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EIFL 2016 General Assembly Speakers' Bios

Andrew Asher

Adjunct Instructor, Assessment Librarian, Assistant Librarian at Indiana University Bloomington

Andrew Asher is the Assessment Librarian at Indiana University Bloomington, where he leads the libraries' qualitative and quantitative assessment programs and conducts research on the information practices of students and faculty. Asher's most recent projects have examined how "discovery" search tools influence undergraduates' research processes, how students locate, evaluate, and utilize information on research assignments, and how university researchers manage and preserve their research data. From 2008-2010, Asher was the Lead Research Anthropologist for the Ethnographic Research in Illinois Academic Libraries (ERIAL) project, a two-year study of student research processes at five Illinois universities and the largest ethnographic study of libraries undertaken to date. Asher holds a PhD in sociocultural anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and has written and presented widely on using ethnography in academic libraries, including the co-edited volume, *College Libraries and Student Cultures* (ALA Editions, 2012). He also currently writing a methodological handbook for librarians on developing and implementing anthropological and other qualitative research methods in libraries. In addition to his work on academic libraries, Asher conducts research on the meanings and practices of citizenship in Poland, Germany and the European Union.

Romy Beard

EIFL-Licensing Programme Manager

Romy Beard is the Manager of the Licensing Programme for EIFL. Romy negotiates with publishers to secure affordable access to commercial e-resources on behalf of EIFL partner countries and works with library consortia to encourage subscriptions and usage. Before joining EIFL in 2014, Romy worked in academic online publishing for the last nine years.

In 2005, she started working at Oxford University Press as a Sales Representative in the Online Products department, liaising with libraries and library consortia across Europe. Romy moved to ebrary in 2008 as Regional Sales Manager for Europe where she formulated and communicated highly successful offers for libraries in EIFL-partner countries.

Since 2011, Romy worked in the ebrary business unit at ProQuest as Publisher Relations Manager, signing agreements for ebook distribution with new publishing partners and advising existing publishers on their digital strategy and the different business models on offer to libraries.

Romy has an honours degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and an M.A. in English Literature from the University of Warwick, UK. Languages: Luxembourgish, English, French, German, Spanish.

Dr. Grigore Belostecinic

Rector of Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova

Grigore Belostecinic graduated from the Industrial and Economic College of Moldova in 1978, and in 1983 from the Faculty of Trade Economics of Kishinev State University. He was a postgraduate student of the Plekhanov Institute of National Economy in Moscow In 1986-1989, defended his thesis in economics in 1989, obtained his Doctors Degree in economics in 1999, and in 2000 he received the title of professor.

G. Belostecinic began his teaching activities as an assistant at the Commodity Science Department of the State University of Moldova (1983–1986), and was a lecturer at the Economy Department and Commodity Science Department from1990–1991. Since its establishment in 1991, he has been working in the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (ASEM). Over the years he passed all stages of professional growth from senior lecturer, associate professor, head of the department, dean, to rector.The Faculty and Department of Marketing was created as part of the ASEM upon his initiative, during the years 1991- 1998, G. Belostecinic served as Dean of the Faculty of Marketing, and from 1994 to 2004 was its Head.

Under the leadership of Rector G. Belostecinic, the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova became an advanced institution as of 2001, which uses modern – by Western European standards - methods of teaching science and culture, with emphasis on the training of young professionals in the field of economics. Grigore is coordinator and member of scientific research of national and international programs, committees and associations for the economic and scientific activities of the Republic of Moldova.

Niamh Brennan

Programme Manager, Research Informatics, Trinity College Library Dublin

Niamh Brennan is Programme Manager for Research Informatics in Trinity College Library Dublin where she works on the development of Trinity's Research Support System, its integrated institutional repository, TARA (Trinity's Access to Research Archive) and a number of scholarly communication initiatives. Niamh is a member of several national and international groups working on open access to research outputs and enabling their improved reporting, retrieval and evaluation of impact.

These include board membership of SPARC Europe and of Ireland's National Steering Group on Open Access Policy, DART-Europe (Digital Access to Research Theses Europe) and partnership in OpenAIRE, OpenAIRE Plus and OpenAIRE2020. She is a member of the management councils of two key Irish journals in economics and social sciences

and has partnered in a number of research projects in digital humanities, international development and social sciences including the Irish African Partnership for Research Capacity Building, Gothic Past, Bridge-IT and the Dublin Tenement Experience.

Silvia Ghinculov

President of Consortium REM (Electronic Resources for Moldova)

Silvia Ghinculov is EIFL country coordinator for Moldova. She graduated at Moldova State University, Faculty of Communication Sciences and Bibliography, and obtained a Ph.D in economics from the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Faculty of Management. Since 1991 she is the director of the Scientific Library at the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova. Besides being occupied with professional activities, she is also a member of the Senate and a lecturer at the Finance faculty of ASEM.

Teresa Hackett

EIFL-IP Programme Manager

Teresa Hackett is the Copyright and Libraries Programme Manager for EIFL. Teresa launched the programme in 2005, and has overseen the development and delivery of a wide range of copyright related activities. Through her leadership Teresa has helped grow a dynamic network of specialist librarians, many of whom have achieved success in improving national copyright laws that are helping to maximize access to knowledge in the digital environment. Her commitment and strong advocacy skills has helped make EIFL a leading voice for copyright law reform in developing and transition countries at the international level. With extensive experience working with libraries on legal information issues and advocating for copyright reform with policy-makers, Teresa is a frequent contributor at conferences and events around the world.

Prior to joining EIFL, Teresa held a number of policy, advocacy and technical positions. From 2000-2003, she was Director of the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations; before that she provided support to the European Commission library research programme, and was part of the team that established electronic information centres at the British Council in Germany. Teresa was a member of the Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) from 2011-2015. She currently serves on the World Blind Union (WBU) Marrakesh Strategic Advisory Group.

Teresa has an honours degree in German, History and Politics from University College Dublin, Ireland, a postgraduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies from the University of North London, UK, and a postgraduate Diploma in Legal Studies from Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland. Languages: English, Irish, German, Dutch

Arnold Hirshon

Associate Provost and University Librarian, Case Western Reserve University, Chair, EIFL Management

Arnold Hirshon has been the Associate Provost and University Librarian at Case Western Reserve University since 2010. During his tenure he has undertaken a large renovation of the library, including greatly expanding the digital scholarship center, and built an organizational culture of experimentation, design thinking, and assessment. Previously he was Chief Strategist and Executive Consultant for LYRASIS, and for ten years he was Executive Director of NELINET, a library consortium that provided consulting, digital services, and open source software support services.

Prior to NELINET, Arnold served as Vice Provost for Information Resources (Chief Information Officer) at Lehigh University, where he was responsible for university computing and libraries. Previously, he was University Librarian at Wright State University, Associate Director of Libraries at Virginia Commonwealth University, and in library administrative posts at Duke University and Wayne State University. Arnold is a Past President of the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services.

A highly experienced international consultant on issues of organizational, strategic and business planning, facility redesign, operations management and assessment, and technology integration. Arnold has been a consultant for EIFL since 2000. Arnold has an extensive scholarly record that includes many monographs, including the LYRASIS Library Strategic Planning Toolkit (co-author: Stephen Spohn), and the author of numerous articles about strategic management, technology and library leadership, information service integration, assessment and optimization of operations, and non-profit management. A frequent lecturer nationally and internationally, Arnold has given numerous lectures on a wide range of topics, including organizational management, trend spotting and analysis, technology planning, and operations assessment and optimization.

Iryna Kuchma

EIFL-OA Programme Manager

Iryna Kuchma is the Open Access Programme Manager for EIFL. Iryna has been managing the Open Access programme since 2008. Her responsibilities include the development, delivery and evaluation of a range of open access related activities.

Under Iryna's management, the Open Access Programme has many achievements, including the establishment of more than 900 open access repositories and more than 4,000 open access journals in EIFL's partner countries. The programme also supported the development of 96 open access policies in EIFL partner countries, opening up a wealth of new knowledge and research into the world. An expert on open access in developing and transition countries, Iryna is frequently asked to speak at conferences and open access events around the world.

Before joining EIFL, Iryna worked as an Information Programme Manager at the International Renaissance Foundation (part of Soros Foundation network in Ukraine) and also coordinated the Arts and Culture Programme there.

Iryna is a member of Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) Advisory Board, DSpace Community Advisory Team (DCAT), NDLTD (Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations) Board of Directors, the Open Library of Humanities Internationalisation Committee, Electronic Publishing Trust (EPT) Trustee and the Open Access Button Steering Committee.

Iryna also chairs a Working Group 'Repository and Repository Networks Support & Training' in the Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR) and participates in a Joint ARL/CARL/COAR/LIBER Task Force on Librarians' Competencies in Support of E-Research and Scholarly Communication.

From 2009-2010, Iryna was a Steering Committee (and Task Group) member, InterAcademy Panel (IAP) on International Issues Programme dealing with Digital Knowledge Resources and Infrastructure in Developing Countries. She has also served on the Access to Learning Award (ATLA) Committee of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Library Initiative.

In 2013, Iryna received the Electronic Publishing Trust (EPT) for Development Annual Award, in recognition of her "efforts in the furtherance of open access to scholarly publications in the developing and emerging countries". Iryna has an M.A. in Cultural Studies from the National University 'Kyiv-Mohyla Academy', Ukraine. Languages: Ukrainian, English, French, Polish, Russian.

Rima Kupryte

EIFL Director

Rima Kupryte is the Director of EIFL. Rima oversees the implementation of EIFL's overall organisational strategy and operations. Rima has been managing EIFL since its inception. Under Rima's leadership, EIFL has grown into a thriving international organisation working in more than 60 developing and transition economy countries.

Rima's deep knowledge of library infrastructure and international development has led to the strategic expansion of EIFL's key programmes which help people to access and use information for education, learning, research and sustainable community development. Rima joined EIFL from the Open Society Institute - Budapest (currently known as the Open Society Foundations), where she managed the Network Library Programme, supporting library development in approximately 35 countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and Africa.

In 2008, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) awarded Rima the IFLA Medal, one of the highest professional accolades, for her contributions to international librarianship. Languages: Lithuanian, English, Russian.

Pavel Rosca

Principal Specialist, RENAM - Research and Educational Networking Association of Moldova

Pavel Rosca is a Chief of RENAM NOC (Network Operating Centre), also a principal specialist at RENAM - Research and Educational Networking Association of Moldova. The purpose of RENAM is the constant development of the communication and information infrastructure of the scientific and educational community, as well as of governmental organisations, in Moldova. The aim of the association is to establish and develop computer network and information services on a modern level in higher and secondary education, research institutions, libraries and public collections. Prior to starting working at RENAM, Pavel was head of the Department of Informatization of the Central Scientific Library of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova. He has been participating in GÉANT project iterations GN3, GN3plus, GN4-1, to incorporate not just the award-winning 500Gbps pan-European network, but also a range of advanced, user-focused services. Currently Pavel is busy with investigating and implementating the scientific-educational strategies to create key components of the National Moldovan Informational Society, the measures of which were stipulated in H2020 (Horizon 2020). He has a degree in Automation as Telemechanics from 'S.Lazo' Polytechnic Institute.

David West

Project manager, GÉANT

David West joined GÉANT (formerly known as) DANTE in 2001 and leads and manages key EU-funded regional research and education networking projects outside Europe. His principle project responsibilities are for North Africa (AfricaConnect2), the eastern Mediterranean (EUMEDCONNECT), and Central Asia (CAREN) plus consultancy support for R&E networking in South and South East Asia (TEIN/AsiaConnect). He also contributes to GÉANT's core-business of building and operating its pan-European Network, and manages many of its relationships with global R&E partners.

Previously David was a senior manager at British Telecom for 15 years in a number of international roles to develop and manage new international network services and business development projects for BT's global division and its overseas partners. He is educated to postgraduate level.