Support for Continuing Access Through National Licensing

The Role of JISC Collections

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- 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
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
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
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
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"
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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