

Sell Meeting May 30, 2008

Greek Country Report – highlights only, full PP available on SELL website

- huge increase in use of digital materials
- use of each vendor's journal materials approaching 100%
- substantial interdisciplinary use
- dealing with off site users an increasing problem; hence exploring Shibboleth
 - the main problem is not technical but the contracts with publishers
- large use of ebooks

Spain Country Report – highlights only, full PP available on SELL website

- attempt in 2007 to move to national journal deals failed
- CBUC is making good progress on a remote print storage facility
 - 3 million volumes; 6,000 square meters
 - Will use standard shelving but shelve by size
 - Biggest problem is not money or technology but building consensus and dealing with politics
 - Will have its own staff
- Digital journal purchase
 - Centralized negotiation
 - Libraries pay 75% and central pays 25%
 - Library payment amount is determined by CBUC, not publisher
- Have 200 Catalan journals in an institutional repository (open access)
- There are a number of local library digitization projects, but central standards and co-ordination (but branded presentation)
- Main conclusion from 10 year history: usage level is determined by historical level of collections available and degree of research being done (not by university/library size or expenditure)
 - Digital full text is preferred
 - Database usage is stagnant or declining
 - New deals slow the usage of the old deals

Italy Country Report – highlights only, full PP available on SELL website

- An important new initiative is the development of national journal deals (via CARE, a steering/co-coordinating group for the 3 main Italian consortia)
 - Already finalized negotiations with Elsevier, Springer and Portico (opt in basis)
 - Negotiations are being overseen by CARE (in some cases – Elsevier-- using an external negotiator)
 - Overall using an external negotiator was positive
- Developing software to support institutional repositories
- On the CIBER website is a link to contract status and user conditions, including right of deposit in open repositories by authors
- Are connecting the library catalog with Facebook

- CILEA is developing a comprehensive digital library (CILEA Digital Library)
- CARE is also playing an important role in standardizing and providing resources for digitization issues

SWETS Vendor Session –

- Has developed a successful SELL (multi-country) single contract for digital journal access (55% discount) to their package of 53 publishers' journals (ALJC)
- New proposal: **Mylibrary**
 - Definition: a web-based aggregated ebook solution (from Ingram Digital Group)
 - Academic, professional and intergovernmental books; 140,000 titles in 22 collections
 - Overlap issues may be a very difficult matter to resolve, esp. since each library may have different collections from different aggregators

Portugal Country Report – highlights only, full PP available on SELL website

- Undertook a review of library services (variation of LibQual)
 - As a result there was a focus this past year on local branding using a logo and banner (improved marketing of library resources and services)
- Reorganized the online catalog
- Began a national training program (academic and medical libraries areas)

Turkish Country Report -- highlights only, full PP available on SELL website

- ANKOS has been re-organized but is still functioning as a consortium of academic libraries
 - Presently has 90 members
 - Working with ULIKBIM to develop Turkish digital resources and services
 - Totally new steering committee

France Country Report -- highlights only, full PP available on SELL website

- Couperin is not a consortium of libraries but academic and research institutions
- Report explains the history of Couperin and French higher education in general
- There are only a few librarians represented in the general COUPERIN council; but the support staff is highly represented by librarians
- Biggest challenge for French academic librarianship is to develop productive organizational relationships in higher education
- Planning to archive ejournals in a single national database; encourage open access institutional repositories co-ordinate into a central repository

Accucoms

- Journal aggregator (growing at 70%/year)

- Handles mostly society journals in the health sciences

Casalini -- highlights only, full PP available on SELL website

- Helping to move Italian publishing into the digital age; slow process
 - Full text data base with cross database searching
 - Hope to have new materials (500 books/20 journals annually) as well as backlist
- Focus is on small/medium sized academic publishers (Humanities/Social Sciences)

Juro4C -- highlights only, full PP available on SELL website

- Open source software developed by the U. of Hong Kong to harvest statistics useful to consortium automatically
 - Formerly had to download stats to XML and other files and manually manipulate
- Not only automated stats, but it can be self service for each member of the consortium
- Interoperable with SUSHI

Nilde -- highlights only, full PP available on SELL website

- Software for instituting and tracking document delivery operations
 - Computerize the entire DD workflow
 - Provide stats
- 630 libraries presently using Nilde today (in Italy); been used for 500,000 transactions

Scholarly journals in the SELL countries (Anglada) -- highlights only, full PP available on SELL website

- Create a SELL institutional repository for local, small publishers and their journals (especially for small local languages)
- Software for support is available

Meeting reports:

EUA

- recommendations prepared for EU universities re: open access
 - strong recommendations, particularly to establish local institutional repositories in each U.
- SELL was well represented with 4 delegates

Italy Rectors Working Group

- Established guidelines for complying with copyright in materials used in theses and dissertations
- Establishing guidelines for how to publish OA journals (getting an ISSN, etc...); a SHERPA database (but in Italian)