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UKB



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35 years of collaboration in the past -
a future 'in the cloud' ?

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Consortium of 13 university libraries and
the National library of the Netherlands
Since 1976



Collaboration

UKB is originally set up :

- to identify as a group and act when necessary
- “to operate as an orchestra not as an army”

Main activity in the first years is ‘Shared cataloguing’ with Pica (Project integrated cataloguing)



1995 Shockwave

- A national report was published : libraries would develop into the ‘book museums’ of the 21st century
- Action plan called “ the library ‘breaking new ground’ “.
- This would lead to the idea of a ‘national virtual library’
- Start of SURF tender programs for developing parts of the virtual library

1999 New world of Licensing

- Dutch initiative (in collaboration with Germany) for 'The licensing Principles'
- Based on this initiative ICOLC (*International Coalition of Library Consortia*) started in 1997/8
- Start of a 'licensing bureau' in NL without any governmental role or support

From Licensing bureau to Professional Service

- The new 'big deals' required negotiation strength - a group of librarians/directors forms a licensing bureau, 1 fte administrative support
- Model for cost division between the participants
- In 2006 outsourcing to a professional support/negotiation service for content management under the national SURF umbrella
- A licensing working group (directors +licensing managers) now acts as partner on behalf of UKB

UKB 2007-2010 Strategic plan

- Intensify cooperation and join forces to reinforce the infrastructure for scientific information
 - interoperability is the key to an efficient information infrastructure
 - the resources needed to implement such an infrastructure can no longer be generated by individual institutions.
- In the present information-rich environment, researchers' and students' productivity is increasingly determined by their ability to manage the information overload.
 - an integrated, shared infrastructure will allow libraries to deliver tailor-made local information services which enable the universities to excel in research, education and patient care.
- The UKB libraries take inspiration from the speed and ease of access introduced by internet search engines, and add their own traditional qualities: locally tailored services, validated content, information skills and integration into research and education.



Strategic plan 2007-2010

- **Improve delivery of content**

- acquire content which is not available or easily accessible on the open internet > university collections/ Cultural heritage programs
- develop a publication infrastructure for the scientific output of the institutions > repositories
- promote publication with open access
- deal with imminent collection budget deficits

- **Enhance the infrastructure for discovery and delivery**

- develop an efficient, integrated infrastructure for discovery and access, including both open and restricted information resources

- **Support e-research and e-learning**

- develop facilities for e-learning and e-science: storage, publication and valorisation of research output, data management



Delivery of content

- Acquire new funding sources for access to new content
- Explore possibilities national licenses
- Pilots in open access environment, with Springer and Elsevier
- Cooperation in digitisation projects/cultural heritage
- Get VAT on the political agenda

Infrastructure for discovery and delivery

- Project Plan digital library and infrastructure:
 - Interoperability, standardization, free exchange of (meta)data
- Future of a national collaborative infrastructure
 - National catalogue and collaboration with OCLC
- Develop common user interface
- Implement generic systems for the administrative/business processes in the digital library:
 - Electronic Resource Management
 - Identity Management
 - Repositories

Support e-research and e-learning

Develop services and integrate these seamlessly in local research and education environments

- National Repository for educational resources (LOREnet)
- Develop repositories to allow new content categories
 - Educational resources
 - Multimedia objects
 - Datasets
- SURFShare project 2008-2011: digital workbench for researchers, enriched publications, support for collaboratories, data preservation
- Develop library's role in knowledge valorisation/transfer
- Participate and collaborate in EU projects

Organization/Management

- Improve communication/knowledge sharing between organizations/ working groups
- Reposition Benchmarking
- Personnel development; talent scouting and training
- Strengthen national collaboration with other groups of libraries
- International orientation

Thank you!

