

CENL/ FEP Committee on Electronic Publications

Annual Report 2009-2010

In 2009-2010, the Committee first met in Paris on **November 25, 2009** and then in **The Hague on June 23, 2010**. Its missions and its organization were clarified by some **terms of reference**, drafted by CENL and presented to the Committee on June 23. Throughout the year, the main discussions of the Committee mainly focused on the following issues:

- **Deposit practices – Web harvesting**

The Committee agreed to draft a **statement on web harvesting** in addition to the statement on the development and establishment of voluntary deposit schemes for electronic publications. As a first step, a document was circulated on the situation and the discussions in the United Kingdom. A specific presentation was also made by the Koninklijke Bibliotheek regarding the preservation of web-based materials and the experience of the Netherlands.

Committee members had several exchanges regarding the **developments in their respective countries**, in particular regarding the scope of the material to be collected and the legal implications of this new activity. They agreed to gather information in a single document which would be the basis for the statement.

- **European digital libraries**

The group had many discussions on European principles to govern solutions for **orphan works**, the progress of the **ARROW** (Accessible Registry of Rights and Orphan Works in Europe) project, which includes several national libraries and aims at facilitating diligent search and more generally on the debates launched by the European Commission on **Europeana**.

- **National developments**

The Committee also shared information on **new copyright legislations** (UK Digital Economy Act) and **projects in Member states**, in particular on digital libraries (Libreka) and on orphan and out-of-print works (German solution for out-of-print works, French recommendation for compulsory collective licensing of orphan works in the book sector and plans to finance digitization through the “Big bond”).

Finally, it also followed up **the Google Settlement**.

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