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IFLA pre-conference Satellite Meeting “Open Access to Science Information: Trends, Models and Strategies for Libraries”

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Statement on Open access for open society

If we agree that open access is a scholarly communication movement that developed by scholars to increase the impact of future scientific research and create a cost-effective publication system, then copyright for creativity is the main prerequisite and result of open access.

Open access movement supports not only students and researchers' work but mainly supports citizens', industries', professionals' development. So, if societies decide to be creative, innovative, competitive in research and development, in education and economy, they have to review the copyright rules in the library and information area, balancing for public interest, for the public good.

Public Domain Manifesto Movement argues that copyright protection must be gradually replaced by the protection against plagiarism. This is a cultural change and takes a long, but it's essential to succeed. Exceptions and limitations to copyright, fair use and fair dealing need to be actively maintained to ensure the effectiveness of the fundamental balance of copyright and the public interest.

The most important roles/ skills that erase for librarians /Information scientists are:

- ✓ Information literacy- Teacher librarian- primer role,
- ✓ Knowledge Management- Subject librarian- stronger than before,
- ✓ Marketing librarian, new important role, equal to system librarian.

Main basis of three: Focus on target groups, emphasis to the identity of users.

According to Alexandria Manifesto on Libraries, the Information Society in Action: "... The unique role of libraries and information services is that they respond to the particular questions and needs of individuals... [Libraries] build capacity by promoting information literacy and providing support and training for effective use of information resources, including Information and Communication Technologies. This is especially critical in promoting the development agenda because human resources are central to economic progress. In these ways libraries contribute significantly to addressing the digital divide and the information inequality that results from it."

There is a necessity for rethinking / reviewing the following:

- ✓ Does Open access gradually influence the official /formal educational system as a whole? Does Open access “threaten” it?
- ✓ Does the knowledge dissemination changes the learning procedures?
- ✓ How much more central the libraries' role is?

- ✓ How could the stakeholders, namely authors, publishers, libraries balance between them?
- ✓ Who are our readers/ users? Do we actually know?
- ✓ Does the economic, social, cultural development plays a role on creativity?

Consequent to this context, the pre- conference asks IFLA to:

1. Include these rationales to its policy/strategy, as factors that influence the nowadays and future librarianship,
2. Include the whole copyright rules from all over the world to its Web site, for informational and comparative reasons, and
3. Influence the stakeholders and decision makers against strict copyright rules, favour of public domain manifesto.

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On behalf of the IFLA pre-conference, Chania, Greece at 6-8 August 2010.

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