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2006 Annual Report

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Purpose

This report is a comprehensive overview of eIFL activities in 2006. Its twelve sections highlight the organization's initiatives and accomplishments throughout the year, concluding with a chronological summary of events and activities in which eIFL was involved.

1. Initiatives

Open Source Software Programme and e-Community Tools

Summary Open Source Software (OSS) and e-Community Tools are eIFL's two newest areas of priority concentration. Through programme diversification and a multi-pronged approach eIFL is leading libraries of transition and developing countries into the e-technology age of the 21st Century. By establishing programme-specific networks of experts at the national level of member countries, eIFL reaches the widest possible audience in each country.

eIFL-OSS Programme eIFL began looking at technology and software as far back as 2005. The priority then was to provide guidance to eIFL consortia on appropriate portals matching their needs and budgets. eIFL later conducted a survey to identify viable commercial vendors and open source software with library applications. With OSI support, Art Rhyno, Systems Librarian at the University of Windsor, Canada, and Mark Leggott, were hired to lead an OSS workshop at the 2005 General Assembly. Because technologies are evolving so rapidly, however, fully developed OSS solutions are now available to libraries worldwide.

In this context, Art Rhyno and Tigran Zargaryan, the newly appointed Director of the Academy of Sciences Library in Armenia, presented an OSS programme proposal at the eIFL Advisory Board meeting in Rome in July. The proposal was also shared with eIFL members at the General Assembly in Jordan in September.

In late October, eIFL met with key OSS players and library practitioners from member countries to outline the new programme. Its aim will be to encourage member libraries to use OSS and to advocate the development and sustainability of OSS for libraries worldwide.

Tigran Zargaryan and Elizabeth Sadler, librarian from the University of Virginia in the US, are coordinating the eILF-OSS campaign. Both have extensive experience in the usage and advocacy of OSS for libraries. They are revising the programme proposal and identifying suitable countries to be pilots for the "library in a box" packages. In order to increase the programme's profile, they are also organizing workshops in eIFL member countries and creating an OSS mailing list. The latter will facilitate communications between technology professionals and librarians who want to learn more about OSS.

e-Community Tools The second area identified as needing eIFL's priority focus is the application of IT tools for e-community building. eIFL offered members an experimental online course in February, which was useful in assessing interest in this new area. Based on the course's success, NELINET organized additional courses in late November and early December on pod casting, the open archives initiative, and metadata topics. Librarians from Moldova, Ghana, Poland, Estonia, Lithuania, and South Africa participated. Such online courses are an effective way to expose country representatives to cutting-edge issues in the fields of librarianship and information society.

Janet Haven, OSI Toolset Programme Manager, agreed to a draft work plan for the eIFL e-Community Tools project. In addition, consultant Rolf Kleef agreed to implement e-community tools in both an eIFL online training course and on the eIFL website. He ran a hands-on session during the Advisory Board meeting in Rome in June 2006 and organized a similar workshop at the General Assembly in Amman in September. Both sessions exposed members to the utility of such tools and what the new eIFL website will offer them.

Current efforts to redesign the eIFL website will make it more attractive, informative, and user-friendly to the broader membership and should significantly improve online communications within the eIFL network. Wikis, blogs, and other interactive communication tools have been integrated into the new website, which will be up and running in early 2007.

eIFL-Google Scholar Collaboration

In 2006 eIFL continued building on the foundation laid in 2005 for its exciting new collaboration with Google Scholar. Areas of cooperation include:

- Linking up eIFL consortium members' holdings through Google Scholar using SFXLinker, which is free. Art Rhyno helped develop a manual for setting up SFXLinkers, which Kyrgyz colleagues translated into Russian. Linking accounts have been established for Albania, Azerbaijan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Estonia, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mongolia, Russia, South Africa, and Ukraine.

- Using Google Scholar to link union catalogues. China, Slovenia, Lithuania, and Armenia succeeded in linking union catalogues in 2006, while Latvia, Estonia, and Poland are in the process of data transfer. eIFL is identifying additional suitable countries and union catalogues for linking.

- Google Scholar has proposed two additional cooperative projects with eIFL: (a) digitizing local journals and (b) creating a union catalogue in countries that do not have one yet. eIFL began work in both areas after the General Assembly in September. Bulgaria was nominated to be the pilot country for the union catalogue project and data-transfer operations are underway. eIFL is tangentially reviewing the Google Scholar-publisher service agreement to ensure that publishers from eIFL countries are well protected when signing up for this digitization programme.

- Google Scholar and eIFL's interests also coincide in wanting content produced locally in developing countries to be visible to the global community. To this end, Google indexed a range of Lithuanian, Bulgarian, Serbian, and Azeri scholarly journals in 2006. More will be added in the future. At eIFL's 6th General Assembly, Anurag Acharya, a distinguished engineer with Google Scholar, discussed ways to identify such content and explained the benefits of its global exposure.

eIFL-Open Access Programme

Summary The eIFL-Open Access Programme (eIFL-OA) emerged in 2005 as the leading advocate for open access (OA) in developing and transition countries. While focussing primarily on OA training and education for eIFL members, eIFL-OA participated in conferences and collaborated with outside organizations to raise awareness of eIFL's work in this area. It also submitted comments to the European Commission's *Study on the Economic and Technical Evolution of the Scientific Publication Markets in Europe*, presented the OA accomplishments of the eIFL network at four major international conferences, and organized two OA awareness-raising workshops in eIFL member countries.

Highlights
- eIFL-OA responded positively to the European Commission's 2006 *Study on the Economic and Technical Evolution of the Scientific Publication Markets in Europe.* A top recommendation of the report was to mandate public access to government funded research. In its response, eIFL cited (1) the joint work it had done with the International Renaissance Foundation in Ukraine on the adoption of a mandate for OA to government funded research, and (2) discussions eIFL had held with Lithuania's Ministry of Education and Science regarding mandating open access to publicly-funded research.

- eIFL-OA presented its work at the following international conferences in 2006. Taking advantage of the exposure they afforded, it developed a brochure to spotlight the programme's efforts.

- *Berlin 4*, in Golm, Germany.
- "*Open as … a Library: Open Source and Open Access in Croatian Libraries*," in Zagreb.
- International Special Librarians' Day, in Washington DC.
- An OA seminar at the World Bank.
- Zimbabwe University Libraries Consortium conference on OA in Harare*.*
- EBLIDA conference in Budapest.
- CODESRIA *Publishing in Africa* conference in the Netherlands.
- Conference on the "*Digital Age of Culture*" Kamchatka, Russia.
- *Workshop on Electronic Publishing and Open Access*, organized by the Indian Institute of Science and the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in Bangalore, India. It gathered participants from Brazil, India, China, and South Africa.

- eIFL-OA sponsored two OA awareness-raising workshops in 2006. For the first, eIFL partnered with OSISA (the Soros foundation operating in nine countries in southern Africa) to organize an OA workshop for nine southern African countries in Pretoria, South Africa. 42 participants from Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe attended the event. OSISA contributed $18,000 to underwrite participants' travel. Of particular note, the National Research Foundation of South Africa pledged that their grant recipients could use part of their funding to cover publishing costs in peer-reviewed, open-access journals. The participants agreed to develop lists of the copyright policies of publishers in their countries—similar to the SHERPA Romeo list—so as to encourage authors in their countries to submit to institutional repositories.

- The second workshop took place in Poznan, Poland, on 21 September. eIFL-OA organized it in partnership with the Poznan Foundation of Scientific Libraries, which was celebrating its 10th anniversary. Among the international presentations was a discussion of the European Commission's *Study on the Economic and Technical Evolution of the Scientific Publication Markets in Europe* led by an author of the report. The workshop also included presentations by the Polish coordinators of the Creative Commons and the DRIVER Project, an EU-funded project to build a repository network throughout Europe.

- The OA session at the 2006 eIFL General Assembly once again gave OA experts the opportunity to update the network on leading OA initiatives. Among the speakers were Alma Swan, a publishing consultant, who has become an expert on repositories; Heather Joseph of SPARC, who presented the SPARC Author Addendum; Biljana Kosanovic of KoBSON, who described e-LIS, a subject-based repository for library and information science material; and Paul Peters of Hindawi Publishing, which is a successful OA publisher based in Cairo.

- Nine eIFL coordinators—from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Estonia, Ghana, Lithuania, Mongolia, Poland, and Ukraine—were selected to attend the first Open Scholarship Conference at the University of Glasgow in October. This new conference will be a companion European conference to the OAI meetings at CERN in Geneva, and to the Nordic Scholarly Communication Conferences in Lund, Sweden. It is aimed at librarians, university administrators, funding agencies, academics, and technical specialists. Susan Veldsman and Melissa Hagemann represented eIFL at this event. Funding came from a separate OSI grant of $15,000.

- Susan Veldsman, the former programme manager of SASLI in South Africa, joined eIFL in September. In addition to overseeing negotiations with publishers, she is spending half of her time developing a repository strategy for the eIFL network. An eIFL-OA mailing list has been established and an OA survey was distributed in late 2006. The survey will determine eIFL member countries' level of understanding of OA and the development of repositories. It will also assess funding agencies' and publishers' interest in funding OA.

eIFL-IP Advocacy for Access to Knowledge: Copyright & Related Issues

Summary eIFL-IP has achieved a distinct voice and valued reputation as an activist in the international library community, within civil society, and among policy makers. Our two main foci remain capacity building (largely a national activity) and reform of copyright law (national and international). In 2006 eIFL-IP embarked on a groundbreaking initiative that will influence national copyright laws in developing and transition countries in years to come.

Highlights
- Since librarians, government copyright officials, and international policy makers could all benefit from a compendium of model copyright provisions for libraries, eIFLP-IP is planning such a publication featuring appropriate legal language, commentary and explanations. This is the first time a project of this sort has been undertaken and is long overdue. Since 2002, 53 developing and transition countries signed the WIPO Copyright Treaty. Many are also entering into trade agreements with the US and the EU. Many eIFL member countries, therefore, are now amending their laws and require immediate assistance. The only current source for advice is the WIPO Secretariat, which is mandated to provide technical and legal assistance to developing countries. The WIPO draft copyright law is highly restrictive, however, encouraging some of the poorest countries in the world to exceed their international obligations. Many developing countries have more restrictive copyright laws than Europe or the US as a consequence.

- The Project Manager, Teresa Hackett, and eIFL's Legal Advisor are working on provisions that are based on the WIPO draft law. These will reference a wide range of copyright laws from developed and developing countries, as well as international studies. eIFL-IP consulted international library copyright experts in December and will meet with WIPO again in January 2007. Wider consultations with the NGOs are envisioned for 2007.

- eIFL-IP sent representatives to key WIPO meetings in Geneva—covering the development agenda and the proposed broadcast treaty—in order to represent the views of libraries and its users of eIFL member countries.

- In December eIFL-IP published the *Handbook on Copyright and Related Issues for Libraries*. Partly funded by the UNESCO Information for All Program (IFAP), the *Handbook* is a valuable new resource and practical guide to legal questions affecting the information work of libraries in a fast-moving digital environment. The *Handbook* describes each topic briefly, outlines principal policy issues for libraries, and provides links to library policy statements for further reading. Special issues relating to developing countries are discussed separately. Policy statements from developing countries are not included, however. The *Handbook* is a tool for national consortium/library associations to use in developing position papers and national copyright strategies. It will also increase awareness of library-specific issues within the membership.

- In December eIFL-IP completed the UNESCO IFAP project. The final report documented the tangible results emanating from achievement of the project's main goal—to raise awareness, build capacity, and provide resources to librarians primarily in countries of the former Soviet Union. The project provided UNESCO with an awareness-raising training programme that is scalable, transferable, and reusable. The programme relies on generic resources for legal issues concerned with access to a society's information and knowledge.

- eIFL-IP conducted a training programme attended by 90 national-level copyright librarians from 55 countries.

- eIFL-IP established a new Advisory Board in October that provides guidance on policy, advocacy, and strategy and ensures that eIFL-IP remains focused and effective. Selected for their expertise in strategy, development, copyright issues, and libraries, the new Advisory Board members include: James Love, Director CPTech, Washington DC; Sisule Musungu, Coordinator of the Innovation, Access to Knowledge and Intellectual Property programme, South Centre, Geneva; Winston Tabb, Sheridan Dean of University Libraries, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, and Chair of

the IFLA Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM); Professor Ruth Okediji; and William L. Prosser, Professor of Law, University of Minnesota, USA. The new Board will meet in Geneva in February 2007.

- New resources are continually being added to the website to help members stay up-to-date and involved. Examples include a translation into Russian of eIFL's article, "Libraries – the Peoples Universities," by Safia Rafikova from Kyrgyz Library Information Consortium (KLIC); eIFL responses to international consultations and statements issued from international policy fora; and member presentations at various events.

- eIFL.net encouraged and supported its coordinators to attend international events. Jan Kovacik of Slovakia attended the WIPO copyright committee meeting in May. Funded by IFLA, Denise Nicholson of South Africa gained experience at the WIPO General Assemblies in September. Three eIFL-IP representatives—Uganda, Slovakia and the Project Manager Teresa Hackett—attended a summer course on international copyright law at the University of Amsterdam sponsored by OSI. eIFL-nominated representatives also spoke at various regional events; e.g., Denise Nicholson at a conference organised by the eIFL consortium in Zimbabwe and Dick Kawooya, on access to knowledge, at a Consumers International seminar.

Negotiations with Publishers

Summary eIFL signed licence agreements with several new publishers in 2006. The resulting e-resources now available to eIFL members enhances the scholarly materials that members already benefit from free of charge, or at much reduced rates. The new content is featured on the "Negotiations" page of the eIFL website.

New Agreements

- *SAGE Publications:* In March eIFL signed a three-year licence agreement with SAGE Publications. It grants eIFL members access to the SAGE Premier Collection at discounted rates through 2009. The Collection includes 390 SAGE journal titles covering the arts, humanities, social and behavioural sciences, and other areas of science, technology, and medicine.

- *AMP Sales and Marketing:* In May eIFL endorsed a two-year agreement with AMP Sales and Marketing. It supplies access to scholarly materials in the sciences, including the Ebrary Academic International Collection, the Humana Press Journals and Archives, the New England Journal of Medicine, Bentham Science publications, the Royal Society's current scientific publications, Morgan and Claypool Publishers, American Chemical Society publications and archives, and the Journal of Chemical Education.

- *Wiley InterScience:* In June eIFL reached a three-year agreement with Wiley InterScience. It provides Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia access to over 400 online journals covering 14 subject areas in the technical and medical sciences. This offer is also available to eIFL's other member countries upon request.

Renegotiated Agreements eIFL renegotiated EBSCO prices for most eIFL member countries for the period 2007-2009. It also extended contracts with BioOne, Cambridge University Press for another three years. Oxford Reference Online, which expires in April 2007, is also being renewed.

Potential New Publishers Susan Veldsman joined the eIFL team in September and took charge of new and continuing licence agreements with publishers. Rima Kupryte and Susan travelled to London in November for the Information Online Exhibition where Susan met with publishers such as Jstor, Project Muse, EBSCO, Sage, IBSS, Blackwell Synergy, American Psychological Society, BePress, Cambridge University Press, Brittanica Online, Emerald, Gale, Wiley, Taylor and Francis, Nature, IoP, Oxford University Press, IEEE, BioOne, ScienceOnline, ASM, Web of Science, and Cambridge Chemical Abstracts. All the vendors were favourably impressed with eIFL's activities, mission, and goals. Susan will be following up with them in 2007.

Member Usage Survey This year eIFL began collecting statistics on membership usage of e-resources. The purpose was to encourage members to increase and broaden their usage of the services and to assess why a few member countries were under-using them. Usage statistics from recent years on EBSCO, Cambridge University Press, Oxford Reference Online, Oxford English Dictionary, and The Institute of Physics are available on the eIFL website.

Partnerships

Association of Research Libraries (ARL) eIFL has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the ARL. The MOU outlines joint activities relating to a SPARC "Leading Edge" Partnership. The goal is to publicize and enhance eIFL's efforts to increase public access to scholarly and scientific journals in developing and transition countries. For the next three years ARL is committed to publicly endorsing eIFL and engaging in cooperative marketing of eIFL activities and programmes.

Global Information for Science Initiative eIFL has also agreed to team up with the new Global Information Commons for Science Initiative, which aims to accelerate the development of open scientific data and information resources on a global scale. Formalization of this partnership is pending determination of how it will be organized and funded.

Google Scholar eIFL is working with Google Scholar on a variety of joint projects. See section on **eIFL-Google Collaboration** above.

Consortium Building

Middle East eIFL's consortium building efforts continued its concentration in the Middle East by organizing national level workshops in Egypt and Lebanon in March 2006. This was an extension of similar workshops eIFL conducted in Jordan, Palestine, Iran, and Syria in 2005. In addition to consortium building, the workshops focussed on the development and management of electronic resources.

The workshops improved eIFL's understanding of the library communities' needs, challenges, and future priorities in these countries. The Bibliotheca Alexandrina also agreed to become eIFL's new coordinator for Egypt.

In April eIFL hosted a regional conference in Syria to assess the success of all the workshops in the region and identify upcoming challenges on a both regional and country-by-country basis. Representatives from Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, and Syria participated in the meeting, which centred on identifying their most pressing needs and interests. The event succeeded in establishing an agenda for moving forward and new country coordinators were appointed for Syria and Egypt.

Africa eIFL received funding from OSIWA (Open Society Institute Western Africa) to strengthen library consortia in West Africa countries—Cameroon, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, and Senegal. Mozambique also made progress—Tseli Moshoeshoe from the LELICO consortium of Lesotho attended the launch of the Swaziland library consortium in June. Helena Assamoah-Hasan from Ghana met with Cameroonian COCUREL and Malian COMBI members over the summer.

Europe and Asia eIFL staffers visited several ad-hoc countries to encourage consortia development. Monika Segbert went to Armenia and Kosovo. Emilija Banionyte was in Latvia and Moldova. And Ausra Vaskeviciene shared her experience of building a Lithuanian library consortium with colleagues in Kyrgyzstan. Similarly, Biljana Kosanovic of Serbia presented her country's consortium activities to Ukranian colleagues. Tajikistan also reported progress towards consolidating its library consortium.

Consortium Management Survey As in 2005, eIFL conducted an online survey of its membership in 2006 on the subject of country consortium management. In addition to updating and expanding eIFL databases on member countries' consortia activities, organizational structure, operational priorities, and contact information,

this year's survey indicated (1) that on the whole, national consortia are increasing their efforts by organizing more marketing, promotional, training, fundraising, and awareness-raising activities at the local level; and (2) that all respondents had as their objective the development of sustainable library consortia. It also clarified how different countries fund, structure, and govern their consortia.

The survey asked what programmes and services the consortia were interested and active in. Responses showed that education, training, and electronic licensing topped the list. Especially impressive was the amount of training offered to end-users and library staff. Country consortia conducted over 500 training sessions in which almost 6,000 librarians and staff members and an estimated 12,000 end-users participated. Consortium-building activities and licensing agreements headed most of the agendas.

Public Relations & Marketing

Since improving eIFL's visibility is critical to improving its fundraising efforts, a dynamic public relations campaign was initiated in 2006 that involved publishing articles in the following journals:

- "Consortia in Europe: Describing the Various Solutions Through Four Country Examples," *Library Trends* (Winter 2006)
- "eIFL.net: Sharing E-resources Globally," *ALA International Leads* (March 2006)
- "The eIFL Initiative," *Serials Review* (December 2005)
- UNESCO "Living Information" (January 2006)
- eIFL-IP was featured in the work of the Information for All Program (IFAP) Report 2004/2005
- "Libraries – the Peoples Universities" and "Copyright and Access to Knowledge," *Asia Pacific Consumer* (2006)
- *Copy/South Dossier (*July 2006). eIFL-IP received credit for reviewing early drafts, advising on the question, "How copyright creates barriers for librarians and library users," and providing examples of copyright problems.

To highlight eIFL's work and achievements around the world, we also started a new series on the website called "eIFL Stories," featuring a different country each month.

Another PR initiative was the commissioning of a film production company in September to produce two short documentaries about eIFL. The films will be available for download from the website in 2007. They project a positive image of eIFL's vibrant network and include interviews with participants at eIFL's 2006 General Assembly in Amman.

We are in the process of redesigning the eIFL website and expect to launch the new version in February 2007. We are using an open source software platform that will expand eIFL's global visibility and allow for a more dynamic display of eIFL activities. The new website will include state of the art community building tools and a special section for fundraising called "Support us."

As a result of eIFL.net T-shirts distributed at the 2005 General Assembly, finally, noteworthy members of the e-age community have begun appearing at international conferences and meetings wearing them; for example, Jimmy Wales, founder of Wikipedia, and Anurag Acharya of Google Scholar. Photos of them are on flickr and can be viewed either by searching "eiflnet tshirt" or at http://www.flickr.com/search/?q=eiflnet+tshirt. We will be encouraging other such celebrities to promote eIFL.net in this friendly way.

2. Events

2006 General Assembly

The University of Jordan hosted eIFL's 2006 General Assembly (GA) on 10-12 September in Amman. In attendance were eIFL staff and board members, vendors, and all of eIFL's country coordinators except those from Kosovo, Uganda, Lebanon, and Syria, who could not attend. The programme included internationally renowned speakers—Alma Swan from Key Perspectives, Victoria Reich from LOCKKS Project, Anurag Acharya from Google Scholar, and Paul Peters from Hindawi Publishing—and was rich in workshops, lectures, roundtables and topical/regional sessions that focussed on cutting edge issues of interest to librarians and information professionals. It was an intense learning experience for all who participated. Preceding the event was the 12th Advisory Board meeting and a newcomers' session for eIFL country coordinators, who were attending the GA for the first time.

eIFL used the GA to announce its proposed agenda and strategy for establishing Institutional Repositories. Both are important components of the eIFL-OA programme—promoting the establishment of OA repositories—and go beyond basic advocacy and awareness-raising campaigns. Also presented at the GA was an overview of eIFL's Open Source Software programme, which officially kicked off a few weeks later. Both programmes were discussed in more depth at smaller roundtables with country representatives who had a special interest in what these services could offer them. Google's Anurag Acharya, finally, showed what Google Scholar is doing to improve the visibility of material on the internet and underscored Google's interest in collaborating with eIFL member countries to make local content in their countries globally accessible through the Google search engine.

eIFL received 23,253 Euro to sponsor the event. OSI, eIFL, publishers' contributions, and contributions from local sponsors all helped finance the 2006 GA. Local sponsors included the University of Jordan, the National Center for Human Resources Development in Jordan, and the Jordanian Center of Excellence. The Public University Libraries Service also contributed funds to cover some meals and local logistical expenses. Contributing publishers, some of whom attended the conference, were EBSCO Publishing, Elsevier, Institute of Physics Publishing, Wiley InterScience Journals, Oxford University Press, American Chemical Society, Cambridge University Press, and SAGE Publications.

The 2007 General Assembly will take place in Serbia in November. Preliminary logistical planning is already underway.

Advisory Board Meetings

Summary Three Advisory Board meetings in 2006 helped direct and evaluate the progress of eIFL's 2006 agenda. Staff, Management Board, and Advisory Board members attended the meetings. Field experts were on hand to provide input and recommendations.

The 10th Advisory Board Meeting was held in Utrecht, The Netherlands, on January 27-28. Leo Waaijers, manager of the SURF Platform ICT and Research, who became an eIFL Management Board member in 2005, hosted the meeting at the SURF offices. The meeting began with presentation of the 2005 general report of eIFl.net activities and budget. The report projected into the coming year, a top priority of which was eIFL's sustainability plans. This prompted a lengthy discussion on the design of an endowment fund strategy, the launch of a PR campaign, and the development of an eIFL advocacy campaign. The Board likewise exchanged views on how best to proceed on the OSS work programme that was initiated in 2005, as well as preliminary measures needed to begin a technology section devoted to e-community building tools. The date and venue for the 2006 General Assembly also was reviewed.

The 11th Advisory Board Meeting, attended by eIFL staff and Board members, took place at the eIFL office in Rome on June 30-July 1. Progress reports on all eIFL activities were presented and discussed. The Board reviewed the eIFL.net participation fee payment structure and discussed a request to reduce fees. OSS

experts also presented a proposal for launching a new eIFL programme area—OSS for Libraries. Most of the second day was dedicated to a hands-on session by Rolf Kleef on e-Community Tools. This session was repeated for eIFL country coordinators at the GA in Amman in September.

The 12th Advisory Board Meeting preceded the 2006 General Assembly in Amman 9 September. Debate centred on Google's proposal to collaborate with eIFL to digitize local journals from eIFL countries and make them openly available on the web. Susan Veldsman, the newest staff to join eIFL, shared with the Board a work agenda and guidelines for the Institutional Repositories initiative, which she is spearheading. Time was also devoted to preparing for the General Assembly.

As is customary at Advisory Board meetings that coincide with the General Assembly, the 12th Board met briefly again the day after to compare notes and share ideas for the next General Assembly. The session closed with the election of the new Advisory Board president, Johanna Sander from South Africa, who will keep this position for the next two years.

*The **13th Advisory Board Meeting*** is scheduled for 2-3 February 2007 in Utrecht.

3. Organizational Matters and Personnel Changes

- eIFL's legal address moved from Amsterdam to Utrecht, The Netherlands, where the SURF Foundation is based.

- Leo Waaijers, Information Manager of the SURF DARE Program, joined the eIFL Management Board.

- R. van der Houwen from Bouwer & Officier Company in The Hague audited eIFL for the first time as an independent organization on April 20-21. Van der Houwen spent two days at the eIFL office making recommendations and providing a detailed, overall positive evaluation of eIFL finances.

- Susan Veldsman, former eIFL country coordinator for South Africa, joined eIFL team on September 1. She will be responsible for ongoing negotiations with publishers and implementing eIFL-IR activities in member countries.

- Tigran Zargaryan and Elizabeth Sadler were appointed coordinators of the eIFL-FOSS programme following the FOSS kick-off meeting at the end of October at which they presented their proposal. eIFL-FOSS will be funded by the OSI e-Tools Community Programme.

- Jan Andrzej Nikisch's term as president of the Advisory Board ended in September. He was replaced by Johanna Sander, who will chair the Board through 2008. Three Board members—Emilija Banionyte, Jan Andrzej Nikisch, and Johanna Sander—were up for rotation in 2006 and were nominated to serve another term.

- eIFL welcomed the following new country coordinators into the eIFL fold: Zuzana Halienova from the National Library for Slovakia, Nihad Maliha from ICARDA for Syria, Rehab Ouf from the Bibliotheca Alexandrina for Egypt, Lidia Chiotha from the University of Malawi Libraries for Malawi, Florence Mirembe from the Ugandan Martyrs University for Uganda, Irina Razumova from NEICON for Russia, Besim Kokollari from the National Library for Kosovo, Katherine Matsika from the National Science and Technology University for Zimbabwe, Amin Hassan from the Association for the Promotion of Scientific Innovation for Sudan, Youssoupha Gueye from the University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar for Senegal, and Diana Sayej from Birzeit University for the Palestinian Territories.

4. Chronological Summary of Activities in 2006

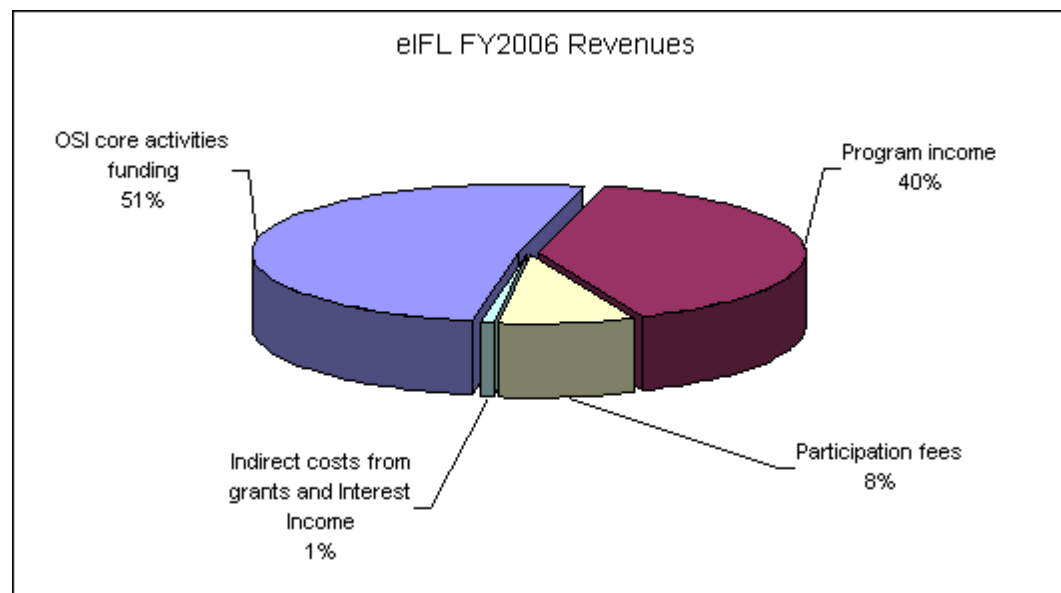| WHAT	WHEN	WHO	WHERE
Participation in the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations discussions	January 19-20	Melissa Hagemann	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
10th eIFL Advisory Board Meeting	January 27-28	eIFL Board members, eIFL team	Utrecht, The Netherlands
eIFL presentation at cod4lib Conference at Oregon State University	February 15-17	Tigran Zargaryan	Corvallis, Oregon, USA
Brainstorming session on eIFL PR campaign project	February 15	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Teresa Hackett	Rosora, Italy
WIPO Provisional Committee on Proposals related to a WIPO Development	February 20-24	Teresa Hackett	Geneva, Switzerland
Meeting with IDRC	February 21	Jean Claude Guédon	Ottawa, Canada
Lebanon national workshop on library consortium and electronic resources management	March 2-4	Rima Kupryte, Emilija Banionyte, Art Rhyno	Beirut, Lebanon
Preparations for GA	March 4-5	Emilija Banionyte	Amman, Jordan
eIFL-OA presentation at 6th Seminar of Academic Libraries on OA at the Rudjer Boskovic Institute	March 3	Iryna Kuchma	Zagreb, Croatia
eIFL national workshop in Egypt	March 5-6	Helena Assamoah Hasan, Nasser Saleh, Arnold Hirshon	Alexandria, Egypt
Attendance to IFLA Workshop on Advocacy Implementation	March 9-10	Teresa Hackett	The Hague, The Netherlands
eIFL representation at OSI Information Programme Meeting	March 27-28	Teresa Hackett	Istanbul, Turkey
eIFL-OA presentation at the Berlin 4 Conference on Open Access in Developing Countries	March 30	Melissa Hagemann	Golm, Germany
eIFL-OA presentation at the Special Libraries Association Conference	April 6	Melissa Hagemann	Washington DC, USA
eIFL Regional Middle East Workshop	April 9-10	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Diann Rusch Feja, Heike Neuroth, eIFL country representatives local librarians from Palestine, Syria, Egypt, and Jordan	Aleppo, Syria
Auditing of 2005 accounts	April 20-21	Rima Kupryte, Andrius Krisciunas, Rob van der Houwen	Roma, Italy
Panel at the International Conference on Access to Knowledge at Yale Law School	April 21-23	Teresa Hackett	New Haven, USA
ZULC Conference "Open Access and Creating a Knowledge Society"	April 24-25	Buhle Mbambo and local library community, Susan Veldsman, Denise Nicholson	Harare, Zimbabwe
WIPO Standing Committee Meeting on Copyright and Related Issues	May 1-5	Teresa Hackett, Jan Kovacik, eIFL-IP coordinator for Slovakia	Geneva, Switzerland
Meeting of the Frankfurt Group	May 5	Teresa Hackett	Frankfurt, Germany
eIFL-OA presentation at EBLIDA Council Meeting	May 5	David Prosser, SPARC Europe Director	Budapest, Hungary

eIFL roundtable with country coordinator and Armenian library consortium ELCA	May 24-28	Monika Segbert	Yerevan, Armenia
eIFL-IP workshop for former Soviet Union states, Mongolia, South East Asia, Ghana, and the Middle East	May 26-27	Teresa Hackett; eIFL-IP coordinators from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Cambodia, Egypt, Georgia, Ghana, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Moldova, Mongolia, Palestine, Russia, Syria, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan; resource persons Barbara Stratton, Ahmed Abdel Latif, Iryna Kuchma, Mindaugas Kiskis, Karsten Gerloff	Kiev, Ukraine
Consumers International Workshop on Copyright and Access to Knowledge	June 5	Dick Kawooya, eIFL-IP Uganda	Bangkok, Thailand
OSI Information Programme Sub-board Meeting	June 14	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Heather Joseph, Arnold Hirshon	Istanbul, Turkey
WIPO Provisional Committee on Proposals Related to a WIPO Development Agenda	June 26-30	Teresa Hackett	Geneva, Switzerland
Country visit to meet with local library consortium COCUREL	June 25-26	Helena Asamoah-Hassan	Douala, Cameroon
Facilitation of the launch of Swaziland National Consortium	June 29-30	Tseli Moshoeshoe	Swaziland
11th eIFL Advisory Board Meeting	June 30-July 1	eIFL Advisory Board, eIFL team, Art Rhyno, Janet Haven, Tigran Zargaryan, Rolf Kleef	Rome, Italy
LIBER Conference	July 4-7	Presentation by Monika Segbert, participation by Jan Nikisch, Emilija Banionyte	Uppsala, Sweden
Post-Graduate Legal Education: International Copyright Law, Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam	July 10-15	Teresa Hackett; Dick Kawooya, eIFL-IP Uganda; Jan Kovacik, eIFL-IP Slovakia	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Country visit to meet with local library consortium COMBI	July 13-16	Helena Asamoah-Hassan	Bamako, Mali
Discussions on eIFL PR and fundraising	July 17	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Heather Joseph, Teresa Hackett	Rome, Italy
Meeting with OpenApp company	July 18	Teresa Hackett, Rolf Kleef	Dublin, Ireland
Intellectual Property Days, Association for the Promotion of Intellectual Property in Africa (APPIA)	August 8-10	Dick Kawooya, eIFL-IP Uganda	Yaoundé, Cameroon
Meeting with OpenApp company	August 15	Teresa Hackett, Andrius Krisciunas, Rolf Kleef	Dublin, Ireland
eIFL-OA workshop for 8 southern African countries	August 21-22	Melissa Hagemann, eIFL coordinators from Southern African countries	Pretoria, South Africa
Country visit to Kosovo to follow up on internal changes in the consortium	August 31-September 2	Monika Segbert	Prishtina, Kosovo
Conference on Bridging the North-South Divide in Scholarly Communication in Africa, African Studies Centre	September 6-8	Jennifer de Beer	Leiden, The Netherlands
New Tools for the Dissemination of Knowledge	September 7-8	Teresa Hackett	Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt
12th eIFL Advisory Board Meeting	September 9	eIFL Board members, eIFL staff, Anurag Acharya	Amman, Jordan

eIFL Newcomers Session	September 9	eIFL staff, eIFL country coordinators attending the GA for the first time	Amman, Jordan
6th eIFL General Assembly	September 10-12	eIFL staff, eIFL country coordinators, invited speakers, vendors	Amman, Jordan
OA session at Conference on the Digital Age of Culture	September 14	Paola Gargiulo	Kamchatka, Russia
Wizards of OS 4 "Information Freedom Rules"	September 14-16	Teresa Hackett; Jan Kovacik, eIFL-IP Slovakia	Berlin, Germany
OA Workshop	September 21-22	Jan Nikisch, Melissa Hagemann	Poznan, Poland
Attendance at Electronic Resource Management Conference 2006 and meeting with consortium	September 25	Emilija Banionyte	Chisinau, Moldova
7th Conference Issyk Kul 2006: Libraries and Democratization of Society	October 1-5	Sania Battalova, Ausra Vaskeviciene	Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan
INFORMATIO 2006 International Conference on Electronic Information Resources Design, Use and Access	October 3-7	Rima Kupryte, Biljana Kosanovic	Alushta, Ukraine
ICOLC Fall Meeting	October 11-15	Susan Veldsman, Rima Kupryte, eIFL country coordinators, Jan Nikisch	Rome, Italy
Updates on eIFL.net, meeting with Ann Okerson	October 12-13	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert	Rome, Italy
OA Repositories Workshop at the University of Glasgow	October 18-20	10 OA champions from eIFL countries, Melissa Hagemann, Susan Veldsman	Glasgow, UK
Paper at TEL ME MOR: The Digital Future of Cultural and Scientific Heritage	October 19-20	Teresa Hackett	Tallinn, Estonia
eIFL-OSS Kick-off Meeting	October 29-30	Rima Kupryte, Monika Segbert, Tigran Zargaryan, Janet Haven, Art Rhyno, several international and eIFL countries, OSS experts and OSS funders	Cupramontana, Italy
Workshop on Electronic Publishing and Open Access, Indian Institute of Science	November 2-3	Susan Veldsman	Bangalore, India
Several meetings relating to fundraising and PR campaigns	November 2-8	Rima Kupryte	Washington, DC USA
Joint legal briefing with EBLIDA to review impact of the European database directive on libraries	November 6	Teresa Hackett	The Hague, The Netherlands
International Seminar, "Evaluation of Library and Information Services: Does it lead to innovation and effectiveness?"	November 16-17	Rima Kupryte	Vilnius, Lithuania
London Information Online	November 28-30	Rima Kupryte, Susan Veldsman	London, UK

5. Financial summary 2006.

January 1 through December 31, 2006

Income		
	Received amount	**%**
OSI core activities funding	€ 442.338	51%
Program income	€ 344.446	40%
Participation fees	€ 72.337	8%
Indirect costs from grants and Interest Income	€ 7.636	1%
TOTAL	**€ 866.757**	

eIFL FY2006 Revenues

Expense		
	Amount Spent	**%**
Program Delivery	€ 440.127	74%
Personnel & Contracted Expenses	€ 96.852	16%
Operating Expense	€ 58.038	10%
Subtotal	**€ 595.017**	
Committed to be spent in 2007 for program delivery	€ 266.990	
TOTAL expenses	**€ 862.007**	

Surplus of Income over expenditure	€ 4.750

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