

# **A Brief Introduction to E-LIS: The Open Archive for Library and Information Science**

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# About E-LIS

- <http://eprints.rclis.org/>
- “E-LIS is an open access archive for scientific or technical documents, published or unpublished, on Librarianship, Information Science and Technology, and related areas”
- Non-profit, run by volunteers
- Hosted by the Italian Consorzio Interuniversitario Lombardo per Elaborazione Automatica (CILEA).

# More About E-LIS

- E-LIS is part of the repository arm of the Open Access (OA) movement
- E-LIS is a subject repository
- Mostly comprised of articles but also includes books, book chapters, conference posters, datasets, instructional materials, newspaper articles, etc.
- Can be peer-reviewed material or not

# Still More About E-LIS

- Submission is easy (I can help)
- Approval is quick
- PDF is preferred but other formats can be accepted
- As of this morning, 4417 Documents in E-LIS

# Why Deposit in E-LIS?

- “Spreads the word”
- Increased notice, distribution, citing
- Adds a measure of preservation and backup
- Adds more OA content

# E-LIS: Fulltext A & I Tool

- Can be searched, content retrieved
- Can set up alerts – notification when new content in selected subject areas is added

# Some Questions

- Do the publishers allow this?
- What about the U of C institutional repository? (DSpace)
- What about archives and museology?

# Question: Do the publishers allow this?

- Yes, mostly
- No evidence that subscriptions are harmed
- For policies, see SHERPA:  
<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php>



## Question: What about the U of C institutional repository? (DSpace)

- Deposit in both!
- Adds some backup – a little redundancy isn't a bad thing
- May not be able to deposit in an institutional repository or in a subject repository so the other is needed
- Some users will only search one repository

# Question: What about archives and museology?

- “Information science” is pretty widely defined in E-LIS
- There is material from archives and museums (and more!) in E-LIS
- Please deposit!

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# Questions? Discussion?



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