Open access movement in Croatia through experience of ELIS

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Science, research, education

- 6 universities (2 new)
- 156 faculties and research institutes (Ministry of science, education and sports)
- Polytechnics, schools and institutes of higher learning, private, museums, archives
Libraries and associates

- 581 libraries (school libraries not included)
- Croatian Library Association (journal and monthly news)
- Croatian Information and Documentation Society (e-bulletin)
- Croatian Museum Association
- Croatian Archive Association

What is going on?

- Larger budget for science, research and education (CRO & EU funds)
- Investments in informatization
- Open source movement (active OS society, conferences, software localizations…)
- NGOs and individuals
- Librarians (and information specialists?)
### What is really going on?

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- Faculty of Economics 😊
  (masters and thesis in SPPS) 😞
- Multimedia Institute Mama
  (Creative Commons Croatia;
  www.slobodastvaralastvu.net)
- 3 major conferences – promotion of OA
  past 3 years
  (LIDA, ALM, SIS)

E-LIS participants

- 11 registered users
  (1 from USA and 1 from Sweden)
- 5 depositors
- 58 documents in Croatian language
- 3 journals – agreement with publishers
- no agreements with “conferences”
  (individual depositing only)
### Issues - general

- small country, small production
- usual OA mistakes
- lack of skilled people and projects
- insufficient coordination
  (Ministry, institutions, libraries)
- focus on more important things
  (Bologna, facilities, money…)

### Issues – libraries and librarians

- profession
  (librarianship is underestimated on every level)
- high impact of commercial databases
- small impact of new technologies
- motivation
- money
Future of OA in Croatia

• Influence of changes worldwide (science, research, education, publishing)

• Rising influence and acceptance of e-publishing and e-learning

• More skilled librarians