

SESSION 7: NATIONAL PROJECTS

REVIEW AND PERSPECTIVES OF THE HELLENIC ACADEMIC LIBRARIES UNION CATALOG AND OF THE HELLENIC INTERLIBRARY LOAN NETWORK SERVICES

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This paper, first, aims to present a concise review of the projects regarding the Hellenic Academic Libraries Union Catalog and the Hellenic Interlibrary Loan Network. Particularly, it refers to the main points of action that were materialised, concerning the achievement of the several objectives, as these were described in the Technical Bulletin of these projects. Furthermore, it reports the basic problems that emerged. Finally, taking into account the acquired technical knowledge, experience, but also the problems that were recorded during the implementation of the work, it proposes a complete framework of growth for the future. However, due to the current adverse financial circumstances, it also suggests an alternative conservation plan of the previously developed services, which is a manifestation of the unfavorable situation that Hellenic Academic Libraries will be reduced to, due to lack of resources.

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