

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

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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?)

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What is really going on?

- ELIS 😊
- Open Access to Scientific Informations
(all journals funded by Ministry of science, education and sports free of charge at one place/portal) 😊
- Open access centre
(Ministry... ; demo eprint archive doesn't work at the time) 😊

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What is really going on?

- eprints @ Faculty of Philosophy 😊
(graduation works pilot project)
- eprints @ Medical Faculty 😊
(plan: masters and thesis)
- Croatian Medical Journal
(organized First Croatian Workshop on Scientific Publishing October 14-15, 2005)

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What is really going on?

- 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)

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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)

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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...)

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Issues – libraries and librarians

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

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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

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