

## CENL/ FEP Committee on Electronic Publications

### Annual Report 2007-2008

In 2007-2008, the Committee first met in **Bratislava on November 16, 2007** and then in **Brussels on June 18, 2008**. Its discussions focused on the following working programme:

- **Monitor deposit practices and legislation:**

The Committee intends to update its **survey of the situation of legal deposit in different countries** in order to be able to better showcase best practices.

- **Give advice on deposit practices:**

In Bratislava, the Committee had an exchange of information with **representatives of the Slovak National Library, Ministry of Culture and Publishers Association**. It was provided with an overview of the Slovak publishing market, its legal environment (legal deposit and VAT rules) and attended a presentation of the ICT implementation program of the Slovak National Library which has already started mass digitization of books and newspapers.

- **Function as a platform for discussion and as an exchange of information on matters of common interest:**

The Committee had many discussions on the activities of the **EU's High Level Group on Digital Libraries**, and reviewed in detail its recommendations on orphan and out-of-print works, preservation and Public/ Private Partnerships. In particular, it shared information on **national solutions to orphan works** (discussions in France and Germany). It plans to further discuss how **to assist the deployment of the principles** formulated by the High Level Group.

It also followed with great interest the **EDL project** and the creation of its national branches (Gallica 2...). In the future, it intends to work on how libraries can provide information on **access to copyright protected books** through the EDL model.

It also kept regularly updated about relevant projects such as **ARROW** (Accessible Registry of Rights and Orphan Works in Europe) and **PEER** (Publishing and Ecology of European Research).

- **Discuss clarifications, definitions, agreements on issues of mutual interest to national libraries and publishers:**

The Committee started to exchange about practices and legal implications of **web-harvesting** and decided to further study how its statement on deposit schemes for electronic publications could fit with this process and accordingly to make an **addition to its statement**.

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