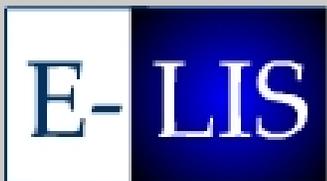# Expanding (y)our field with E-LIS
http://eprints.rclis.org/

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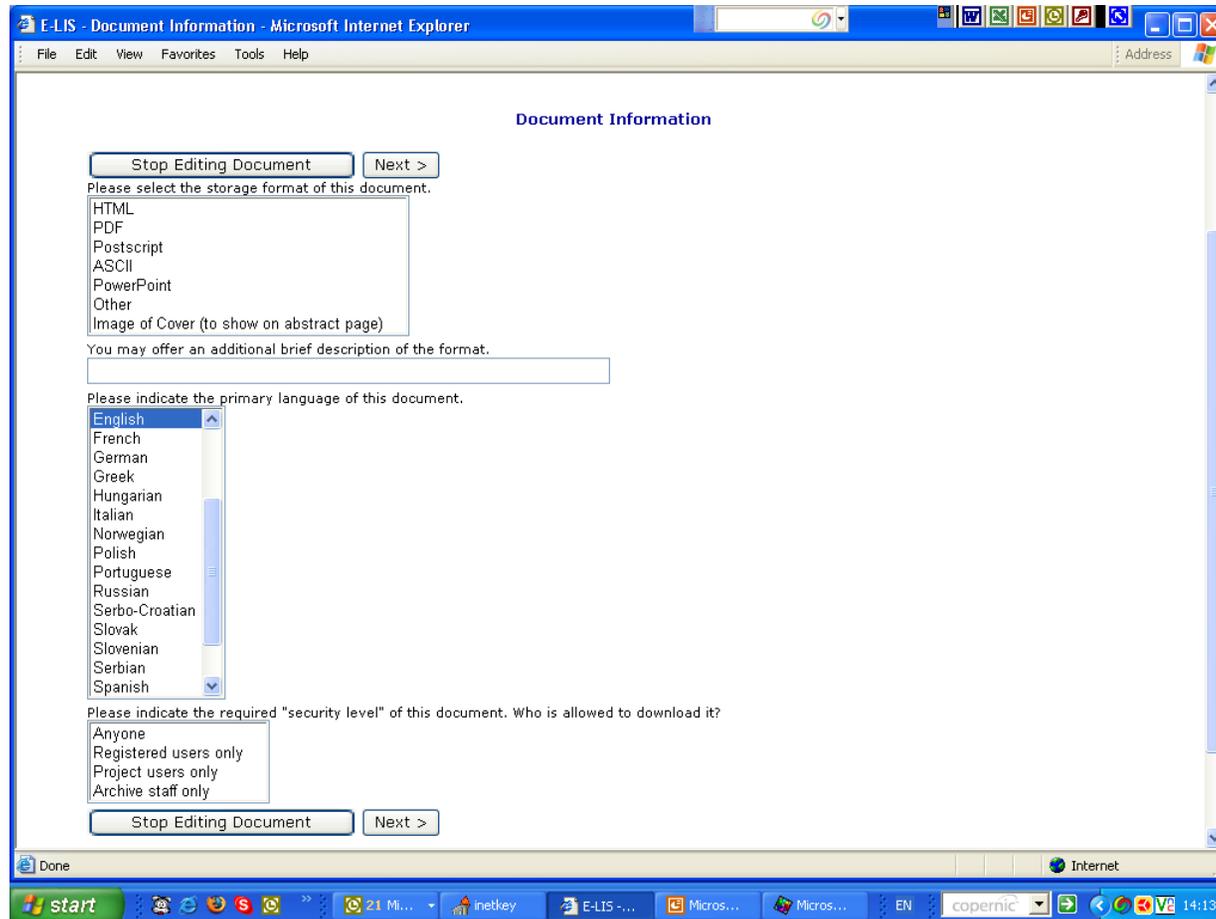
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Talk outline

- Defining the (playing) field
- Subject / topic archives
- E-LIS facts [1]
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E-LIS

E-prints in Library and Information Science

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Welcome to E-LIS

E-LIS is an open access archive for scientific or technical documents, published or unpublished, on Librarianship, Information Science and Technology, and related application disciplines. The archive's goal is to promote communication in LIS by the rapid dissemination of papers. Eprints for LIS has been established as a community service by RCLIS (Research in Computing, Library and Information Science) to promote open access to papers on these fields. In keeping with the objectives of the EPrints movement and the Free Online Scholarship (FOS) movement, we expect this service to facilitate self-archiving for LIS researchers and long-term preservation of their scholarly publications, provide world wide easy access to these publications and improve the impact of their research. Authors who wish to post papers to the Archive should first consult the Submission Policy.

By now, there are **2520** articles in our Archive.

Search the titles, abstracts or keywords

[   ] Submit

Search the full text

[   ] Submit

For all users

Search using the most common fields
Advanced search using a more range of fields
Browse using the most common fields
Latest items added in the last week
RSS Feed (last 20 items).
Recommend E-LIS to a friend

For registered users

Register first before submitting documents
Deposit documents
Receive e-mail alerts about new items added to E-LIS
Forgot your user password?

Defining the (playing) field

- Self-archiving
- Research dissemination
- ≠ Publication (yet)
- IRs | ETDs | Subject / topic archives

Subject / topic archives

- Complement traditional publishing
- Complement institutional repositories
- Online availability of work has +'ve consequences for the impact of your research
  - Various studies confirm the above:
    - For which, see the OpCit Project's "Effect of open access and downloads ('hits') on citation impact: a bibliography of studies" http://opcit.eprints.org/oacitation-biblio.html

E-LIS facts [1]

- E-prints in Library and Information Science
- Est. late 2003
- To date (10 June 2005) has 2528 documents online (and growing)
- Maintained and managed by Team of four + one creators and a worldwide network of country-representatives (Editors)
- Used by us!
- Completely volunteer-driven

E-LIS facts [2]

- Free to use
- OAI-compliant (to enhance retrieval / visibility)
- Resides on E-Prints software
  - Familiar interface
  - Familiar functionality
  - Ease-of-use
  - Wide installed base

E-LIS usage statistics

- **Monthly statistics:**
  May 2005

Total hits	673 510
Total files	533 119
Total pages	339 874
Total visits	72 154
Total Kbytes	21 785 758
	Avg
Hits per hour	905
Hits per day	21726
Files per day	17197

Source: <http://eprints.rclis.org/statistics/usage_200505.html>

For more monthly statistics see <http://eprints.rclis.org/statistics-sheet.html>

Submitting your work: in brief

- Use is free, but need to register as user if submitting documents
  - Complete registration form
  - Receive confirmation e-mail
  - Respond to confirmation e-mail (i.e. confirm your registration)
- Once registered, sign on
- Go through submission workflow
- Country (metadata) Editor (approves / rejects / returns to author to modify) before/if submission is accepted into the archive
- Accepted submission's abstract is circulated as part of 'Weekly update' e-mail to all users registered for said e-mail
- Fame!
  (Or rather: receive expressions of interest in your work, and achieve research impact)

Submitting your work to E-LIS: guidelines

- Submission policy
  http://eprints.rclis.org/policy.html

- Submission procedure (step by step; expanded version of previous slide)
  http://eprints.rclis.org/submission.html

- Submission guidelines (standards-like document detailing: document types, how to ensure quality metadata, supported and/or 'known' file formats, etc)

  http://openlib.org/home/subirats/elis/guidelines.html

Practical exercises

- The submission workflow in E-LIS
  http://eprints.rclis.org/

- The submission workflow on any repository running on E-Prints software illustrated using Demoprints
  http://demoprints.eprints.org/
  (Latter is quite useful if you want to conduct hands-on training sessions with colleagues and professoriate at your home institution)

E-LIS submission workflow

- Homepage
- Registration
- User workspace
- Begin new item (Document submission process)
- Screen 1 – Deposit type
- Screen 2 – Succession/commentary
- Screen 3 – Bibliographic information
  (four part screenshot)
- Screen 4 – Documents attached to item
  (five part screenshot)
- Screen 5 – Deposit verification
  (three part screenshot)
- Screen 6 – Deposit completed

E-LIS Homepage

Registration

Registration is confirmed and validated via e-mail.

Once completed, you may sign on to E-LIS.

E-LIS Homepage: sign-on

Real user workspace
(registered users only)

'Demo User' workspace
(to illustrate)

Begin new item

'New Item' submission process is illustrated in the following series of slides.

[1] Deposit type

[2] Succession/commentary

[3] Bibliographic information
(part 1)

[3] Bibliographic information
(part 2)

[3] Bibliographic information
(part 3)

[3] Bibliographic information
(part 4)

[4] Documents attached to item (part 1)

[4] Documents attached to item
(part 2)

[4] Documents attached to item
(part 3)

[4] Documents attached to item
(part 4)

[4] Documents attached to item
(part 5)

[5] Deposit verification
(part 1)

[5] Deposit verification
(part 2)

E-LIS - Deposit Verification - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

This is how the metadata summary page will look:

Bloggs, Jane (2005) *Fossil fuels cease to exist: where next for South Africa*. Masters, Info Science, University of Timbuktoo.

Full text available as:
PDF - Requires Adobe Acrobat Reader or other PDF viewer.

Abstract

jkdgjksdgkjsd

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ID Code: 4004
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Deposited On: Date Deposited UNSPECIFIED
All fields: : Show all fields

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Status: Unpublished
Refereed: No
Public Domain: No
Authors: Bloggs, Jane
Title: Fossil fuels cease to exist: where next for South Africa
Subjects: F. Management. > FZ. No one of these, but in this section.
Year: 2005
Abstract: jkdgjksdgkjsd
Thesis Type: Masters
Department: Info Science
Institution: University of Timbuktoo

Done   Internet

Note
E-LIS
distribution
policy, and
copyright
disclaimer

[6] Deposit completed

Demoprints

- Eprint submission exercise

- Instructions on separate handout

- Useful to train colleagues at your institution

- See also

Carr, L. and Harnad, S. (2005)

Keystroke Economy: A Study of the Time and Effort Involved in Self-Archiving.

http://eprints.ecs.soton.ac.uk/10688/

ABSTRACT: A common objection to self-archiving is that it is an extra task that puts an unnecessary burden on each researcher. In particular, the need to enter the extra bibliographic metadata demanded by repositories for accurate searching and identification is presumed to be a particularly onerous task. This paper describes a preliminary study on two months of submissions for a mature repository and concludes that the amount of time spent entering metadata would be as little as 40 minutes per year for a highly active researcher.

Conclusion

- Thank you for your attention!

- Thanks to WCHELIG workshop organisers for inviting me.

- Do contact me with any questions jad@sun.ac.za