OSI and eIFL's Open Access Programs in Developing Countries

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Overview of presentation

- Background on OSI
- Budapest Open Access Initiative
- OSI's Open Access Initiative
- eIFL Open Access Program

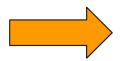
Open Society Institute

- Private, grant-making foundation funded by George Soros which aims to shape public policy to promote democratic governance, human rights, and economic, legal, and social reform
- Network of national foundations in 67 countries.

Background of the BOAI

December 2001, Budapest: OSI held a meeting of leaders exploring alternative publishing models. Concluded that "open access" was the goal and agreed on two main strategies for achieving it:

- 1. open access journals
- 2. institutional/subject-based repositories



Budapest Open Access Initiative

OSI's Open Access Project

Projects supported:

- tools (DOAJ, DOAR)
- guides (Guide to Open Access Publishing and Scholarly Societies, IR Software)
- advocacy (Open Access News, SPARC)
- research (Economics of OA)
- conferences
- eIFL OA Program



- An independent foundation that strives to lead, negotiate, support and advocate for the wide availability of electronic resources by library users in transition and developing countries.
- Operates through a network of national library consortia in 55 countries.

eIFL Open Access Program

Supported by OSI

- Call for Interest among eIFL members:
 - Serbia, November 2003 & November 2005
 - South Africa, July 2004 & May 2005
 - Ukraine, February 2005
 - Lithuania, February 2005
 - China, June 2005
 - Zimbabwe, April 2006
 - Poland, September 2006
 - Macedonia, October 2006
 - Russia, 2007



Serbia

- Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition
- Open Access Scholarly Communication Workshop, National Library of Serbia, November 2003
- Open Access Seminar w/focus on Citation Impact, November 2005



South Africa

- SASLI (South Africa Site Licensing Initiative)
- Open Access to Scholarly Communications Workshop, July 2004
- 3 day IR Workshop, May 2005
- Creation of OA Working Group (SASLI, University of KwaZulu-Natal, University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University)





open access south africa



Ukraine

- International Renaissance Foundation (national Soros foundation)
- Open Access Conference, February 2005
 - Recommendations endorsed by Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister
- Ukrainian Parliament recommendation to mandate Open Access for publicly-funded research, December 2005
- National Network of Open Access Repositories (2006), 10 institutions

Lithuania

- Lithuanian Research Library Consortia
- Open Access Scholarly Communication Workshop, February 2005 (Librarians)
- Open Access Revolution in the Scholarly Publishing?" June 2005 (Vice Rectors, Policy Makers, Scientific Community)
- Development of Lithuanian Academic Libraries Network (national IR network); Received EU Structural Funds, considering Fedora, team led by Kaunas University



China

- Library of Chinese Academy of Sciences
- International Conference on Strategies and Policies for Open Access to Scientific Information, Beijing, June 2005
 - Recommendations: require that all government funded research be published in OA; reform current system of review of S&T achievements so as to encourage academics to publish in OA; support leading journals to convert to OA
- Conducting studies of OA policies in other countries
- National Science and Technology Library of China considering Open Call for Open Access to Scientific Information



Zimbabwe

- Zimbabwe University Libraries Consortium
- Development of IR at Zimbabwe University
- Open Access and Creating a Knowledge Society Conference, 24-26 April 2006



Poland

- Poznan Foundation for Scientific Libraries
- European Association of Science Editors Conference, Krakow, June 19
- Open Access Scholarly Communications Workshop, September 2006

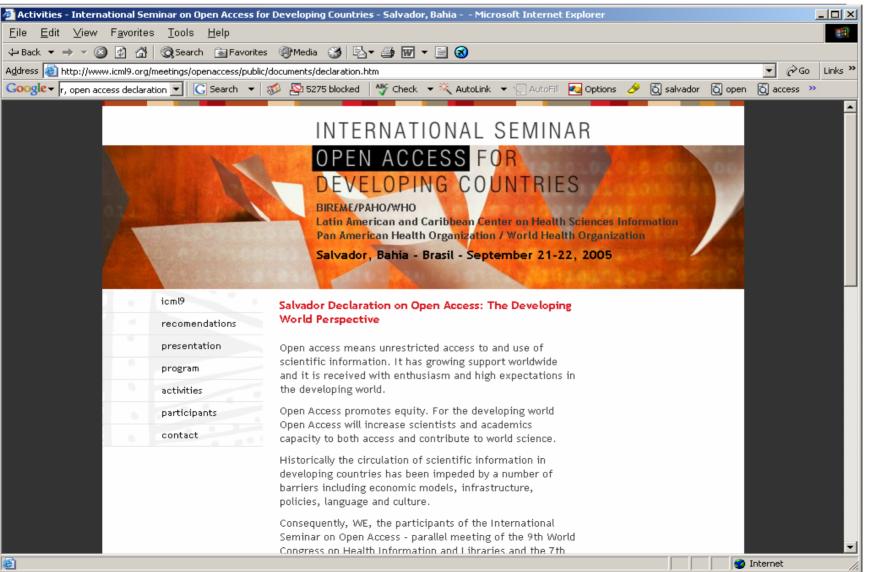


Russia

- NEICON (National Electronic Information Consortium)
- Russian State Library
- Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR)
- Russian Academy of Sciences



Salvador Declaration on Open Access: The Developing Country Perspective



Additional information

- OSI's Information Program: <u>http://www.soros.org/initiatives/information</u>
- Budapest Open Access Initiative: <u>http://www.soros.org/openaccess/</u>
- eIFL Open Access Program: <u>http://www.eifl.net/services/services_open.html</u>
- Salvador Declaration on Open Access: The Developing Country Perspective: <u>http://www.icml9.org/meetings/openaccess/public/docume</u> <u>nts/declaration.htm</u>

Thank you.

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