

## HASMIK GALYSTAN

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Hasmik Galystan, head of Reference and Circulation Services at Papazian Library, American University of Armenia, has been a librarian for 30 years.

She has also served as the EIFL Copyright Coordinator for the Electronic Library Consortium of Armenia for the past nine years.

Hasmik regularly encounters copyright restrictions that are a barrier to learning. For example, a student recently needed two chapters of a book that was not available in Armenia. Hasmik requested the material through the interlibrary document supply service, but the request was denied because the two chapters exceeded 20% of the book.

With the support of the EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme, Hasmik has become a passionate advocate for modern copyright laws that support libraries in serving the needs of their user communities. Through active engagement in the review process, she has made vital contributions to Armenia's new draft copyright law.

In December 2014, Hasmik attended the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights - the main body that shapes international copyright laws — for the first time as part of the EIFL delegation. She returned home from Geneva with new energy.

Hasmik plans to continue her advocacy so that the new copyright law, when finally adopted by the National Assembly, does not deny students access to educational materials.

**IN 2014: 11,490 people trained in copyright related topics across the EIFL network.**



“I met many copyright experts in Geneva. I returned home with the knowledge that librarians can make a difference when copyright laws are being amended.”

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