



eIFL Newsletter - January/February 2003

eIFL new status & office

As already announced at the General Assembly in St Petersburg, as from January 2003 eIFL.net has become an independent foundation which has now its small office in Rome, Italy. Below are the relevant contact details:

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Farewell to CEO

The eIFL team would like to farewell and thank Frances Pinter for having completed the tasks as interim CEO for establishing the foundation and paving the way for strong involvement by member countries through the Management Board which is in the process of being set up. No doubt Frances will remain good friend and advocate for eIFL as she was involved in it from the very beginning.

eIFL listservs

As you are aware, four different eIFL.net mailing lists were set up and launched.

- . eiflcoordlist[at]eifl.net: for eIFL coordinators only.
- . eiflafrika[at]eifl.net: for African eIFL coordinators.
- . eiflrussian[at]eifl.net: for eIFL countries interested in Russian language content.
- . eifllall[at]eifl.net: for all of you and all eIFL family friends.

We would like to encourage all of to actively take part in the discussions on the lists, by raising any consortium-related issues & problems you would like to share with the eIFL community and by informing us about the activities, events and developments of your consortium.

Update on Science and Technology Negotiations

The final eIFL model licenses were made available in mid-February both for publishers and for those countries that had sent us their subscription information over the last few months. We are now collecting feedback and indications from all parties regarding the further steps, the timing of signing the licenses and starting the subscriptions. 22 eIFL countries are taking part in this process. The most popular publisher is Cambridge University Press (selected by 14 countries) and ProQuest (12 countries), but there are no great differences, all the offers proved to be valuable for eIFL countries.

Elsevier

eIFL has been exploring the possibility of central negotiations with Elsevier on behalf of a few pilot countries whose existing licenses are expiring this year and who were strongly interested in negotiating different conditions for their future subscription. We are trying to work out the legal basis for such an action and we are in dialogue with the appropriate coordinators. We will keep you informed of the developments.

Russian Content

11 countries started trialling new Russian content provided by 'Integrum Tekhno' and 'Eastview'. As you might remember, this initiative was taken at the General Assembly where coordination was delegated to the Neikon Russian Consortium headed by Alexander Kusnetzov. The report on the analysis of Russian resources is available in both English and Russian languages at **Neicon**.

Events

- In January, Monika Segbert attended the first Bulgarian Consortia meeting.
- eIFL.net participated in the VLIR Workshop on library development problems (**www.bib.kuleuven.be**), which took place in Leuven, Belgium, on 12-19 February 2003
- On 14-16 February EBSCO Publishing organised in Prague, Czech Republic, a Training for National Coordinators on administrating functions of EBSCO Databases.

Lithuanian Consortium web site

The Lithuanian Research Library Consortia created a Web site. **<http://www.lmba.lt/>**.

Kyrgyzstan consortium

Finally, we would like to welcome the new country co-ordinator of the Kyrgyzstan consortium, Elmira Shapovalova, Director of the Scientific Library of the International Educational Program Integration Institute.

Coming in March:

New eIFL web site

The eIFL web site is currently being restructured and will soon be published with a completely new look and feel. The new portal aims to be a dynamic information tool where news, events, documents and any other eIFL related material will be made available and regularly updated. Among the new features, there will be a discussion forum, a consortia contact database providing information on each consortium, and a new section including links to various on-line free resources (including BOAI & Lund directory).

Summary and recommendations from the General Assembly and the **analysis of the feedback from the questionnaires** received from 22 country consortia will be published in the 'member-only' section of the eIFL web site during the first week of March.

Survey of country needs on new content for negotiation

eIFL is working on an electronic survey form which will be made available on the eIFL web site to be filled in by all the country coordinators. The survey aims to collect information on new electronic resources that country consortia are interested in subscribing to in the future. This will enable eIFL to produce a 'wish list' of new publishers to be approached for negotiation.

eIFL model presentation

An eIFL model presentation and an article were produced for translation and use by the consortia. These will be soon be made available from the eIFL web.

eIFL brochure

A new eIFL brochure in being produced.

Consortia building workshop

A Consortia building workshop will be organised in Lesotho in March

Country visits

Monika Segbert will join eIFL countries coordinators of Serbia, Macedonia and Montenegro, in national consortia meetings

eIFL at ICOCL in Las Vegas

eIFL will participate in the ICOLC Conference in Las Vegas on 27-28 March

eIFL Managing Board

Meeting of founding eIFL Managing Board will take place in Rome on 27-28 March.

Looking ahead throughout 2003:

The following events are planned to be organised or to be taken part in by eIFL:

- . eIFL Workshop for CEE country coordinators, Turkey, 13-18 May;
- . China eIFL Workshop, 15-17 June;
- . eIFL Workshop for Southern African country coordinators, SA, 30 June-4 July;
- . eIFL will have a stand at the IFLA Conference and Exhibition in Berlin, Germany, 1-9 August;
- . eIFL General Assembly, Sardinia, Italy 18-22 October;
- . eICOLC, 23-25 October, Denmark;

More information on these events will be available in upcoming news letters and will be published on the new eIFL web site.

Please send us information about all the activities and events you are organising or plan to organise in the coming months!

The eIFL Team