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Collaborative Library Networks

from the recent past to the visible future

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Outline

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From “good to collaborate” to “imperative for existence”

From “good to collaborate in order to”
- save tax payers money
- Increase library collections
- Upgrade services quality
- Keep demanding users satisfied
- Follow the technological innovations

To “imperative for existence, to operate”
- Almost with no tax payers money
- Or tax payers with no money
  - With shrinking collections
- Increasing expanding user groups
- Trying to catch up the technological changes
# Areas of collaboration

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Main obstacles towards collaboration

• Different library categories
• Different institutional affiliations / organisations
• Different institutional priorities
• Different legal/structural status
• Different sizes
  ▫ User groups
  ▫ Budgets
  ▫ Spaces
  ▫ Infrastructure
• Different know how
• Different user target groups
• Different collections
• Different traditions
Main reason for collaboration

Systemic problems need systemic approaches

- Which is the library system
- Which are the boundaries
  - Organisational boundaries
  - Geographical boundaries
- Common goals
- Common problems
- Common solutions
Main reason for collaboration

the problems can be treated or tackled at a hierarchical level higher than the level they appear
Hellenic libraries collaboration: a review to our recent past

- **1980 isolation**, 
  - Informal collaboration on personally based relations
- **1983** - **Union Catalogue of Periodicals** in Greek Scientific and Technological Libraries
- **1993** - **Hellenic Interlibrary Loan Network** (HILLnet)
- **1998** - **HEAL-Link** national access to electronic journal collection
- **2006** - Academic Libraries **Interlibrary Loan** /(Smile)
- **2010** - **Union Catalogue Cyprus Libraries**
- **2012** - Cyprus Libraries interlibrary Loan Network (pilot)
1983– Union Catalogue of Periodicals in Greek Scientific and Technological Libraries
1993 – Hellenic Interlibrary Loan Network (HILLnet)
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national access to electronic journal collections

- 4,089,231 bibliographic records
- 69 databases
  - 25 Higher Education,
  - 23 Technological Education,
  - 3 Cypriot,
  - 18 Research Institutions
- 1,017,695 records common in two or more libraries (24.89%)
- National Library of Greece not included!!!
2006- Academic Libraries Interlibrary Loan /(ΙΡΙΣ)
2010- Union Catalogue Cyprus Libraries

Επιλέξτε βάση δεδομένων:

1. Συλλογικός Κατάλογος Κυπριακών Βιβλιοθηκών

Αναζήτηση στην 2η έκδοση του Συλλογικού Καταλόγου των Κυπριακών Βιβλιοθηκών. Περιέχει 624.936 βιβλιογραφικές εγγραφές από 41 βιβλιογραφικές βάσεις δεδομένων. Για αναζήτηση σε μία από τις 41 βιβλιογραφικές βάσεις πατήστε εδώ.

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Libraries collaboration: a glance to a visible future I

• Collaboration within the same subject or organisational category
  ▫ government libraries,
  ▫ hospital libraries/
  ▫ public-municipal Libraries

• Start with personal relations, workshops, conferences, forums, colaborative activities for
  ▫ funding projects covering the needs of the category
  ▫ Sharing resources
  ▫ SaaS aproaches
Libraries collaboration: a glance to a visible future II

- Collaboration within geographical areas
  - local complementarity:
    - city / region / country / continent / world
- Collaborative efforts with common projects
  - Academic and public libraries
  - content meets technology
  - digitisation, repositories
  - Adding new user groups
Libraries collaboration: a glance to a visible future III

• International Collaboration
  ▫ Globalisation issues
  ▫ Problems created beyond states/countries
  ▫ Promoting initiatives
    • Open access
    • Open software
    • Open data
The copyright issue
Tuesday 6 May 2014

• “The position taken by the EU delegation in Geneva contrasts strongly with current discussions at European level, where it has been recognised that copyright exceptions for libraries are essential, and must be harmonised in order to facilitate international research and innovation in the age of Science 2.0.

• The conservative position taken at SCCR 27 in Geneva this week is therefore deeply disappointing. It does not support research and education and hampers European researchers in their use of new tools and services.”

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Dr Paul Ayris,
President of LIBER,
the Association of European Research Libraries
“For the past three years, Member States have been looking at draft texts on copyright exceptions for libraries and archives.

The EU is now trying to pretend these don’t exist. We’re frustrated, and deeply disappointed. It appears the EU came to WIPO with one goal in mind: to kill the discussion.”

The EU’s attempt to sideline discussion of copyright exceptions at WIPO is particularly concerning in light of the ongoing review of copyright laws at the EU level.

Dr. Stuart Hamilton,
Deputy Secretary General of the
International Federation of Library Associations & Institutions (IFLA)
Libraries as information producers

- Open libraries to the public,
  ▫ pressure,
  ▫ obligation and
  ▫ reason for existence and survival
- The users are not only locally originated
- Add value to existing library information assets
- From Libraries metadata (catalogues records and authority files)
- To linked open data available to all the communities
- Turning libraries metadata to ontologies
What is needed (apart budgets)

• Curiosity and Know how
• Recognition of the situation of libraries in the continuously changing networked world
• Individuals convinced for the imperative character of the needs
• Libraries to be adjusted to the new threats and challenges
• Establishment of institutional Coordination
• Legal support centrally offered for all members
Collaboration spirit by all participating members organisations and individuals
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