Copyright review in Armenia

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"In Armenia, the stakeholder group that showed the most vivid interest was the library community. Having heard their voice, I changed several provisions in the pre-draft text to meet their concerns."

- DR. MIHA TRAMPUZ

Objectives

- Organize an advocacy campaign to raise awareness in the library community of current copyright issues, and to brainstorm on solutions.
- With legal support, draft proposals for library-friendly amendments to the law on copyright.
- Bring library copyright issues to the attention of local authorities and policy-makers to improve their understanding of library needs.
- Present the library proposals to the copyright office and the European expert charged with making a pre-draft of the copyright law.

Achievements

- The fostering of a professional relationship with the Armenian copyright office. For the first time, copyright officials were brought to meet librarians around the country to hear their views. As a result, libraries have a new standing as a credible stakeholder with policy-makers.
- The library community is strengthened with new knowledge, and through collaboration with cultural heritage institutions. For the first time, libraries, archives and museums discussed common legal issues and solutions a rewarding experience that reinforced the role of library leadership for the benefit of all.
- Gained confidence to present the library perspective at national events on an equal basis with other stakeholders.
- The first resource on library copyright issues adapted for Armenian law was published.

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