The International Effort Towards the Creation of an International Repository for Library and Information Science

Breaking Barriers in the Access to Scientific Research

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What is E-LIS?
- An international Open Archive for Library and Information Science established in 2003
- Covers more than 200 full-text documents
- For 6,000 users
- OAI-PMH compliant
- First international Open Archive for library and information science
- International team of voluntary librarians
- Not for profit project
- Freely accessible to the users (search and full-text)

Content accepted
- LIS topics and Interrelated disciplines, scientific and technical
- Finished documents, published or unpublished, any language or format
- Authors self-archive
- Agreements with institutions and library associations

For Librarians managed by Librarians
- To promote OA
- If librarians do not adopt OA, how are they going to be able to convince their users about OA?
- To offer a platform for testing
- To capacity librarians
- One of the main goals of E-LIS staff has been to inform and instruct the world about OA benefits and its correct practice

Organizational model
- Administrative section: strategic issues; policies and the impact on the ULS user community
- Editorial section: devoted to metadata quality
- Technical section: concentrated on software, its implementation, enhancement and development; addition of value-added functionality; and connection with other tools

Editors
- Editors at National Level (languages)
  - Concerned with OA in LIS in their own country
  - Contact with authors, assisted in the self-archiving process
- Why at National Level?
  - It is impossible to know the situation of OA in LIS in every country
  - The reality is different and activities should be conducted accordingly
  - Although they all understand English, contact with authors is more effective in their native language

How we work

Deposits
- Submission on line (previous registration)
- Deposit by e-mail (E-LIS Staff)
- Not restrictions by country
- Not restrictions by language
- English abstract mandatory

Policies
- Policy concerns are discussed and democratically agreed upon by the editorial staff
  - Discussion, aims and objectives: larger audience and communities involved
  - Submission policies: who can deposit and how
  - Metadata quality
  - Copyright policies
  - Organisational model

copyright policies
- Author retains property after deposit
- Authors responsible for ensuring that documents have no restrictions on electronic distribution
- Pre-refereed preprints - author holds copyright (no need for permissions)
- Authors can try to modify the copyright transfer agreement to allow self-archiving
- Failing that, can append a link to a published paper

E-LIS connects to IRALIS
- The request by author shows the number of deposited documents and link them