

# **National Seminar Advocacy for Fair Copyright Laws in Moldova**

## **Copyright and Libraries**

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# About eIFL.net

## Electronic Information for Libraries (eIFL.net)

- Negotiating affordable subscriptions from commercial publishers and the best terms and conditions of use
- Supporting national library consortia
- Knowledge sharing network
- Open access and institutional repositories for local content (OA)
- Free and open source software for libraries (FOSS)
- Copyright for libraries (IP)

Members in 48 developing and transition countries

**Consortium eIFL Direct Moldova**

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## **“Advocacy for Access to Knowledge: copyright and libraries” (known as eIFL-IP)**

### **Goal**

To protect and promote the interests of libraries in copyright issues

### **Vision**

Librarians become a strong voice for fair and balanced copyright laws and leaders in promoting access to knowledge

# eIFL-IP Tools and Resources



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Справочник  
для библиотек  
по авторскому праву  
и смежным вопросам

## eIFL Handbook on Copyright and Related Issues

Available in Moldovan/Romanian,  
Russian and French



**International Federation of Library Associations  
and Institutions**



STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES  
ON  
COPYRIGHT EXCEPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS  
FOR LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

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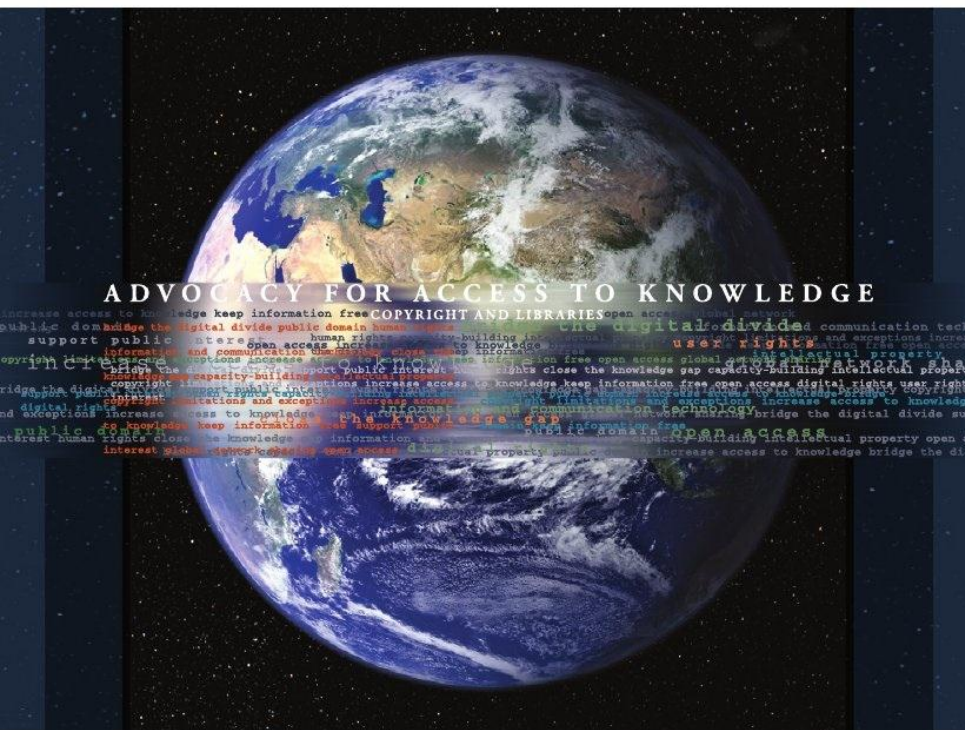
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## DRAFT LAW ON COPYRIGHT

Including Model Exceptions and  
Limitations for Libraries and Consumers

Based on WIPO Draft Law on Copyright and Related Rights (version 2005)



[Recommendations by eIFL.net](#)

Work in Progress v.16

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Country:

### WHAT'S HAPPENING:

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September 25, 2009 - 12:13am

Just added: Iraq's current copyright law

#### From Botswana to Bangladesh - Copyright Across The World

September 20, 2009 - 6:29pm

Welcome to the beta test of Copyright Watch, our growing repository of links and resources connected to the changes in copyright law across the world.



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online resource of national  
copyright laws**  
Founding partners  
eIFL and EFF

## Observer status at WIPO

### WIPO copyright committee (SCCR)

- Libraries support agenda item on Exceptions and Limitations, support treaty proposal for reading disabled people
- eIFL librarians attend from Moldova, Ukraine, Uganda, Nigeria and Senegal

### Committee on Development and IP (CDIP)

- Libraries support the Development Agenda for WIPO
- following implementation of 45 Recommendations

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**eIFL and IFLA meet the new WIPO Director General** in June 2009

# Why is copyright important for libraries?

- Copyright law governs ownership, control and distribution of knowledge;
- role of libraries is to provide access to knowledge;
- copyright law affects availability, price and use of textbooks, journals, software, etc.

**Balance between protection for rightsholders and access to copyrighted content**



## Copyright exceptions and limitations (E&L)

- E&L or “users’ rights” are the cornerstone of access to copyrighted content for libraries and other users;
- without E&L, copyright owners would have a complete monopoly over use of copyrighted materials;
- all uses apart from viewing or reading would require permission;
- exceptions and limitations are the mechanism which enables copyright to work for libraries and their users.

## Why exceptions and limitations (E&L) are important for libraries and development

- E&L maximise access to learning content in developing and transition countries to help train teachers, doctors and engineers;
- librarians cherish the public policy goals enshrined in E&L;
- international treaties contain flexibilities, but they are not always used (study by Consumers International, 2006), WIPO study on library exceptions and limitations (Crews).

### Copyright is a professional issue for librarians and organisations representing libraries

- **Day-to-day library work** providing and managing access to information and knowledge.
- **At policy level**, professional librarians have a role to protect library interests when copyright laws are being amended, and to advocate for better copyright laws when they do not meet library needs.

# What libraries need in a copyright law

- Copyright law that contains good provisions for preservation, educational activities, inter-library document supply, translations, private copying;
- applies fully in the digital environment (technology neutral).

*"As mechanisms of access, limitations and exceptions contribute to the dissemination of knowledge, which in turn is essential for a variety of human activities and values, including liberty, the exercise of political power, and economic, social and personal advancement. Appropriately designed limitations and exceptions may alleviate the needs of people around the world who still lack access to books and other educational materials, and also open up rapid advances in information and communication technologies that are fundamentally transforming the processes of production, dissemination and storage of information".*

Conceiving an International Instrument on Limitations and Exceptions to Copyright, P. Bernt Hugenholtz and Ruth L. Okediji, 2008

**Thank you for the opportunity  
to have a dialogue.**

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