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1. eIFL-related News

Upcoming eIFL.net 20th Advisory Board Meeting

The second eIFL Advisory Board meeting of the year will be held on August 22 in Milan, Italy, just a few days before IFLA 2009. eIFL Advisory Board members Helena Asamoah Hassan, Kay Raseroka, Irina Razumova, Diana Sayej and Sreten Ugricic will join the eIFL staff and Management Board for an intensive one day meeting to discuss latest developments of all eIFL programs, preparations for the eIFL General Assembly 2009 to be hosted by Bibliotheca Alexandrina mid-November and ongoing fundraising activities. We will duly report on the outcomes of the meeting and minutes will be available soon after in the MEMBERS ONLY section of our website.

Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Keynote speaker of eIFL.net General Assembly

Dr. Ismail Serageldin is the Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. He also chairs the Board of Directors for each of the BA's affiliated research institutes and museums. He is the member of the Senate of Egypt. On June 25th he will receive an honorary doctoral degree, honoris causa, in Arts from Beirut Arab University. This is the second honorary degree granted by the BAU; the first one was granted to late Prime-minister of Lebanon, Rafiq El-Hariry in 1994.

It is worth mentioning that Dr. Serageldin holds 22 honorary doctoral degrees, the last one was granted to him by Université Laval in Quebec, Canada, in August 2008 and this will be the first honorary doctoral degree Dr. Serageldin receives from an Arab University.

Congratulations and we look forward to meeting Dr. Serageldin in November during eIFL.net General Assembly.

New eIFL.net Spotlight

Laos: learning from the world, bringing knowledge back home is our newest Spotlight story and the first to highlight achievements by local library communities in eIFL South East Asian countries. The story focuses on the power of knowledge sharing as a successful strategy to build local professional capacity and intensify cooperation amongst members of the library consortium LALIC. A country without library schools, Laotian librarians must go abroad to countries such as Australia, France, Japan, Russia, Thailand and Vietnam to receive professional training and acquire new competences in cutting edge trends in their field. The existence of a local network coupled with the deep commitment of librarians that study abroad to returning home and share knowledge with their peers are contributing to the improvement of library services and to the planning of ambitious projects in the digital environment.

To read the “Spotlight” on Laos and previous stories, please go here: www.eifl.net/news/spotlight

2. eIFL.net Events in July-August 2009

- ❖ On July 6-10, a workshop on FOSS integrated library system PMB is being organised in Bamako, Mali for the benefit of local community of libraries COMBI. This workshop falls within the series of Skills and Tools Workshops promoted by eIFL FOSS. Additional information is available in the eIFL FOSS section of this Newsletter.
- ❖ On July 7-9, Monika Segbert, David Fuegi and Johnson Paul are meeting with the local community of the National Library and Mongolian Libraries Consortium in Ulan Baatar. This workshop is part of the eIFL project funded by Mellon Foundation to help develop a Strategic

Planning for the National Library in its transition to a new building. For further details please visit our Mongolia page at www.eifl.net/country/mongolia.

- ❖ On July 7-13, the local library consortium COBESS is running a workshop on FOSS Joomla content management system for the installation, use and administration of web sites. This workshop falls within the series of Skills and Tools Workshops promoted by eIFL FOSS. Additional information is available in the eIFL FOSS section of this Newsletter.
- ❖ On July 20-22, the local library consortium in Zimbabwe ZULC will hold a workshop on the installation and use of FOSS integrated library system Evergreen. The workshop will take place in Chinjoiyi and is part of the Skills and Tools Workshops promoted by eIFL FOSS. Additional information is available in the eIFL FOSS section of this Newsletter.
- ❖ On July 22-23, under the framework of eIFL FOSS program, the South African Greenstone Support network (SAGSN) Steering Committee will join the DISA workshop on Digital Resource Management (www.disa.ukzn.ac.za) in Durban, South Africa. The workshop will be followed by a meeting of 7 SAGSN Committee representatives to discuss how best to extend the network in the region. Related details are available in the eIFL FOSS section of this Newsletter.
- ❖ On July 22-23, eIFL.net and the Social Science Baha will organise an Open access awareness-raising workshop in Nepal supported by the FOSI Foundation.
- ❖ On August 10, eIFL.net will be meeting with Tanzanian library community. Arnold Hirshon, Executive Director of NELINET will run a one day workshop.
- ❖ On August 18, Rima Kupryte will participate in the workshop “Leveraging Technology for Parliamentary Libraries and Research Services” in Rome, Italy. The workshop is jointly organised by the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament, the Italian Joint Parliamentary Library and the IFLA Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section on the eve of the pre-Conference of the IFLA Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section hosted by the Italian Joint Parliamentary Library on August 19-21.
- ❖ On August 22, the 20th eIFL Advisory Board meeting will take place in Milan, Italy.
- ❖ On August 23-27, Teresa Hackett will attend CLM business meetings and sessions during IFLA Milan 2009.
- ❖ On August 25, eIFL-OA will present the paper Open Access policies in developing and transition countries at the IFLA Science and Technology Libraries Section. The Session Theme will be “Open Access to Science and Technology Research Worldwide: Strategies and Best Practices” during IFLA Milan 2009.

3. eIFL Negotiations

Agreement with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) signed

eIFL.net has signed an agreement with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for some members of the library consortia belonging in the eIFL network to access ScienceOnline journal.

Since 1997 the online edition of Science continues to receive the highest impact factor rating of all scientific, technical and medical journals in the these major fields of science: Biology & Biochemistry, Chemistry, Plant & Animal Science, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Physics, Biology & Biochemistry, Plant & Animal Science, Space Science, Immunology, Microbiology, Pharmacology & Toxicology and Neuroscience & Behavior.

More on ScienceOnline and AAAS offer to eIFL countries: www.eifl.net/services/negotiations.

More user friendly information in the eIFL Negotiations web section

The Negotiations section in our site is being renewed in an attempt to render it more user friendly and make more clear what e-resources are offered to library consortia of the eIFL network through the eIFL Negotiations program. Publishers pages have been updated with current information on deals signed by eIFL.net, their expiration dates and how to subscribe and some marketing and support material for librarians have been added to help with a better management and promotion of licensed e-resources in their libraries.

More improvements and useful resources for marketing and promotion will follow soon. Suggestions and comments from the eIFL network are welcome.

eIFL Negotiations section: www.eifl.net/services/negotiations.

4. Update on eIFL-IP

The international library community meets WIPO Director General

eIFL.net and IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) held a high level meeting on June 30 in Geneva with the Director General of WIPO, Mr. Francis Gurry. Dubbed “the most important man in IP”, Mr. Gurry took office in October 2008 following a 23 year career at WIPO. The main objective of the meeting was to discuss areas where the international library community would like to work more closely with WIPO, such as the programme for regional training seminars, and to facilitate regular briefing sessions with the Secretariat staff on topical library issues. With a new team of top officials taking office on December 1, 2009, we will hold further introductory meetings with the relevant people, such as Deputy Directory General Mr. Geoffrey Onyeama (Nigeria), Cooperation for Development (including Development Agenda and WIPO Academy) and new Assistant Director General Ambassador Trevor Clarke (Barbados), copyright and related rights. Ambassador Clarke is currently the Chairman of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP).

The library delegation comprised Rima Kupryte, eIFL Director; Teresa Hackett, eIFL-IP Programme Manager; Jennefer Nicholson, IFLA Secretary-General; Winston Tabb, Chairman IFLA Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters (CLM); Stuart Hamilton, IFLA Senior Policy Advisor.

Francis Gurry Of Australia Wins Nomination To Be Next WIPO Director General: www.ip-watch.org.

WIPO Appoints New Top Officials, Readies Policies On Conflicts Of Interest, Staff Cuts: www.ip-watch.org.

New eIFL-IP librarians appointed to IFLA CLM 2009-2013

The Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters (CLM) is one of the “core activities” at IFLA and advises on copyright and related issues. Nominees should have significant interest and expertise in copyright issues, be able to report authoritatively on the state-of-the-art in their own country, and to advocate for library copyright issues.

We would like to congratulate two new appointees from the eIFL-IP network for the term 2009-2013. Rilwanu Abdulsalami is Deputy University Librarian at Kaduna State University, represents the Nigerian University Libraries Consortium and has been working with eIFL on copyright issues since 2005. Mariana Harjevschi is the Director of the Public Law Library in Chisinau, and represents Consortium eIFL Direct Moldova since 2008. This is a great recognition of their achievement and we know that they will make a valuable contribution to the work of the Committee.

Emilija Banionyte, Lithuanian Research Library Consortium (LMBA), Denise Nicholson, South African National Library and Information Consortium (SANLiC) and Teresa Hackett, eIFL-IP Programme Manager are also serving members. Other eIFL member countries represented are China and Russia.

We look forward to meeting up at the CLM business meetings during IFLA Milan.

Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM): www.ifla.org.

eIFL Handbook on Copyright and Related Issues: new translations

We are pleased to announce that the eIFL Handbook on Copyright and Related Issues is available in Arabic, Armenian and Russian. Thanks to Hala Essalmawi, A2K project at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina; Hasmik Galstyan, American University of Armenia and Jakov Shrayberg from the Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology for their great work in organising the translations.

If you would like to translate the Handbook into your own language, please contact Teresa Hackett (teresa.hackett[AT]eifl.net). www.eifl.net/services/eifl-ip/issues.

5. Update on eIFL-OA

eIFL.net Open access program: support from the Open Society Institute Information program

With a generous support from the Open Society Institute Information program eIFL-OA program keeps working to ensure the adoption of open access policies and mandates by research funding agencies, Universities and research organisations and to bring sustainability to the open repositories within the eIFL region.

eIFL.net will use the grant to organise advocacy and capacity building workshops and events, to help Universities and research organisations to adopt open access policies and mandates, to launch new repositories and to sustain the operating repositories, and to produce an evaluation report on “Open Repository Development in Developing and Transition Countries (based on the survey and case studies) and a report on the implementation of open content licences in developing and transition countries.

Open Access policies and mandates in eIFL countries

A new Lithuanian law on science requires online access for publicly-funded research

Article 45 of the new Law on Science and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania (adopted on April 30 and took effect on May 12) requires public availability of the publicly-funded results of scientific activity. Congratulations to the Lithuanian Research Library Consortium on this large and hard-won step forward! More information: www.eifl.net/services/eifl-oa/oa-news

Poland considering an open access mandate

Krzysztof Gulda, Director of the Department of Strategy and Development of Science at the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, speaking at the conference Open Educational Resources in Poland on April 23, declared the interest of the Ministry in introducing open science models in Poland, as part of the current reform of the scientific system. In particular, he declared that the Ministry is considering introducing an open mandate for publicly funded scientific content.

(From the Open Education and Open Science in Poland news by Jane Park, Creative Commons: creativecommons.org).

Implementation of the Belgorod Declaration on open access to scientific knowledge and cultural heritage endorsed by 10 rectors in Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine

On May 28 Belgorod State University presented its digital repository (dspace.bsu.edu.ru) followed by the V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University launching its digital repository eKhNUIR (dspace.univer.kharkov.ua) to implement the action plan of the Belgorod declaration on open access to scientific knowledge and cultural heritage at the university area of border regions of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine for 2008-2013.

Last year the rectors of Belgorod State University, Voronezh State University, East-Ukrainian National University named after V.Dahl, Gomel State University named after F.Skorina, Donetsk National University, Zaporozhye National University, Kursk State University, Taurida National University named after V.I.Vernadskiy, Kharkiv National University named after V.N. Karazin and South Federal University signed the Belgorod Declaration to stimulate and support open access to scientific knowledge and cultural heritage by the universities of the CIS countries.

More information: www.eifl.net/services/eifl-oa/oa-news

South Africa: the first African open access institutional mandate at the University of Pretoria and a new repository at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology

On May 22, Monica Hammes registered the first African open access mandate of the University of Pretoria, South Africa: www.eprints.org/openaccess.

Leslie Carr, Southampton, UK, created the global picture of hardworking repositories (repositories which receive regular daily deposits): repositoryman.blogspot.com/2009/06/ and according to it the UPSpace at the University of Pretoria is the ninth hardworking repository in the world!

And congratulations to the Cape Peninsula University of Technology Libraries on their repository up and running at dk.cput.ac.za.

eIFL Spotlight Gaining the momentum: eIFL marks five year commitment to Open Access in South Africa is available at www.eifl.net/news/spotlight and presentations from the “Gaining the momentum: Open access & advancement of science and research” workshop (a part of the African Digital Scholarship 2009 Conference) can be viewed at www.eifl.net/services/eifl-oa/training.

Ukraine: libraries advocating for open access in Ukraine, implementation of the national open access mandate and a new thematic digital repository – Central and Eastern European Marine Repository

More than 150 Ukrainian University librarians endorsed Open access to knowledge statement on May 21 at the International conference “Libraries of the higher education institutions in the context of higher education modernisation” that took place in Sevastopol, Ukraine.

To implement the Open Access Mandate (open access to research funded from the state budget of Ukraine introduced in the Law of Ukraine On the principles of Developing Information Society in Ukraine in 2007-2015) the Vernadsky National library of Ukraine created a registry of 726 journals and full text articles of 346 journals (starting from 2008) are already deposited here: www.nbu.gov.ua.

And the library of the Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas (IBSS), Ukraine, launched CEEMaR (Central and Eastern European Marine Repository) – a thematic digital repository covering the marine, brackish and freshwater environments and providing access to papers produced by the staff of the ECET institutes in Bulgaria, Poland, Russia and Ukraine.

More information about all these developments: www.eifl.net/services/eifl-oa/oa-news

Open Access: Maximising Research Impact workshop in Palestine

35 participants from 11 Universities participated in the Open Access: Maximising Research Impact workshop at Birzeit University Library organised by Palestinian Library and Information Consortium (PALICO), Birzeit University Library, Telemark University College Library, Norway, and eIFL.net in celebration of Jerusalem Capital of Arab Culture in 2009.

Workshop presentations, materials and photos from the group discussion are here: www.eifl.net/services/eifl-oa/training. Open access is a viable solution to existing problems in the scholarly communication – this statement is especially relevant in Palestine where geographical barriers, walls and checkpoints are a restriction to movement.

More information about the workshop: www.eifl.net/services/eifl-oa/oa-news

In Gaza, the library of Islamic university in cooperation with Alazhar and Alaqsa university libraries are working on the building a digital library to contain master thesis, research output, conference papers, etc. This initiative is a part of the QIF-funded project Improving the Practical Aspects of Teacher Education program in the Colleges of Palestinian Universities in Gaza Governorates. The three participating libraries are members of the local library consortium PALICO.

Open access repositories seminar at Crimea 2009

Presentations from the Open access repositories seminar on June 11 are available at www.eifl.net/services/eifl-oa/training (most of them in Russian). More information about open news from Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Russia is available at www.eifl.net/services/eifl-oa/oa-news.

eIFL.net and the Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology (GPNTB) organised the seminar at the Sixteenth International Conference “Crimea 2009: Libraries and Information Resources in the Modern World of Science, Culture, Education and Business”, Sudak, Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine.

Useful links and resources

Knowledge Exchange comparative report on Costs and Benefits of Open Access

In June 2009 the study Open Access – What are the economic benefits? A comparison of the United Kingdom, Netherlands and Denmark commissioned by Knowledge Exchange and written by Professor John Houghton, Victoria University, Australia, was completed. This report was based on the findings of studies undertaken in the UK by JISC, in the Netherlands by SURF and in Denmark by DEFF, in which John Houghton had modelled the costs and benefits of Open Access in three countries.

In the three national studies the costs and benefits of scholarly communication were compared based on three different publication models. The modelling revealed that the greatest advantage would be offered by the Open Access model, which means that the research institution or the party financing the research pays for publication and the article is then freely accessible. Adopting this model could lead to annual savings of around EUR 70 million in Denmark, EUR 133 million in The Netherlands and EUR 480 in the UK. The report concludes that the advantages would not just be in the long term; in the transitional phase too, more open access to research results would have positive effects. In this case the benefits would also outweigh the costs.

More information and links to the studies in the Knowledge exchange press release: www.knowledge-exchange.info.

OASIS Open Access Source Book Now Online

A new portal for educational materials on the concept, principles, advantages, approaches and means to achieving Open Access, the Open Access Scholarly Information Sourcebook (OASIS), is now online.

OASIS aims to provide an authoritative 'sourcebook' on Open Access. The site highlights developments and initiatives from around the world, with links to diverse additional resources and case studies. Materials are presented according to specific focus areas, to reflect diverse interest in wider access to research. OASIS focus areas highlight Researchers, Librarians, Publishers, Administrators, the Public, and Students.

OASIS is a community-building as much as a resource-building exercise. Users are encouraged to share and download the resources provided, and to modify and customize them for local use.

The site is coordinated by Alma Swan, of Key Perspectives Ltd, UK and Leslie Chan, University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada and overseen by a steering committee and advisory board of international Open Access experts and advocates.

OASIS and the Open Access Directory are central components in the program for Open Access Week (October 19 to 23, 2009), which will feature educational tools that local hosts can use to design events that suit local audiences and time zones. Sample program tracks drawn from OASIS, which highlight "Author's rights and author addenda - For researchers" and "Institutional Advantages from Open Access - For administrators," have been released for participants to use to design or inspire their plans for the week. The organizers of Open Access Week invite feedback on the sample tracks as well as contributions to OASIS and the Open Access Directory. Additional sample tracks will be developed with advice from registered Open Access Week participants.

For a recording of today's Web cast, more information about Open Access Week and to register your participation, visit www.openaccessweek.org.

For more information about OASIS, visit www.openoasis.org.

For more information about the Open Access Directory, visit oad.simmons.edu.

(From the SPARC press release: www.arl.org/sparc/).

Open access for digitization projects

This is an expanded version of a talk Peter Suber gave last week at "Going Digital" symposium at the Nobel Foundation in Stockholm.

(From the SPARC Open Access Newsletter, issue #135, July 2, 2009: www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/newsletter).

6. Update on eIFL FOSS

LTSP: How to Set Up a Linux Terminal Server Project Installation

In 2008 eIFL.net submitted stories from its Spotlight series (www.eifl.net/news/spotlight) in response to the UNESCO Information for All Programme (IFAP) call to share stories and good practices in using information for development in all parts of the world. One Spotlight story from Birzeit University, Open Source Software brings a new lease of life to libraries in Palestine, was selected by the Bureau of the Information for All Programme to receive project funding in order to replicate the story.

As a result, July will see the publication of LTSP: extending the life of older computer hardware in your library: How to Set Up a Linux Terminal Server Project Installation, The Birzeit University Library Experience by Dr. Wasel Ghanem, Head of Computer Systems Engineering Department and

Mrs. Diana Sayej-Naser, Library Director, Birzeit University. With this HowTo guide we aim to help libraries in other developing countries benefit from Birzeit University Library's experience in order to implement their own Linux Terminal Server Project (LTSP) installation. The guide is already available for download (in pdf format) in English www.eifl.net/services/eifl-foss/ltsp and in Arabic www.eifl.net/services/eifl-foss/ltsp. Russian, French, Spanish and Portuguese translations will be available later in July. See www.eifl.net/services/eifl-foss/ltsp.

This guide has been produced, translated, and distributed with the support of UNESCO.

Mali already made us of Palestinian experience and successfully implemented LTSP at the Library of Faculty of Medicine Pharmacy and Dentistry, University of Bamako. Read more: www.eifl.net/services/eifl-foss

Skills and Tools Workshops

Mali

The first eIFL-FOSS Skills and Tools Workshop took place between May 18-22 in Bamako, Mali. It concentrated on PHP, a commonly used FOSS scripting language, and MySQL, perhaps the most widely used FOSS database server. Organised by COMBI, the Malian Library Consortium, in conjunction with the Réseau Malien de Documentation pour le Développement (REMADOC), Association Malienne des Utilisateurs de Linux, and the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, Bamako Office, the workshop brought together 16 participants for some concentrated skills enhancement (see www.eifl.net/services/eifl-foss). This was the first of 3 workshops to take place this summer in Mali. The remaining two focus on SPIP, a FOSS content management system, and PMB, a FOSS integrated library system (ILS) which utilises both PHP and MySQL.

Malawi

In Malawi, a Debian GNU/Linux workshop was held between June 15-18 at Mzuzu University. The workshop brought together technical staff from across MALICO, the Malawian Library Consortium, to develop skills around the installation and administration of Debian GNU/Linux, a Linux distribution which is typically used for enterprise-level deployment of FOSS servers and other complex systems such as integrated library systems. For example, Debian is the preferred platform for the installation of both the Koha and Evergreen ILSs. So increasing the technical skills and knowledge of staff working with Debian also help promote better use of FOSS ILSs.

Zimbabwe

Toward the end of July, a 3-day workshop will take place at Chinhoyi University, Zimbabwe which will provide hands on training for the installation and administration of the Evergreen FOSS ILS. Leading the training will be Ephraim Makeke who got his start on Evergreen as the technical lead of an Evergreen pilot at Midlands State University Library, Zimbabwe, as part of the eIFL-FOSS ILS Project. We are delighted to see the skills being acquired in one eIFL-FOSS initiative being shared across national library consortia through another eIFL-FOSS initiative, in this case the Zimbabwe University Libraries Consortium (ZULC).

Further information on Skills and Tools Workshop, including links to workshop reports can be found at www.eifl.net/services/eifl-foss/skills-tools.

Update on the eIFL-FOSS ILS Project

On June 24, Tigran Zargaryan, Director of the Fundamental Scientific Library of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), Armenia, announced on the eIFL-FOSS country coordinators mailing list that more than 30 NAS libraries now have a live Evergreen union catalogue. This is a very exciting development and marks the culmination of two years of planning, investigation, training,

and effort. Migration to a FOSS ILS is a long-term project. Tigran's dedicated staff of technical librarians have learned a great deal whilst exploring various FOSS ILS alternatives. It certainly cannot be said that FOSS is the easiest of paths to take, but perhaps it is the most rewarding. Tigran is responsible for the Armenia translation of the Evergreen user interface and is currently working on the Russian translation as well.

You can view his presentation on "Evergreen in Armenia" from the first international Evergreen conference held in Athens, Georgia, USA, in May: www.slideshare.net.

For Tigran's report on the conference: www.eifl.net/services/eifl-foss.

Planning has already begun on next year's conference.

A great deal of effort within the eIFL-FOSS ILS project goes unseen since we have a tendency only to report milestones such as systems going live. But in terms of engagement with the FOSS community, a real sign of progress is seeing messages appear on the Evergreen email discussion list (see libmail.georgialibraries.org). So when messages from each of the eIFL-FOSS ILS pilots in Armenia, Nepal, and Zimbabwe appeared within the span of a single day in June, this too was a milestone for the eIFL-FOSS.

The Koha pilot sites continue to be equally productive. In Mali, Abdrahamane Anne has a fully operational Koha installation for his library which he is now using in conjunction with an Linux Terminal Server Project (LTSP) installation. In Malawi, the use of Koha stretches well beyond the Mzuzu University Library into the training of new librarians in the Mzuzu University Faculty of Information Science and Communications. The focus on fundamentals there, as evidenced by the recent Debian GNU/Linux workshop mention above, shows how closely integrated a FOSS ILS effort is with the general IT skills of the library.

Update on the Southern African Greenstone Support Network (SAGSN) Project

Interest in the SAGSN continues to grow. The call for additional National Centres (see www.eifl.net/services/eifl-foss/greenstone), netted positive responses from Senegal, Tanzania, Kenya and Mozambique. While each country is currently at a different stage of Greenstone development, all have clear potential to host National Centres as part of the SAGSN. Tanzania is likely to be the first of the new centres. We look forward to announcing that officially very soon.

On July 24 representatives from the SAGSN National Centres will hold the first meeting of the SAGSN Steering Committee in Durban, South Africa. The Steering Committee will be looking ahead at issues such as extending the Network, sustainability, and identifying training needs broadly and how best to fund and organise these.

The SAGSN Steering Committee meeting will take place immediately following a 3-day workshop organised by Digital Innovation South Africa (DISA) entitled "Digital resource management from data to knowledge: an overview of managing the digital life cycle" (www.disa.ukzn.ac.za). It promises to be a great opportunity for SAGSN members to explore how their Greenstone project fit into their institutional digital resource management goals.

The eIFL team

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