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Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cambodia, Cameroon, Estonia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Palestine, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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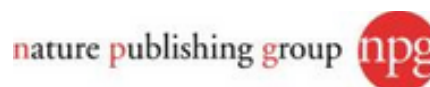
Oxford Scholarship Online is a vast and rapidly-expanding cross-searchable library which offers quick and easy access to the latest high-level scholarship through the full text of over 8,000 Oxford academic monographs. Over 500 new titles are added each year.

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Renewal agreement for Nature Publishing Group Journals

EIFL has signed a renewal agreement with Nature Publishing Group for Nature Publishing Group Journals.



This collection of over 60 high quality journals offers coverage of the life, physical and applied sciences and, most recently, clinical medicine.

The agreement runs until 31 December 2016 and is open to EIFL-partner consortia in over 30 countries:

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cambodia, Cameroon, Estonia, Fiji, Georgia, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Maldives, Mali, Moldova, Mongolia, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Serbia, Slovenia, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

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EIFL-OA update

EIFL cooperates with CHAIN-REDS Knowledge Base

EIFL and [CHAIN-REDS](#) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote the adoption of consolidated standards in the e-Infrastructures for Research and Education, with the ultimate aim of widening the opportunities of data sharing across different e-Infrastructures in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America.

CHAIN-REDS is a FP7 project co-funded by the European Commission (DG CONNECT) aiming at promoting and supporting technological and scientific collaboration across different e-Infrastructures established and operated in various continents, in order to define a path towards a global e-Infrastructure ecosystem that will allow Virtual Research Communities, research groups and even single researchers to access and efficiently use worldwide distributed resources (i.e. computing, storage, data, services, tools, applications).



EIFL will encourage integration of open access repositories in EIFL partner countries into the [CHAIN-REDS Knowledge Base](#), using the OAI-PMH standard and the Dublin Core metadata schema.

CHAIN-REDS is also building a semantic search service on top of publication and data repositories – the [CHAIN-REDS Semantic Search Engine](#) that will search across the thousands of semantically enriched open access document and data repositories included in the CHAIN Knowledge Base.

In June 2013 in the context of the [collaboration](#) between CHAIN-REDS and [LA Referencia](#) on data infrastructures, all open access repositories from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela that are included in LA Referencia have been harvested using an [OAI-PMH](#) standard end-point and integrated in the CHAIN-REDS Knowledge Base. In order to browse them you can follow [this link](#) and write LA Referencia in the Search window. The documents of LA Referencia will also be soon searchable by the CHAIN-REDS Semantic Search Engine. This will make Latin American researchers and their scientific products more visible and semantically correlated with those of the other regions of the world.

We hope to achieve similar results in Asia, Africa and Europe.

EPT presents the 2012 OA Award to Iryna Kuchma, EIFL

Leslie Chan, [Electronic Publishing Trust for Development \(EPT\)](#) Trustee, presented the [2012 Open Access Award](#) to Iryna Kuchma, EIFL Open Access Programme Manager, on May 21st in Kampala at the conference on “Open access, knowledge sharing and sustainable scholarly communication in Uganda”. This is the EPT's 2nd Annual Award, in 'recognition of the effort made by individuals working in the developing and emerging countries in the furtherance of open access to scholarly publications'.

More information about the EPT 2012 Award for Open Access:

- [EPT awards Iryna Kuchma for her advocacy of OA](#)



The first national open access conference in Uganda



The [Consortium of Uganda University Libraries \(CUUL\)](#) in partnership with EIFL and the [Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture \(RUFORUM\)](#) organised the first national conference on “Open access (OA), knowledge sharing and sustainable scholarly communication in Uganda” on May 21, 2013 at the Silver Springs Hotel, Kampala.

The objective of the conference was to bring together stakeholders from academic and research institutions to discuss and layout strategies for OA adoption, to address the challenges of maximizing the visibility of research output and improving the quality, impact and influence of research; publishing OA journals and books and developing OA repositories; promoting the adoption of OA policies.



87 research administrators (Research Directors, Deans and Head of Departments), lectures, academic journal editors and publishers, librarians and information managers, journalists and reporters attended the event.

Presentations from the conference are available [here](#).

Dr. J. C. Musingo, Minister of State-Higher Education, was a chief guest speaker who opened the conference. Below are some highlights from his inspiring speech:

"No one can truly be an academician unless he/she adds value to the bank of existing knowledge through research."

"A lot of research has been undertaken over the years and many seeming breakthroughs arrived at, however these have not been disseminated and subsequently have not added value to the lives of Ugandans."

"In the same vein, one of the biggest costs of higher education; especially at higher degree levels has been that of purchasing and/or subscribing to journals. This cost has curtailed access and quality of higher education."

"I wish therefore to congratulate CUUL members that have been involved in advocacy for OA at their respective institutions and also for those institutions that are taking steps to adopt it."

"Government welcomes these initiatives and will work with all stakeholders to make open education a high priority."

"I wish to call upon the National Council for Higher Education [supporting research at public Universities]"

and Makerere University Library to put in place a system that ensures that all public funded research becomes part of open education resources.

Scholars have already proved this as the way to go and the Ugandan academia cannot afford to be left behind at all.

Government through the National Information and Technology Authority-NITA (U) is working hard to ensure that ICT infrastructure is in place so that the costs involved with it can come down so that OA can be more approachable.

I call upon all member institutions to consider the payment of the authors' fees so as to enable them publish in OA journals, advocate and demystify OA and also to consider OA publications in promotion and tenure evaluation."

During the collaboration and way forward discussion participants discussed approaches to raise visibility and accessibility of research outputs in Uganda that combine awareness raising, policy work and practical training to promote and set up OA journals and OA repositories at institutions of higher learning.

Four institutional follow-up visits and OA awareness raising workshops took place on May 22-23 at Uganda Martyrs University, The Makerere University Business School, Uganda Christian University and Uganda Management Institute.

This was the first national event in Uganda within "OA: knowledge sharing and sustainable scholarly communication in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda" – a new EIFL regional project funded by [Spider](#), the Swedish Program for ICT in Developing Regions DSV, Department of Computer and System Sciences, Stockholm University. This project will run until June 2014 and is implemented in partnership with EIFL partner consortia: [Kenya Library & Information Services Consortium \(KLISC\)](#), [Consortium for Tanzania Universities and Research Libraries \(COTUL\)](#) and CUUL.

Mykolas Romeris University adopts an open access policy

[Mykolas Romeris University](#), Lithuania, has been actively involved in the open access movement. In February-March 2013 they conducted workshops on innovative teaching, open access initiatives, European Commission's open access policy and recommendations regarding open access, [OpenAIRE project](#), open access publishing, national open access repository eLABa, research evaluation indicators and altmetrics. And as a result of these workshops and other activities University's research and educational publications are open access.



"Mykolas Romeris University supports open access thereby realizing the third function of the University (in addition to teaching and research) – social responsibility to the society. Open access promotes international co-operation, researchers networking, new cross-disciplinary research, innovation, development, sharing of information and promotion of science", said Nijolė Liatukienė, Mykolas Romeris University Library Vice director.

Mykolas Romeris University [open access policy](#) and open access institutional repository were adopted and launched in June 2013 to ensure open access to the scientific production of the University. The repository will contain scientific publications, books, conference papers, student final papers (graduate and undergraduate thesis) and other scientific output produced by Mykolas Romeris University staff. The University also provides open access to all their publications: e-books (currently [the collection](#) holds over 130 titles) and scholarly journals (currently nine titles are available [here](#)).

This is the 39th open access mandate in EIFL's network. Learn more here: www.eifl.net/oa-policy.

The winners of EIFL OA advocacy call for proposals

Following the successes of 2011-2012 grant competitions (see [EIFL-OA case studies](#)), the EIFL-OA programme invited new proposals for national or institutional open access (OA) advocacy campaigns to reach out to research communities. We received over 30 proposals from 23 countries and we thank everyone who sent an application!



Ten projects in Africa, Asia, and Europe have been chosen to receive funding: three projects in Africa (in Ethiopia, Lesotho and Senegal), a project in Asia (in China) and six projects in Europe (Armenia, Belarus, Estonia, Moldova, Poland and Serbia). The projects will be implemented from June 2013 to March 2014. At the end of the projects, case studies will be written illustrating activities, advocacy strategies, successes and lessons learnt so that libraries everywhere can benefit. Congratulations to the grantees, and we look forward to successful projects!

National OA advocacy campaigns

Country: Armenia

Grantee: [Electronic Library Consortium of Armenia \(ELCA\)](#)

Project title: **Promoting OA in Armenian research and education communities**

Summary: The project is aimed at researchers and research organizations, MS and PhD students, as well as journal publishers. Main activities include workshops on OA in research centers and major universities; developing information materials about OA and launching a web-portal about OA. As a result of the project more students and researchers will be involved in the OA movement, publish more articles in OA journals and more Armenian journals will be published under Creative Commons licenses.

Country: Belarus

Grantee: Central Information and Analytical Center at the Ministry of Education of Belarus

Project title: **Promotion of OA for scholarly communication in Belarus on the basis of OJS platform**

Summary: The main objective of the project is to promote OA publishing in the country using a [national Open Journals Systems \(OJS\) platform](#). Localized OJS version, training materials, documentation, guidelines for publishers, journal editors, researchers, and librarians will be developed and advocacy materials will be disseminated. Workshops, training sessions and webinars for journal editors and publishers will be conducted.

Country: China

Grantee: [National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences](#)

Project title: **2013 China OA Week**

Summary: The project will focus on developing and sharing good practices of OA in China, including open institutional repositories development and services, OA policies implementation, and OA publishing support. The goal is to push forward a national OA agenda and to make a bridge for the international collaboration and communication. The target groups are post-graduate students and researchers, librarians, research managers and national policy makers, editors of STM journals. Expected results of this conference are to improve the awareness of OA and to clarify some misunderstanding of OA; to promote OA practices and to encourage more OA projects.

Country: Estonia

Grantee: University of Tartu (UT) Library

Project title: **Encouragement and Practice of OA among Academics**

Summary: The goal of the project is to raise researchers', funders' and publishers' awareness of OA. Since 2012 the Estonian Research Council requires making research articles, produced from publicly funded research, available for everyone. Nevertheless, a clear national OA policy has not been developed yet. Raising discussions on the importance of having a national OA policy is one of the main project aims. The second aim is to raise awareness on open research data and to launch an open research data collection at UT OA institutional repository. An international conference on OA to research results and open data will be organized during OA Week to discuss how universities and research funders should require OA to publicly funded research results/data. It will be followed by the Open Data Months (October-November) when researchers will be encouraged to share their research data. UT Library will also organize a seminar on OA practices. The Estonian Ministry of Education and Research is one of the project partners.

Country: Ethiopia

Grantee: Addis Ababa University Libraries

Project title: **Promoting OA publishing to Ethiopian journals**

Summary: The project objective is to improve the visibility of accessibility of Ethiopian journals by promoting OA publishing and implementing Open Journal Systems (OJS) – a FOSS journal management and publishing system, developed by the Public Knowledge Project. A series of meeting, workshop and training will be conducted with researchers and students, research administrators and policy makers, as well as university presses and society publishers so that to improve their awareness on OA publishing and skill on OJS. It is expected that at the end of the project more journals will use OJS and will be published in OA which in turn will improve the visibility and the accessibility of the journals internationally.

Country: Lesotho

Grantee: [Lesotho Library Consortium \(LELICO\)](#)

Project title: **Advancing faculty-driven OA policies and practices among academic faculties in Lesotho**

Summary: The aim of the project is to involve lecturers, students and librarians to formulate, adopt and implement faculty-based OA policies at the National University of Lesotho and Lesotho College of Education. Advocacy strategy includes setting up an OA advocacy committee, organizing a workshop and other training and promotional events, assisting three academic journals to be published in OA; forging cooperation between active student groups and librarians; awarding the researchers, lectures and students with the most deposits in the OA repository.

Country: Moldova

Grantee: The Library Association from Moldova (LAM)

Project title: OA Conect+ within academia in the Republic of Moldova

Summary: LAM in partnership with research and innovation institutions, Council of Rectors from Moldova, publishers of scholarly journals, researchers and students launches a national OA campaign to democratize access to scientific information, increase visibility of research output, enhance the research impact, and overcome the barriers of dissemination and access to knowledge. Core activities will focus on promoting OA journals and their registration in DOAJ; encouraging researchers to publish in OA and research institutions to set up OA institutional repositories; developing partnerships to promote OA in academia; advocacy initiatives for inclusion of OA within national strategies and legislation of the Republic of Moldova; adopting institutional OA policies; and training librarians on OA advocacy.

Country: Poland

Grantee: Fundacja Projekt: Polska

Project title: Students for OA in Poland

Summary: The goal of the project is to engage students into OA advocacy. A workshop and a promotional campaign will be organized focused on the student community (representatives of students councils, journalists from student media, student organizations working in the field of law and young researchers (PhD candidates)), which will help to build internal capacity of student organizations and connect them with OA advocates in Poland. Additionally, educational and informational materials targeted at students will be created (publications, posters, infographics, short videos). As a result, we expect the perspective and voice of students to become more visible in the debate on scholarly communication in Poland, and to voice more strongly students support for OA.

Country: Serbia

Grantee: National Library of Serbia - KoBSON

Project title: DOISerbiaThesis - assigning DOI to PhD thesis defended at Serbian Universities

Summary: The project has a goal to motivate young researchers who already finished their PhD studies to deposit their PhD thesis into OA institutional repositories (IRs). By assigning DOIs to PhD thesis researchers will quickly become aware of increased visibility provided by OA IRs. Expected results: populating OA IRs by creating a "culture of depositing" among young researchers who will see the benefits and keep depositing their future research output; all PhD thesis will be available in OA; DOISerbiaThesis will become a contributor to DART Europe portal; Serbian researchers will practice OA publishing.

Institutional open access advocacy campaign

Country: Senegal

Grantee: the University Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (UCAD)

Project title: UCAD OA Repository

Summary: The project is aimed at establishing an OA institutional repository at UCAD and drafting an OA policy for UCAD using the [Guide of good practices for university OA policies](#) and drawing its inspiration from the [University of Nairobi OA policy](#).

EIFL-OA programme will provide support to the advocacy work during implementation of the projects.

This programme is supported by the Information Programme of Open Society Foundations.

EIFL-IP update

EIFL looks forward to implementation of Marrakesh Treaty

EIFL welcomes the adoption on 27 June 2013 of a historic [WIPO Treaty to facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities](#) (known as the Marrakesh Treaty). The aim of the treaty is to alleviate the "book famine" for print disabled people by creating an international legal framework to enable the cross-border sharing of accessible materials.

[Fifty-one countries signed the Treaty in Marrakesh](#) - the largest number of countries ever to sign a WIPO-administered treaty immediately upon adoption. [EIFL looks forward to the next important phase of the work](#) - implementation of the Treaty into national law - and will cooperate with the World Blind Union and others to encourage early ratification by all Member States.

[Read the EIFL statement on the adoption of the Treaty](#) to learn which EIFL partner countries signed the Treaty in Marrakesh, or go to [EIFL in action](#) for the background, why a WIPO Treaty can change lives, EIFL statements, photos and reactions.



NGOs set record straight on EU LDC press release

On 11 June 2013, the WTO TRIPS Council took a decision to extend the waiver for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) for implementation of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) for a further eight years until 1 July 2021.



In its press release of the same date, the European Union (EU) welcomes the TRIPS Council Decision, but also includes statements considered by civil society NGOs to be inaccurate and unrepresentative of the outcomes of the discussions. [EIFL joined NGOs in wishing to set the record straight on the issues.](#)

[Read the NGO statement, previous EIFL statements in support of the LDC request, and a round-up of news and Member State interventions.](#)

Advocating for improved copyright laws for libraries

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Impressive first-time achievements of eight EIFL-IP funded projects in Africa, Asia and Europe



Restrictive copyright laws create legal barriers to accessing resources for education, research and personal development. This can have significant consequences for libraries in developing and transition countries where the ability to produce and use knowledge is a major factor in development. We advocate for fair and balanced copyright laws that support libraries in maximizing access to knowledge in the public interest.

In April 2012, the EIFL-IP programme issued a [Call for Proposals for copyright law reform advocacy campaigns](#). Funding was granted to eight projects in Armenia, Estonia, Latvia, Mongolia, Poland, Senegal, Uganda, Uzbekistan. The duration of the grants was from three to ten months. The [case studies resulting from the projects](#) reveal impressive first-time achievements that will place libraries in a position of strength for the future including:

- ✓ a legal analysis of national copyright law undertaken from a library perspective - the basic building block for reform - that delivered concrete recommendations for improvements in several countries;
- ✓ librarians invited to participate for the first time in current national copyright consultations;
- ✓ the formation of a Library Copyright Committee, new coalitions or library partnerships;
- ✓ over 1,100 librarians and policy-makers received training in library copyright issues that led to a new engagement with policy-makers;
- ✓ national coverage on television, radio and in print gave libraries a visible and vocal presence as “thought-leaders”;
- ✓ the first library copyright resources translated and adapted for local law.

What librarians said

'Thanks to the project, the library community is in a strong position. We have a coalition of library partners, mutual agreement on the main issues, and a clear idea of what is needed in terms of copyright law amendments. We are ready to take part in the public consultation on exceptions and limitations in Polish

law announced in June 2013 by the Ministry of Culture.'

Barbara Szczepanska, Project Manager, Poland.

'We want to raise awareness of how libraries support education and development in our country. To fulfil our public service role, libraries must enjoy a fair legal environment to maximize access to learning resources. As I have participated in international copyright policy-making at WIPO for the benefit of libraries, we decided to take steps to improve the copyright law in Senegal'.

Awa Diouf Cissé, Project Manager, Senegal.



'The library community has gained much new knowledge about the impact of copyright on library services. We are implementing this project not only to develop recommendations for amendments to the copyright law, but also to continue advocating until the changes are in place'.

Baljid Dashdeleg, Project Manager, Mongolia.



Karīna Bandere, National Library of Latvia (NLL) explains e-books and libraries on Panorāma, the evening news programme of the public broadcaster LTV1. Libraries in Latvia were recognized by the general public as progressive institutions embracing technological progress, thanks to widespread media coverage.

What policy-makers said

'Policy makers understand the importance of consulting with all stakeholders. Learning from librarians about the practical problems in getting educational materials into the hands of students and academics helps to inform our policy making leading to legislation that better suits local needs'.

Paul Okirig, Senior State Attorney, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Uganda.

'Building a democratic state based on a strong civil society is a priority for our country. As a former library director, I know that libraries are vital to this process. We need a legal framework that supports networked electronic libraries and the development of technologies for scientific and educational information.'

Hafizahon K. Karimova, Deputy, National Assembly, People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan (PDPU).



'The IPC Working Group is interested in getting input from all stakeholders. We are particularly happy that libraries are actively involved in the consultation process. As public institutions with a professional interest in copyright, libraries have a crucial role in any national, regional and international debate on a new copyright law.'

Aleksei Kelli, Head of Intellectual Property Law (IPC) Working Group, Estonia.

'While developing the pre-draft Law, it is good practice to consult with stakeholders who will be using the new legislation and living with it in the coming years. In Armenia, the stakeholder group that showed the most vivid interest was the library community. Having heard the voice of the Armenian library community, I changed several provisions in the pre-draft text to meet their concerns as far as possible, especially the chapter on exceptions and limitations, while safeguarding the framework of international and European legislation to which the Republic of Armenia is committed'.

Dr. Miha Trampuz, appointed expert to develop a modern and EU-compliant draft Law on Copyright and Related Rights of the Republic of Armenia.

Learn more about the project activities, strategies, and successes with tips for lessons learnt

- ▶ [Copyright in Armenia - will library expectations be met?](#) (March 2013)
- ▶ [Libraries in Estonia take copyright to the national airwaves](#) (April 2013)
- ▶ [Thought leaders in Latvia: libraries and e-books](#) (June 2013)
- ▶ [A copyright law fit for a modern Mongolia](#) (June 2013)
- ▶ [Copyright reform in Poland: libraries are prepared](#) (March 2013)
- ▶ [The basis for all development: libraries in Senegal advocate for access to knowledge](#) (June 2013)
- ▶ [Uganda: easing the strain on access to learning materials](#) (May 2013)
- ▶ [Campaign for a progressive copyright law in Uzbekistan](#) (April 2013)

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Three new library services for farmers in Uganda

We take pleasure in sharing the results of three projects funded by EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) in Uganda. Results show how the projects are improving lives in farming communities across the country. Read about how –

- **Kachumbala Area Cooperative Enterprise Community Library (KACE)** used information and communication technology (ICT) to support farmer-to-farmer learning and develop local language learning materials for farmers.
- **Maendeleo Foundation** piloted an ICT-based agricultural information service in five community libraries and inspired community members to contribute funds to support the service in future.
- **Rwenzori Information Centre (RIC-NET)**, working through a community library, used smart phones and other ICT to help over 800 farmers combat plant pests and diseases.



These three services are among 13 innovative public and community library services funded by EIFL-PLIP in 2012 in Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Over the next two months we will be publishing further case studies to show how libraries in these countries are contributing to community wellbeing, agriculture and community health, and are supporting vulnerable children and youth at risk.

Click the link to read more about these three services and about other innovative library services contributing to development in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America - www.eifl.net/our-current-grantees

Two African libraries help improve school results

Two more libraries in Africa have shared results of projects funded by EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP). Results from projects in Kenya and Uganda show how libraries are using information and communication technology (ICT) to help struggling schoolchildren improve their marks and pass crucial exams. Read about how –

Busia Community Library in Kenya demonstrated the effectiveness of tablet computers pre-loaded with content related to the school curriculum and educational games in helping struggling schoolchildren improve their school results, confidence and social skills.

Volta Regional Library in Ghana's mobile library service, using solar power, took fully-charged laptop computers to schools to provide hands-on computer classes for over 200 children.



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Public library service for farmers wins ERSTE Award

Public Library Radislav Nikčević in Jagodina, Serbia, has won a prestigious ERSTE Foundation Award for Social Integration 2013, for its AgroLib-Ja service which improves farmers' lives. The service was launched in 2010 with support from EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP).

The 35 winners were announced on June 27 at a ceremony attended by over 700 representatives of business, civil society and the media, in Vienna (Austria), in the MuseumsQuartier. The awards celebrate and promote the work of organizations fighting for social integration of marginalized communities in Central and Eastern Europe.



The 35 winners were selected by an internal jury of experts in social integration from almost 2,000

applicants. The winner of the €40,000 (about US\$52,400) first prize was Little People Romania for the project 'I Am Not Afraid', which helps children to understand and cope with cancer. Second prize (€30,000 / US\$39,000) went to Slovene Philanthropy for their 'Social Integration of Migrants' project, which promotes human rights of migrant workers in Slovenia.

Public Library Radislav Nikčević's AgroLib-Ja service was one of 26 projects that each won honorary awards of €16,000 (US\$21,000).

AgroLib-Ja increases farmers' access to information by building farmers' computer and internet skills and by providing free internet access at five village libraries. The service includes an [agricultural web-portal](#) for farmers to access and share information, and an [online market](#), where farmers are advertising and selling their produce. The library also hosts agricultural events, where farmers meet experts from government and non-governmental agricultural agencies, and has increased its collection of books and journals on agriculture.

Before introduction of the service in 2010, many village libraries in central Serbia had fallen into disrepair, and farmers were struggling to access the information they needed to improve their farming. The AgroLib-Ja service has revitalized five village libraries and connected farmers to each other, to experts and the wider world.

AgroLib-Ja is the second PLIP-funded service to win an ERSTE Foundation Award for Social Integration. In 2011, [Public Library Braka Miladinovci](#) in Radovis, Macedonia, won €15,000 (US\$19,500) for the Creative Minds Create Job Opportunities project, which motivates unemployed people, especially women, to find employment.

Click the links to read more about [Public Library Radislav Nikčević's AgroLib-Ja service](#) and the [ERSTE Foundation Awards](#).

EIFL-PLIP awards for libraries empowering women

EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) is proud to announce the winners of the fifth Innovation Award - for library services that use information and communication technology (ICT) to empower women and girls.

Congratulations to two libraries in Asia and Latin America -

[READ Information and Resource Centre in Baluwatar, Kathmandu, Nepal](#) for empowering women slum-dwellers to find jobs and start small businesses.

[Rija'tzuul Na'ooj Library in San Juan la Laguna, Guatemala](#) for building business and ICT skills of talented women weavers so that they can make a profit from their work.

Each winner receives a prize of US\$1,500, a certificate and a trophy. Awards will be presented during international library events, and we are currently identifying opportunities in Asia and Latin America.

Thanks to the winners and to all the other applicants for sending us stories about their innovative services.

The EIFL-PLIP Innovation Awards recognize innovative library services that use ICT to improve lives and livelihoods. The awards are open to all public and community libraries in developing and transition countries. Click the link to read more about the [EIFL-PLIP Innovation Awards](#).



Two African libraries help improve community health

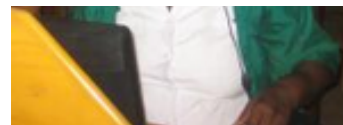
We take pleasure in sharing the results of two library health services in Africa funded by EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP). Read about how the two libraries, in Ghana and Uganda, used information and communication technology (ICT) to help build healthy communities -

- [Northern Regional Library](#) (Ghana) built health workers' and community ICT capacity, and sent over 3,000 phone text messages (SMS) to 94 expectant mothers with health information and reminders about clinic and hospital visits.
- [Busolwe Public Library](#) (Uganda) provided free ICT training for health workers and the community and translated information about how to prevent and recognize common illnesses into the local language,



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Click the link to read more about these two services and about other innovative library services contributing to development in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America – www.eifl.net/plip-impact

Events

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| 3 Jul 2013 | Africa Library Summit 2013 . Location: Pretoria - South Africa |
| 8 Jul 2013 | DSpace installation programme in Kenya . Location: Various - Kenya |
| 19 Jul 2013 | OA awareness raising workshop at CUHAS, Tanzania . Location: Mwanza - Tanzania |
| 26 Jul 2013 | Open access policies in Moldova kick-off meeting . Location: Chisinau - MoldovaMoldova State University Library |
| 29 Jul 2013 | WIPO copyright committee (26th session) . Location: Geneva - Switzerland |
| 17 Aug 2013 | EIFL-PLIP at IFLA 2013 . Location: Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre - Singapore |
| 29 Aug 2013 | Seminar on OA policy development in Moldova . Location: Chisinau - MoldovaAcademy of Economic Studies Library |

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