

Formation and Development of the Cyprus Libraries Consortium (CLC), Impacts and Benefits.

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Cyprus Libraries Consortium (CLC)

- Insufficient Funds
- Lack of organizations
- Danger of overlapping information resources

A little history

- 2000 until 2013 members of the Hellenic Academic Libraries Link (HEAL-Link)
 - University of Cyprus 2000-2013 (the first member)
 - Cyprus University of Technology 2009-2013
 - Open University of Cyprus 2009-2013
- 2009 the three public universities created the Cyprus Academic Libraries Consortium (CALC)
- 2013 newly named Cyprus Libraries Consortium (CLC) and consists of seven founding members

Members of Cyprus Libraries Consortium (CLC)

1. University of Cyprus
2. Cyprus University of Technology
3. Open University of Cyprus
4. University of Nicosia
5. European University of Cyprus
6. Frederick University
7. Neapolis University Pafos

Legal Entity

- Acquired legal entity in 2018 in order to help the CLC to operate as an official nonprofit company.

Criteria for choosing services and electronic resources from Publishers

▪ Main Criteria

- Ability to provide on-line access to electronic content
- Providing abstracts and full-text files of scientific journals in subject areas related to the research and educational needs and directions of the CLC members
- Obtaining depth of coverage and perpetual access
- Obtaining appropriate equipment and software for the development of the ILL service

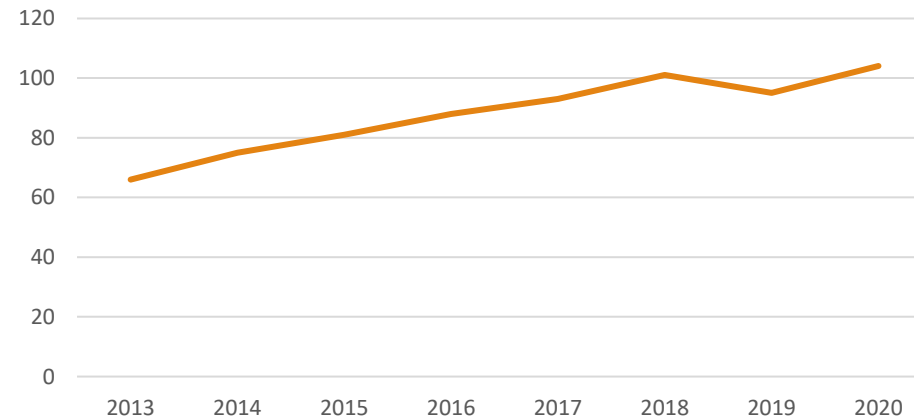
▪ Additional criteria

- Common interest of the CLC member institutions in subject categories, as recorded in their research programs and related activities.
- Large number of published journals and subscriptions in these subject categories.
- Great cost of these journal subscriptions.
- Importance of early notification of the academic community on the latest developments in these sciences.

Benefits

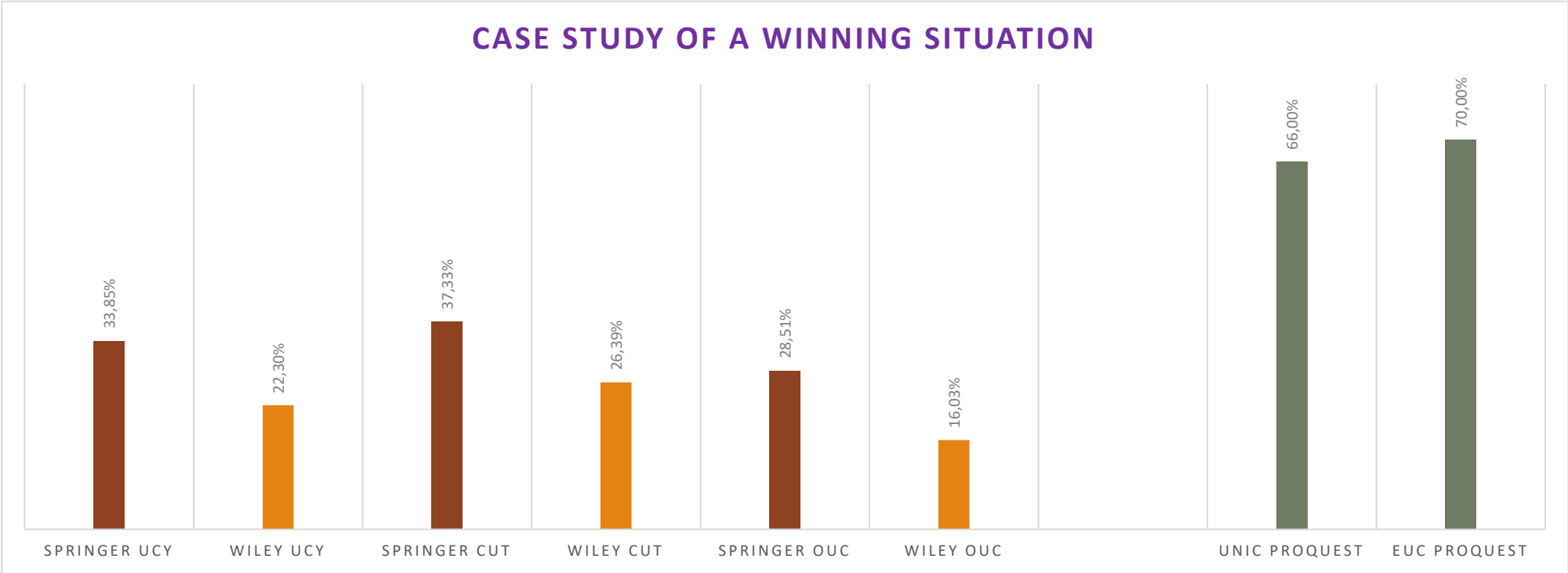
Total number of participants per year between CLC and Publishers regarding electronic journal packages

Total no. of University Participations in Publisher Packages



Benefits

Case Study of a winning situation



Future Actions

- Creation and function of a union catalog of bibliographic records and the development of common cataloguing policies can contribute to the continuous education of library staff and the sharing of expertise.
- Joint implementation of technical infrastructure, e.g. creation of electronic repositories, thematic portals, digitization and archive management etc.
- Systematic monitoring and adoption of international practices and standards in matters relating to the operation of libraries e.g. such as quality issues, copyright issues, and the adoption and use of creative commons licenses or other similar licenses.
- Providing seminars for library users to maximize the use of information resources.
- Provision of consulting services on library related issues.

Conclusion

- Consortia can help and contribute towards the development of libraries.
- The CLC can contribute to the public sector.

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Thank you very much for your attention!