#) and consorcial access to e-resources. Participants, who affirmed the issue of copyright as a challenge on many levels, were informed

about “CFL Srpski” available online and in print from the TEMPUS team. We hope that the new resource is a good start to help answer some of the questions.

EIFL warmly congratulates Stela and the TEMPUS team in Belgrade for taking the initiative to translate and adapt CFL for use in the region.

[Visit the CFL webpage for more translations and formats.](#)

Libraries in Estonia take copyright to the national airwaves



Digital Memory - final project seminar, January 2013

Estonia is in the process of revising its intellectual property laws, and the drafting of a new copyright bill is expected by September 2014. In an eight month project supported by EIFL-IP, the National Library of Estonia, the Consortium of Estonian Libraries Network (ELNET) and the Estonian Librarians Association worked to actively engage libraries in the planned new copyright law, and to inform the general public about emerging copyright issues that libraries face everyday, such as the lending of audio-visual works and e-books. The goal was to collaborate with legislators in developing workable solutions for legal problems that arise in the new technological environment.

'The EIFL-IP project has enabled the library community to take the first steps towards formulating a unified position on copyright issues, and to ensure a single, strong library representation for the drafting of the new copyright law. We hope that the voice of libraries will be listened to more in the future. Joined forces are power!' Karmen Linask, Project Manager

[Read the case study to learn how they got on.](#)

[Read about the other advocacy campaigns.](#)

Libraries and RROs: selected news and resources

Check out our [new resource page on libraries, education and Reproduction Rights Organizations \(RROs\)](#) requested by EIFL librarians, that includes conference presentations, selected news items and slides from our recent webinar based on the EIFL guide, [How to negotiate with your national Reproduction Rights Organization](#). We'll be keeping an eye out for new material and will update the page accordingly.

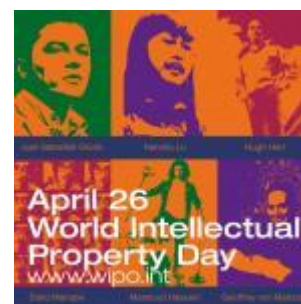


Campaign for a progressive copyright law in Uzbekistan

On the occasion of [World Intellectual Property Day](#) with the theme "Creativity: the next generation", EIFL is pleased to publish the fourth in a series of case studies with the results of advocacy campaigns in support of copyright law reform in [EIFL partner countries](#).

Every day, libraries in all parts of the world help millions of people meet their work, study, research and leisure needs. Libraries support education and research for the next generation by providing access to information resources essential for teaching and learning. Libraries encourage creativity and innovation by enabling access to knowledge, ideas and works of imagination for everyone.

Librarians advocate for a legal framework that supports technological change and that holds dear the purpose of copyright - to encourage creativity and learning – for the next generation of pioneers who will change our world.



Significant resources are being invested in improving library services in Uzbekistan, but legal and knowledge barriers stand in the way of developing an effective information society. [In the case study, read how librarians in Uzbekistan are campaigning for a progressive copyright law in support of library development.](#)

[Read about the other advocacy campaigns.](#)

Have a fun and creative World IP Day! Visit your library!

EIFL-FOSS update

NewGenLib ILS Webinar: Overview and Case Study

EIFL-FOSS organized a free webinar looking at NewGenLib (aka NGL), an open-source integrated library management system. The software is entirely Java-based, runs on Windows or Linux and is designed to work equally well in one single library as it does across a dispersed network of libraries.



NGL comprised of many open source components, chief among which are Apache Tomcat, PostgreSQL Database and the well-known search engine [SOLR](#).

International library metadata standards are fully supported - NGL has been implemented in over 30 countries and in at least 4 different languages. NewGenLib is licensed under the GNU version 3. It supports MARC21, OAI-PMH and z39.50.

You can find out more about NewGenLib [here](#).

A very thorough overview presentation was given by Mr Siddartha from Verus Solutions, the organization that coordinates the development and support of NewGenLib, and we also had an excellent case study from Dr Sunil and Mr Haravu of Shri Dharmsthal Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development, India.

- You can access the [recording of the session here](#) (if your connection is too intermittent to view the recording online, we can provide it to you as a Zip file to download and view offline - just contact [simon.ball \[at\] eifl.net](mailto:simon.ball@eifl.net))
- You can download [the combined presentations here](#).

EIFL-PLIP update

Library computer game to reach over 50 schools



Utena A. and M. Miskiniai Public Library in Lithuania has received funding to expand their innovative Play to Study service, which includes an educational computer game for vulnerable children, to more than 50 schools in nine municipalities, reaching 7,000 children.

The library initiated Play to Study with support from [EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme \(EIFL-PLIP\)](#) in 2010. 'This service is unique. It is the first time in Lithuania for a service initiated by a public library to be implemented in schools. 'We highly value this important cooperation and partnership between the two sectors –

culture and education – and truly hope the service will strengthen collaboration for a long time,' said Ms Laima Lapiniene, coordinator of the Play to Study service.

Utena A. and M. Miskiniai Public Library worked with partners to develop the game – **Iššūkis** (the Challenge) – because large numbers of children were coming to the library during school hours. The game encourages children to go back to their schools by engaging them in tasks related to the school curriculum. At key points, players must contact their teachers.

Iššūkis quickly caught on and within a year, over 1,700 children from 13 Utena District schools were playing, in 25 libraries. Teachers reported improvements in pupils' school results and behavior, and improved relationships between poorly performing pupils and teachers.

The new funding, €60,290 (about US\$ 78,000), from the European Social Fund and the Lithuanian government, comes through the library's partner, [Education Development Centre](#) (EDC), a government institution which supports students, teachers and schools.

The fund enables the library to develop the game further and extend it to other regions. As part of these activities, the library will arrange training for over 60 school librarians in the nine municipalities to support pupils who play **Iššūkis**, and training and outreach activities to encourage teachers and pupils to take part.

Read more about [Utena A. & M. Miskiniai Public Library's](#) innovative Play to Study service.

Myanmar country brief on libraries published

In February, EIFL staff, Rima Kupryte and Monika Elbert, together with Beyond Access partners IREX and The Asia Foundation, conducted an assessment visit to Myanmar. They met with government, civil society and library representatives to gain an understanding of the potential of the country's 5000 public libraries to contribute to development goals.

As a result of library visits and consultations, facilitated by the Myanmar Library Foundation, a country brief has been published, which can be downloaded from

here: [http://beyondaccess.net/wp-](http://beyondaccess.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Myanmar-brief-for-web.pdf)

[content/uploads/2013/04/Myanmar-brief-for-web.pdf](http://beyondaccess.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Myanmar-brief-for-web.pdf). It examines key elements of Myanmar's rapid development and highlights the essential role public libraries can play in the development process. We look forward to working with Myanmar public libraries in implementing some of the recommendations.



Beyond Access team members from the Asia Foundation, Myanmar Book Centre, IREX and EIFL visit with Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Myanmar MP Aung San Suu Kyi.

Scale up of Ghana library maternal health service



Health workers learn to use computers in Northern Regional Library's maternal health corner.

Northern Regional Library's [Technology for Maternal Health Project](#) for mothers-to-be in northern Ghana, which was initiated with support from EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP), is to be scaled up to reach a wider area and to produce maternal health messages in local languages and in audio format.

The expansion follows receipt of a US\$220,000 grant by the library's partner organization, [Savana Signatures](#), from the funding agency [STAR-Ghana](#). Savana Signatures, a non-governmental organization that promotes information and communication technology (ICT) for development in Northern Ghana, was one of 29 successful grantees out of 230 applicants.

'We are building on our experience with the library as we take this forward,' said Mr John Stephen Agbenyo, Director of Savana Signatures.

'These new areas – the need to translate the SMS into local languages for women who do not understand English, and the need to create audio messages for non-literate women – emerged out of the partnership with the library. We are applying lessons learnt through our work with the library in other districts,' he said.

The expanded service will be delivered in four districts in Northern Ghana: Tamale, Yendi, Savelugu and Tolon.

Northern Regional Library, in Tamale, launched the Technology for Maternal Health service in 2012. The service includes free ICT training and access to a maternal health corner in the library, where health-workers, mid-wives, and members of the public can research maternal health issues. It also includes development and dissemination of maternal health messages to pregnant women via mobile phones.

'The library's health corner and resources will be available to the expanded project, and Northern Regional Library will serve on our monitoring and evaluation team,' said Mr Agbenyo.

STAR-Ghana is funded by the international government agencies, DFID (UK), DANIDA (Denmark), the European Union and USAID (USA).

Three libraries win EIFL-PLIP open government award

EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) is proud to announce the winners of our fourth Innovation Award – for library services that contribute to open government and e-government.

Congratulations to three public libraries:

- [Šiauliai County 'Povilas Visinkis' Public Library](#) in Lithuania for their e-government training programme which is creating dialogue between citizens and officials.
- [Public Law Library 'B. P. Hasdeu' Municipal Library](#) in Moldova for their new online legal database which provides free public access to decisions of the Chisinau Municipal Council.
- [Central Library 'M. L. Kropyvnytskyi'](#) and the Mykolaiv Centralized Library System for Adults in Ukraine, for their Citizen Service Centres which are empowering citizens to interact with local government.

Each winner receives a prize of US\$1,500. The three winners will also receive a certificate and a trophy during the Next Library 2013 conference in Aarhus, Denmark, in June.



Thanks to the winners and to all the other libraries that applied for sharing stories about their innovative services with us.

The EIFL-PLIP Innovation Awards recognize innovative services that use ICT to improve lives and livelihoods. The awards are open to all public and community libraries in developing and transition countries.

Read more about the winners of [Award No. 4](#).

Library consortia news

Welcome to Fiji!

'EIFL's services are really needed for the researchers and the academicians here to develop their educational, research and social advancements.'

- **Chaminda Jayasundara**
University Librarian, Fiji National University



We are extremely happy to welcome Fiji as our newest [partner country](#).

When asked why they were interested in joining EIFL, Chaminda stated, 'Establishment of this consortium would be of great benefit to the three universities in the country, their researchers, and other scholars as a whole. Fiji is a very upcoming country in the field of Education, and our research capacity is also getting strengthened. Thus, joining with EIFL will be an asset to the scholarly Fijians to go with the international community in the field of scholarly communication, training and development.' The three universities that Chaminda

is referring to are: [University of the South Pacific](#)(Suva); [University of Fiji](#) (Lautoka); and [Fiji National University](#).





Although Fiji's Library Consortium is currently not yet an established consortium, it is the hope of Chaminda Jayasundara, EIFL Country Coordinator for Fiji, to establish one after they have joined EIFL. [Fiji National University](#) (FNU), where Chaminda is the University Librarian, will be the focal organization and plans to do all the necessary work related to the development and management of the future consortium. For now FNU will focus on two EIFL programme: Consortium Management and Licensing. Once established, the consortium would also like to extend membership to public libraries in Fiji.

Please join us in welcoming our newest partner country!

Events

- 7 May 2013 [COAR Annual Meeting 2013](#). Location: Istanbul - Turkey
- 13 May 2013 [EIFL at WSIS Forum 2013](#). Location: Geneva - Switzerland
- 13 May 2013 [Albanian consortium meeting](#). Location: Tirana - Albania
- 16 May 2013 [J-ISIS: Online access to collections - Free Webinar from EIFL FOSS](#). Location: Online
- 21 May 2013 [Conference on Open Access in Uganda](#). Location: Kampala - Uganda
- 28 May 2013 [Dealing with Data: What's the Role for the Library](#). Location: Ghent - Belgium
- 30 May 2013 [EIFL at eLearning Africa 2013](#). Location: Windhoek - Namibia
- 31 May 2013 [International Conference on Children and Youth Literature](#). Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina/Santiago, Chile
- 16 Jun 2013 [WIPO Diplomatic Conference for VIPs](#). Location: Marrakesh - Morocco
- 16 Jun 2013 [EIFL-PLIP at the Next Library 2013 conference](#). Location: Aarhus - Denmark
- 18 Jun 2013 [OA18 DSpace User Group Meeting, Geneva](#). Location: Genève - Switzerland
- 19 Jun 2013 [OA18 Workshop in Geneva](#). Location: Genève - Switzerland

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