

Sell Meeting
5/5/2006
Thessaloniki, Greece

Present:

Italy: Marta Plebani, Paola Gargiulo, Antonio Fantoni, Eduardo Lasser Alvarez

Greece: Claudine Dervou, Anna Fragkou, Lia Ollandezou, Popi Florou, Leonidas Pispiriggas

Turkey: Bulent Karasozen

Portugal : Jose Fernandes

Spain: Llus Anglada

- I. Country reports
 - a. These will be sent individually to Claudine for mounting on the SELL website
 - b. David will provide the SELL list Deb DeBruijn's email address so that they may request the Canadian tender document if they wish
 - c. General trends of country reports: national licenses (Spain, Italy), training (Italy, Portugal) hospital licenses (Turkey, Italy, Portugal) move away from only buying club to additional activities (Turkey, Portugal, Italy)

Copyright

- I. Luis reported that authors are putting pressure on libraries to pay royalties on loans; Italy only has a problem with royalties on photocopies; also Portugal; Greece is worried because legal understanding is unclear
 - a. Claudine and Paola will talk with Emanuella and see about preparing a statement of concern and identifying a location to which it should be sent

European Digitization

- I. Should consortia play a role in this or is this a national library concern only; Luis thinks that the EU initiative is still very much in a formative and very early stage; Jose says a European Union project is underway to establish standards, procedures, quality control issues; there was concern that the national libraries not be left with the initiative on this alone since the universities have much of the collections
 - a. Bulent and Claudine will draft a statement to the European Commission saying that university libraries should be included in the discussions of digitizing the EU heritage since they have the expertise and collections to play a major role

European Report

- I. Report can be revised up to June 1, 2006; this will be the basis for EU legislation or recommendations (and possible funding)
- II. Recommendations
 - a. Open access for all publicly supported research
 - i. Agreed on a modified version of the Berkeley statement (will be wordsmithed by Claudine and circulated for SELL review)
 - b. Second rec: ok as is
 - c. Third rec: ok as is
 - d. Fourth rec: need to add a clarification re: dark and available archives; express concern about the business model approach to storage/preservation being abused
 - e. Fifth rec: will recommend a different set of concerns focused on principles rather than specifics which are already outmoded by a rapidly evolving marketplace (expansion of access by big deals and consortia and encouragement of this; more transparency regarding contracts; encouragement of competition and alternative models of distributing scholarly information); strong opposition to pay per view as antithetical to the library mission; recommend abolishment of VAT for scholarly materials; recommend consortial representation on the drafting committee
 - i. Further rec see Claudine's notes

ILL

- I. Marta reported on an ILL conference in Italy; Paola reported that Italy is developing an equivalent of ARIEL but still needs to get publisher acceptance
- II. Luis reported that they have an active book lending program but less article delivery and that it increases every year;
- III. Greece uses ARIEL for documents; uses a courier service for books, very expensive; end user pays the cost in most cases
- IV. Every university sets their own policies for lending materials, no consortial agreements
- V. Key issue for all consortia is the electronic delivery of articles – both legal and mechanical issues; Paola will share NILDE software with any interested SELL consortia (sending a link)
- VI. Will prepare a statement for publishers saying that SELL libraries would like to use NILDE in place of ARIEL
- VII. Paola will also send out a link to open source software for managing inhouse journal publishing (manages links, referring, etc...)

Administration

- I. Paola mentioned Software for all the tasks for handling consortial negotiations and compliance (SCELC), a southern California group; Paola will investigate further and send a link to SELL members for further information; also perhaps will invite a representative to the Rome ICOLC
- II. Will develop a statement that contracts for journals do not require tenders (competitive bids)

Conference Reports

- I. ICOLC
 - a. E-books: Toronto is experimenting with Coots books; software is interesting; may still be problems with business model and no good reader solution
 - b. Preservation: Portico was discussed (dark archive); a major continuing problem; ARL/CLIR is preparing a position paper, should be out in August, Kohl will watch for and circulate to SELL
- II. German conference
 - a. E-science is the new buzz word; library's role is primarily confined to metadata
- III. UK Serials Group
 - a. General report by Luis