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Managing the expansion of E-LIS

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E-prints in Library
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I am going to talk about...

- Coordination of E-LIS
- I will concentrate on:
 - Basic issues
 - Working group
 - How we work
 - The content
 - What we need (*Will we have it in the near future? I hope so!*)

Why an open archive?

Basic issues

- It is an evolution of DoIS *Documents in Information Science*, a service providing access to articles and conference proceedings
 - Digital library:
 - 13.403 articles and 4.313 conference papers
 - 12.236 with full text available
 - Services:
 - Reference and bibliographic information,
 - LIS news and alerts
 - 200.000 hits a month...but...one single data provider, Julio Alonso (University of Salamanca, Spain)

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And...

...if librarians don't promote open access nor
do they self-archive in their own field...

...how are we going to convince
the rest of the authors?

Objectives

- To promote self-archiving in LIS (not only in E-LIS)
- To offer an open archive:
 - To authors without access to an institutional repository
- More visibility for authors, citations
- Platform to test and see how an open archive works and what its capabilities are
- Really...it was necessary

So, who is behind E-LIS?

Working Group

- 46 editors from 36 countries

Argentina, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Moldova, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Zambia, Zimbabwe

- 2 administrators and 1 technician
- CILEA facilitates the technical service and server
- But more people are involved....

Editors

Way of work

- Editors at **National Level** (languages)
- 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 the E-LIS interface is in English, **contact with authors** is more effective in their native language(s)
 - It is important to give the Editors **independence**

So, the editors...

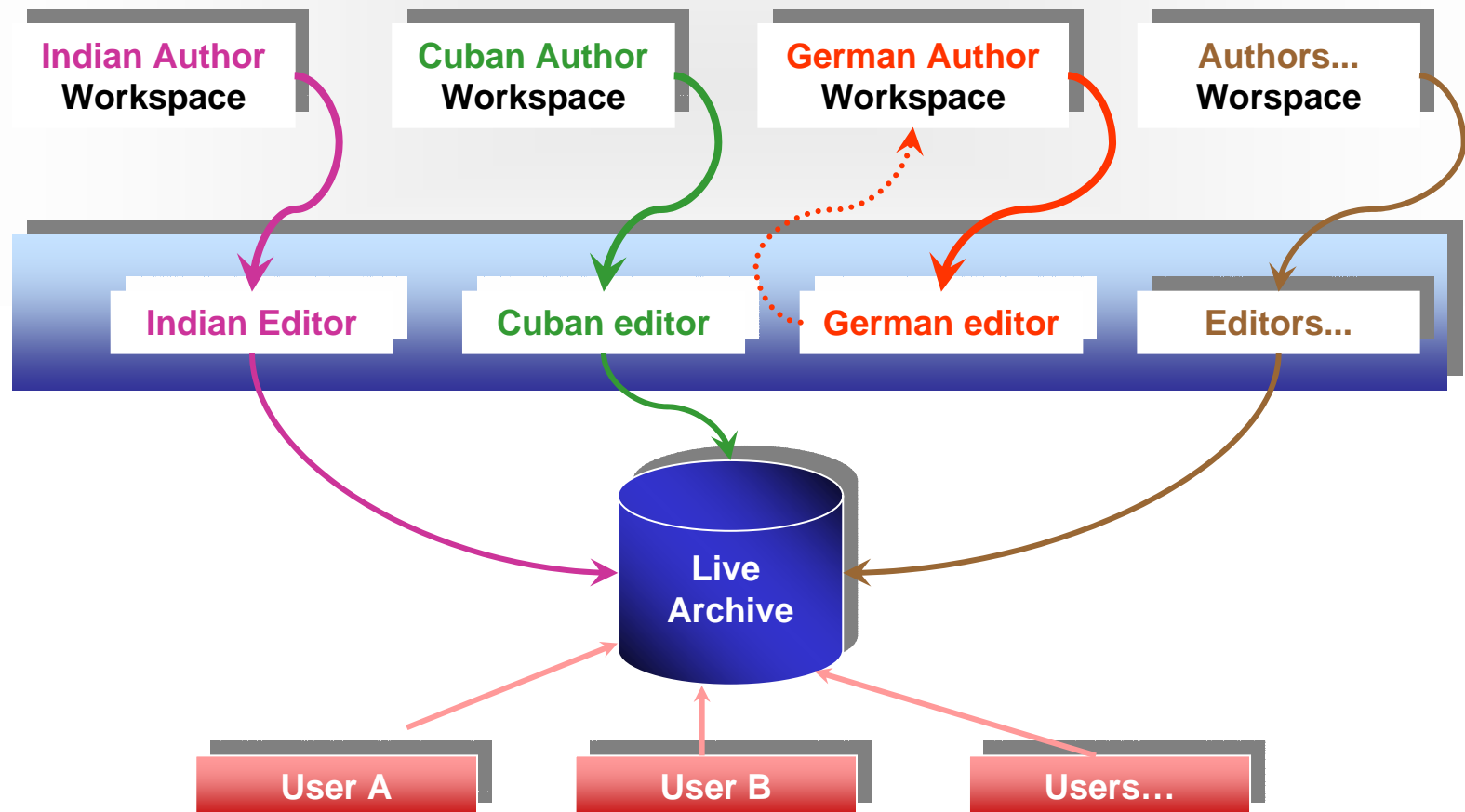
Way of work

- Are **key** to our open archive:
 - E-LIS **grows** because of their work!!
 - Control the quality of **metadata**
 - **Promote** self-archiving in their own countries
 - **Contact** with authors
 - **Assist** authors in the self-archiving process
- Work for **free** (actually all of us)
- Work **cooperatively**
- Don't have commercial purposes
- Should be **active**

How? The tools

- Mailing lists: editors, technicians, administrators
- Editors' FAQs
- Submission guidelines 1.0
 - Metadata and "files"
- Bulletins
 - *INFODOC*: by authors.
 - *E-mail alerts*: by subjects.
 - *RSS feeds*: the last 20 items.
- The administrators: e-mail and meetings

Basic workflow



About the content

Contents

- At the moment **2.900** documents

62% of documents are refereed

2.383 post-prints

393 pre-prints

22 different types of documents

21 languages represented

1.728 articles from **200** different journals

592 conference papers from **250** conferences

- **1.020** users subscribed to e-mail alerts
- **2.540** authors
 - 60% by proxy service and agreements with journals
 - 30% self-archiving (Co-authors)

Countries

EUROPE (1755)

20 editors

Austria (24) Belgium (19) Bosnia Herzegovina (10) Croatia (62) Czech Republic (2) Denmark (4) Finland (5) France (30) Germany (92) Greece (4) Italy (501) Luxembourg (1) Norway (3) Poland (1) Portugal (9) Republic of Ireland (1) Romania (2) Russia (5) Serbia and Montenegro (95) Slovakia (2) Slovenia (2) Spain (645) Sweden (8) Switzerland (30) the Netherlands (27) United Kingdom (188)

AMERICA: North and Central America (669)

5 editors

Canada (21) Costa Rica (7) Cuba (354) El Salvador (1) Mexico (101) Nicaragua (1) Puerto Rico (1) United States (183)

ASIA (233)

10 editors

Bangladesh (2) China, People's Republic of (37) India (146) Indonesia (19) Iran (2) Israel (1) Japan (2) Nepal (1) Pakistan (9) Singapore (1) Sri Lanka (2) Turkey (11) United Arab Emirates (1)

AMERICA: South America (226)

5 editors

Argentina (35) Bolivia (22) Brazil (80) Chile (22) Colombia (17) Peru (44) Uruguay (4) Venezuela (2)

AFRICA (18)

5 editors

Botswana (1) South Africa (16) Zimbabwe (1)

OCEANIA (16)

1 editor

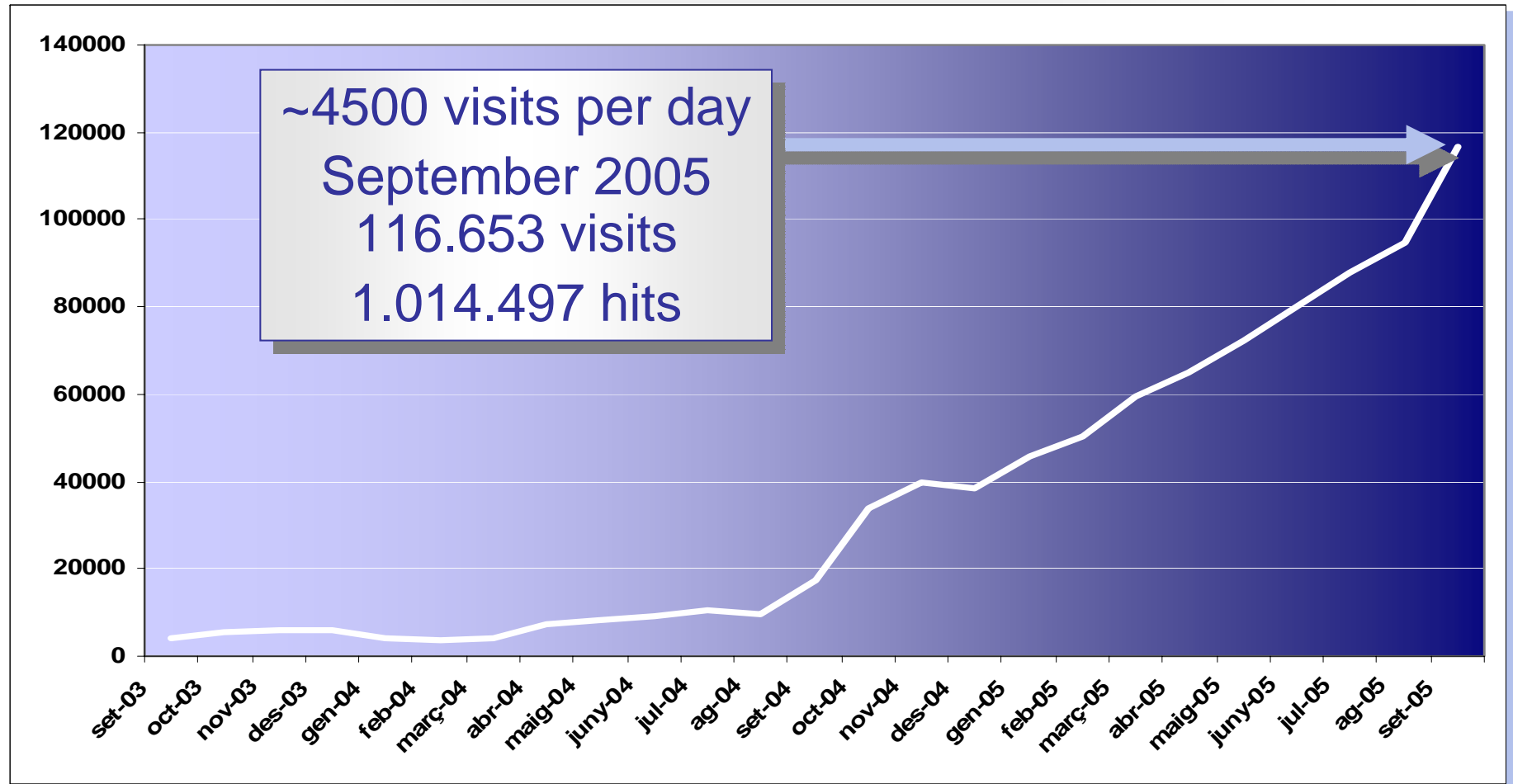
Australia (10) New Zealand (6)

Some of our activities

- Papers and posters at International and National conferences (*IFLA, ISI, LIDA...*)
- Articles in *Bibliotime, Profesional de la Información, ACIMED, High Energy Physics Libraries Webzine, REDC...*
- Agreements...
 - with **associations** (*CNIC, IBICT, AVEI, SEDIC, AIDA, AAB,...*)
 - with **journals** (*Biblios, ACIMED, AIDAInformazioni, BAAB, Vjesnik bibliotekara Hrvatske, Compactus, Pez de Plata, MEI, Infoteka, Anales de Documentación...*)
 - with **services** (*Exit, directory of LIS professionals*
<http://www.kronosdoc.com/gtbib/directorios/exit.php...>)

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More visits than ever



What do we need now?

What we need

- Editorial work:
 - More **independence** for the editors
 - More **promotion** of E-LIS and the benefits of self-archiving
 - More **agreements** and collaborations with services, institutions and journals
 - More **people** involved in editorial work

Also...

- Content:
 - Establish a **definitive** preservation policy
PDF and HTML are recommended but still E-LIS has a lot of documents in other formats
 - **Quality** of metadata, we should not forget!
 - **Evaluation** of the content of E-LIS
Metadata + full text
After 2 years it is necessary to evaluate what has been deposited

Anything else?

- Technical level:
 - We need more **usability**
 - Fewer steps to approve the documents
 - Fewer steps for authors to self-archive
 - More **statistics**
 - It is basic by author and papers
 - That's the best way to evaluate
 - More **interaction** between editor and author
 - Form to contact every editor directly
 - More people involved in technical work
 - we need **cooperation** from other open archives

Conclusion

- E-LIS has to be more attractive for the authors
 - Statistics
 - Usability
 - More services around E-LIS
- The quality of metadata has to be one of the first objectives
 - Better citations
 - Better recuperation

Thanks for your attention!

e-lis team

