

Support for Continuing Access Through National Licensing

The Role of JISC Collections

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- Recommendations from PeCAN for future action

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JISC Collections and E-journals

- NESLi2 – UK academic initiative for the negotiation and licensing of e-journals
- Safeguard the interests of UK universities and colleges through negotiation of best pricing and licensing that meets current and future needs
- Agreements with 20 major publishers – Elsevier, Wiley, Springer etc
- Covers thousands of the most used journals required by researchers across the UK
- NESLi2 model licence updated annually to take account of new user/institutional requirements
 - Preservation and post-cancellation access

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Why is it important?

- 50% of journals online only within 10 years?
- UK libraries expenditure on journals over £150 million per year
- Benefits of moving to e-only
 - Wider access
 - Higher use
 - Price discounts from publishers
 - Costs of managing print
- BUT uncertainties over the long term availability of e-journals act as a barrier to transition
- In an era of budgetary uncertainty, post-cancellation arrangements become every more important

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What are we doing now?

- Arrangements within the NESLi2 model licence
- Clause 8.4 – embodying the principal of post cancellation access
 - After termination of this Agreement [...] the Publisher will provide [...] the Licensee [...] with access to and use of the full text of the Licensed Material which was published and paid for within the Subscription Period,
 - either by
 - i) continuing online access on the Publisher's interface
 - ii) a central archiving facility operated on behalf of the UK HE/FE community or other archival facility
 - iii) supplying the Licensee with archival copies

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What are we doing now?

- 5.1.11 – moving the principle to practice

to archive the Material in the ***[insert names of services]*** archiving services with an indication of the date that archiving commences. The URL that provides details of trigger events that allow access to the archive is at ***[insert URL]***;

- Recognition of a variety of archiving services and trigger events

- Provides information to institutions about

- Location of journals in event of loss of access
- Location of information on trigger events that will enable access

- Doesn't necessarily ensure that the publisher will use these archiving services for post-cancellation access

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Helping institutions navigate a complicated environment

- A Comparative Study of e-Journal Archiving Solutions
 - Provided practical information and guidance to libraries on 6 e-journal archiving schemes
- Promote the availability of e-journal archiving solutions
 - LOCKSS UK Alliance
 - Portico
 - CLOCKSS
- BUT...
 - Only a minority of UK universities participate in these services
 - Not all publishers participate in these services
 - Post-cancellation access not central to the mission of most archiving services

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National arrangements to ensure post-cancellation access

- PeCAN - Pilot for Ensuring Continuity of Access via NESLI2
- Is there a need and a role for a central UK dark archive for post-cancellation access?
- Examine the issue -
 - Do current post-cancellation arrangements work?
 - Investigate registry of entitlements – historical subscription arrangements
 - Investigate central archive
 - Gauge publisher and institutional attitudes to inclusion of such measures in NESLI2

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Are the current arrangements working?

- Comparison of subscription data for 2008-2009 between 7 publishers and 7 institutions
- Broad agreement on which content qualifies for post termination access
- In some cases publishers indicated one or two extra titles that were covered by the post termination access rights. These were mainly new titles that the libraries may have missed
- Fluctuation of inclusion and exclusion of society titles from Big Deals
- Institutional mergers and establishment of post-termination rights
- Small sample – scaled up to all institutions and NESLi2 publishers, the data handling issues will be much greater

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PeCAN – attitudes of publishers and librarians

- Librarians seemed more interested in the potential value of a registry than the archive itself – especially given budgetary concerns!
- Librarians/academics are more concerned with just in time access, rather than just in case
- Some publishers seemed to suggest that this whole area isn't a major problem and that existing mechanisms are already in place
- Titles moving between publishers and recording entitlement to unsubscribed titles appear to be the biggest problems faced by libraries and potentially for the registry
- Publisher attitudes to NESLi2 model as basis of central archive
- Should the archive be wholly held at a single location or making use of existing archive services

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Recommendations from PeCAN for national licensing

- Further examination of the Registry of Entitlement –
 - Clearest demand from the project to meet a current need
- Explore licensing agreements that offer all UK HEIs access to journal agreements
 - Would the SHEDL model put in place the conditions that would support the establishment of a central archive
- Continue to review third party archiving services and licensing relationships with them
- Clarity in licences
 - Status of archival rights to ALL titles
 - Ensure ALL publishers have a stated policy on post-cancellation access
 - Ensure post-cancellation access to 'subscribed' AND 'unsubscribed content

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Conclusions

- Keep monitoring the situation – it's OK now, but...
- What if there are widespread cuts in institutional subscriptions?
- What if there are changes in publisher policy to post-cancellation access?
- What if levels of participation in third party archiving services continue to remain uneven?
- Is it acceptable for UK universities NOT to have control of their licensed content?
- A licence is a 'just in case' document – what price are we willing and able to put on ensuring just in case access?

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