Managing the expansion of E-LIS

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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?

- 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)
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?

- **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

- 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...

- 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

Way of work
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

- Indian Author Workspace
- Cuban Author Workspace
- German Author Workspace
- Authors... Workspace

- Indian Editor
- Cuban editor
- German editor
- Editors...

- Live Archive

- User A
- User B
- Users...
About the content

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

### ASIA (233)
- 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)
- Argentina (35)
- Bolivia (22)
- Brazil (80)
- Chile (22)
- Colombia (17)
- Peru (44)
- Uruguay (4)
- Venezuela (2)

### AFRICA (18)
- Botswana (1)
- South Africa (16)
- Zimbabwe (1)

### OCEANIA (16)
- 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...)
More visits than ever

~4500 visits per day
September 2005
116,653 visits
1,014,497 hits
What do we need now?

- 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