Digital Scholarly Publishing and Archiving Services by Academic Libraries
The case study of University of Patras

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Library’s identity crisis?

❖ Crossroads
  – Economic crisis and pressure.
  – Social challenges and responsibilities.
❖ New media, new services and new contexts forward library transformation.
❖ Libraries traditionally managed journals, but can they publish them?
Library in the mirror of e-publishing

- Examples:
  - DPubS, Cornell University Library.
  - Scholarly Publishing Office, University of Michigan Library.
  - Open Humanities Press.
- Solid endeavors with varied business plans.
- Instances are different in continent and country.
This presentation...

- ...focuses on case study of e-publishing by an academic library.
- A lightweight program of e-publishing and e-journals archiving
  - to forward the creation of Greek scholarly resources,
  - to disseminate scholarly research,
  - to increase OA awareness in Greek environment.
# Profile

- Library and Information Center, University of Patras.
  - Berlin Declaration Signatory.
  - SCOAP3 Initiative Supporter.
  - BIOMED Central Supporter.

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Context, a wide – national – perspective

- ‘Weak’ activity
- Numbers:
  - ~300 scientific journals / 100 online / 80 OA
  - ~160 peer reviewed / 86 online / 70 OA
- Mainly by societies and academia.
- Rare cases of commercial publishers.
Context, a wider – still national – perspective

✦ Channels:
  – Websites (custom/proprietary)
  – Institutional repositories

✦ These provide limited services:
  – Static websites.
  – Incompliant with OA standards and technologies.
  – Limited range of services for the users.
  – Undefined or invisible business models.
  – Unspecified preservation policies and practices.
Context, a narrow perspective

✦ University of Patras:
  – Absence of Digitization Center.
  – Absence of University Publishing House.

✦ LIC’s Infrastructure and Expertise gained through EU Funded R & D project “Telephaessa”.

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Context, a deeper perspective

- The scope of LIC’s e-publishing program is to support institutional scholars to publish their journals and to preserve their content.
- LIC called interested parties to engage in discussions.
- No strings attached (almost):
  - Open Access.
  - Editorial work and peer review.
Activities

✦ “Pasithee”
✦ E-publishing platform.
  – Three journals:
    • Society and Theory
    • Electra
    • Patras Working Papers in Linguistics
  – Published by University Research Units and Teams.
  – Link: xantho.lis.upatras.gr/pasithee/
...more activities

* “Dexamene”

* Digital archive for Greek scholarly journals
  - Two journals:
    - Axiologika (1990-2002)
  - Link: xantho.lis.upatras.gr/dexameni/
Platform based on...

- Open Journal Systems, OJS
  - Well known journal management system.
  - A wide range of services.
  - Translated and configured by LIC.
  - Used in all OA platforms with periodicals.

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Business plan

- LIC provides expertise and infrastructures to interested parties.
  - To do’s: Digitize, provide and guarantee access, provide infrastructures, preserve, instruct.
  - Possible to do (if asked): Consult, marketing.
  - To not do’s: Review, copyedit, parallel print and distribute, manage subscriptions.
Business plan in detail

For “Pasithee”:
- Contacts and negotiates with the Editorial Board and analyzed their requirements.
- Sets up the system and the editorial processes.
- Instructs and supports the Editorial Boards.
- Administrates and maintains the platform.
- Preserves the content.

For “Dexameni”:
- Contacted and negotiated with the Editorial Board/Copyright holder.
- Set up the system and the indexing processes.
- Digitized the content (when needed).
- Inserted metadata and indexed resources.
- Administrates and maintains the platform.
- Preserves the content.
Reinventing the library?

✦ Already reinvented.
✦ Discovering new roles in different contexts.
✦ A learning process.
✦ In the UoPatras context:
  – Institutional interventions are needed.
  – Strengthen the role of the library.
  – Support a policy framework for cooperation.
  – Explore new/alternative business models.
  – Evaluate the effect of publications.
Reinvesting in our library

- We believe this example shows that R & D programs in libraries can capitalize.

- Challenges and problems.
  - Knowledge is reusable. Human resources though are not.
  - Technologies have limitations, but still remain reusable.
  - Services and models need adaptation, but again are reusable.

- A lightweight publishing program that can disseminate and preserve digital scholarly resources.
Thank you

✨ Questions?

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