

# EIFL Licensing Programme Updates

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# Covid-19 response

- Reached out to partner publishers asking to provide access to e-resources via username and password
- Informed members about remote access solutions
- Wrote proposal to a donor for funding to assist libraries to assist with remote access solutions to licenced e-resources, but was not successful
- Renewed agreement for RemoteXs and MyLOFT solutions
- This remains a priority and we are exploring other possibilities f.ex. eduGAIN
- Shared information about content made freely available by publishers during the pandemic, both Covid-19 related and general content
- Negotiating with publishers for no price increase to e-resources for 2021

# Negotiated free or discounted access to otherwise paywalled content

New agreements signed since Aug 2019:



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New agreements in discussion:



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Renewal agreements signed since Aug 2019:

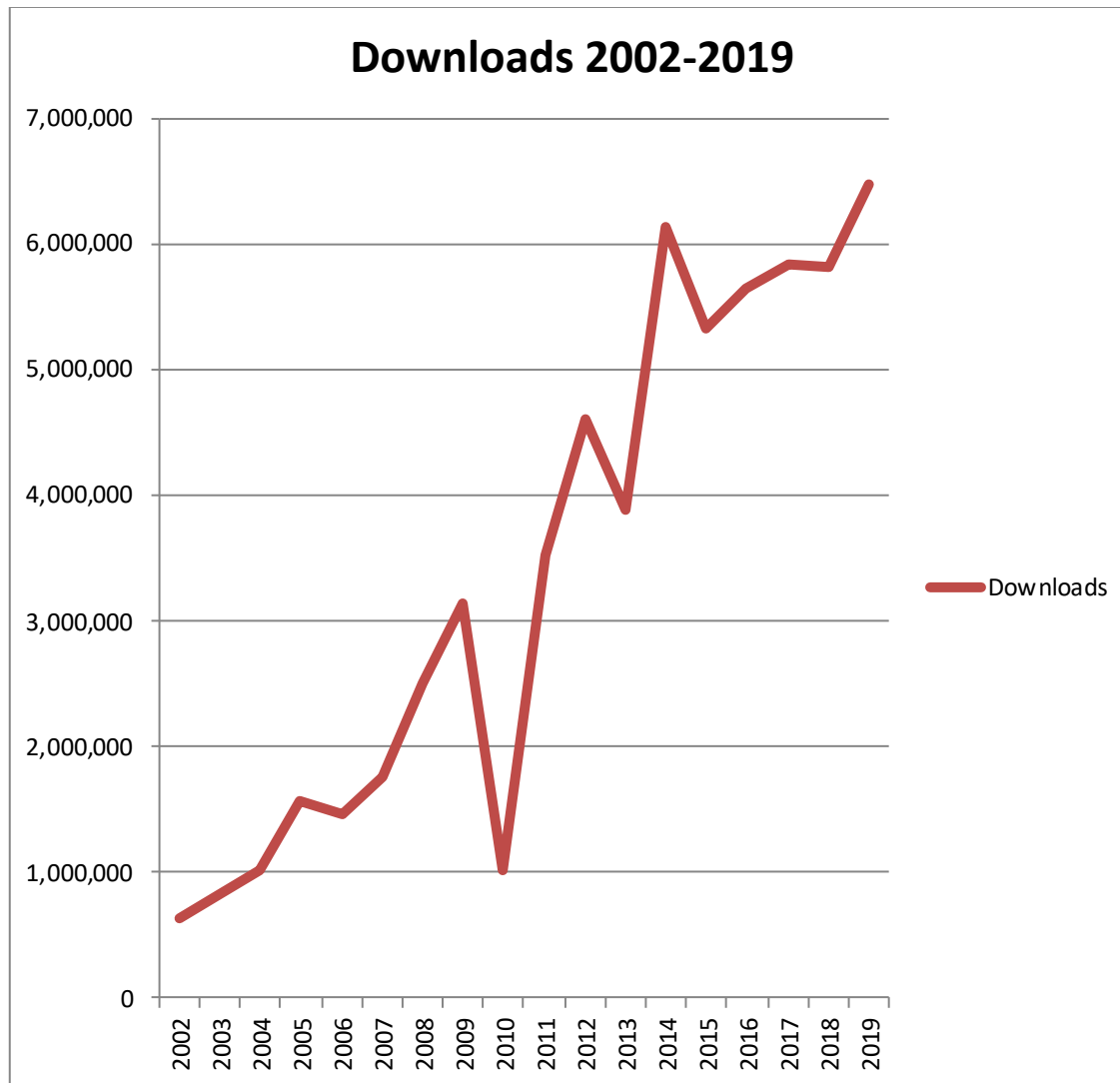


Agreements expiring by Dec 2020:



# 2019 usage and savings statistics of licensed e-resources

- 6.4 million full text articles downloaded
- Saved approx. \$504M in subscription fees
- 98% average discount on list price
- Statistics on intranet and emailed to coordinators



Note: the number of publishers and countries varies from year to year

Global move to accelerate the transition to open access via transformative agreements

Collaboration with OA2020, Plan S & ICOLC

- Awareness raising and capacity building of our coordinators to negotiate their own transformative agreements, such as 'publish and read' agreements
- Negotiating open access publishing terms on behalf of authors in EFL countries

# Build capacity of EIFL Licensing Coordinators

- Educational webinars: [Monitoring the cost of publishing in open access](#) (Stockholm University); [Subscription cancellations and alternative access options](#) (OA2020 & Bibsam); [Pursuing open an Iowa State University](#)
- EIFL recommendations to countries when negotiating direct agreements with journal publishers, including publish & read / transformative agreements



# Negotiating free/discounted APCs for authors or read & publish offers

Barriers to authors in EIFL countries publishing in open access

- The cost of Article Processing Charges (APCs)
- Changes in eligibility of APC waivers or discounts
- APC waivers and discounts not being available for hybrid journals, where choosing subscription option is easier
- Not being aware of APC waivers or discounts being available (no automatic recognition)

# Aims for open access agreements with publishers

- APC discounts & waivers fixed in a contract term
- Including as many countries as possible – even those that would be excluded from sales deals because of local agents
- Open to all institutions, not just those with active subscriptions
- Include fully open access journals and hybrid journals during the period of transition
- Automatic recognition of authors – no need for a discount code
- View full list of [EIFL Principles for negotiating open access agreements with publishers](#)

# APC waivers & discounts for 1,100+ journals

Agreements in place :



CAMBRIDGE  
UNIVERSITY PRE



EDWARD ELGAR  
Publishing  
[www.e-elgar.com](http://www.e-elgar.com)



Taylor & Francis  
Taylor & Francis Group



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Publishers in discussions:



**Communications,  
Communications,  
Communications**

**EIFL coordinators  
and their local  
consortia**

**APC pages on  
EIFL website**

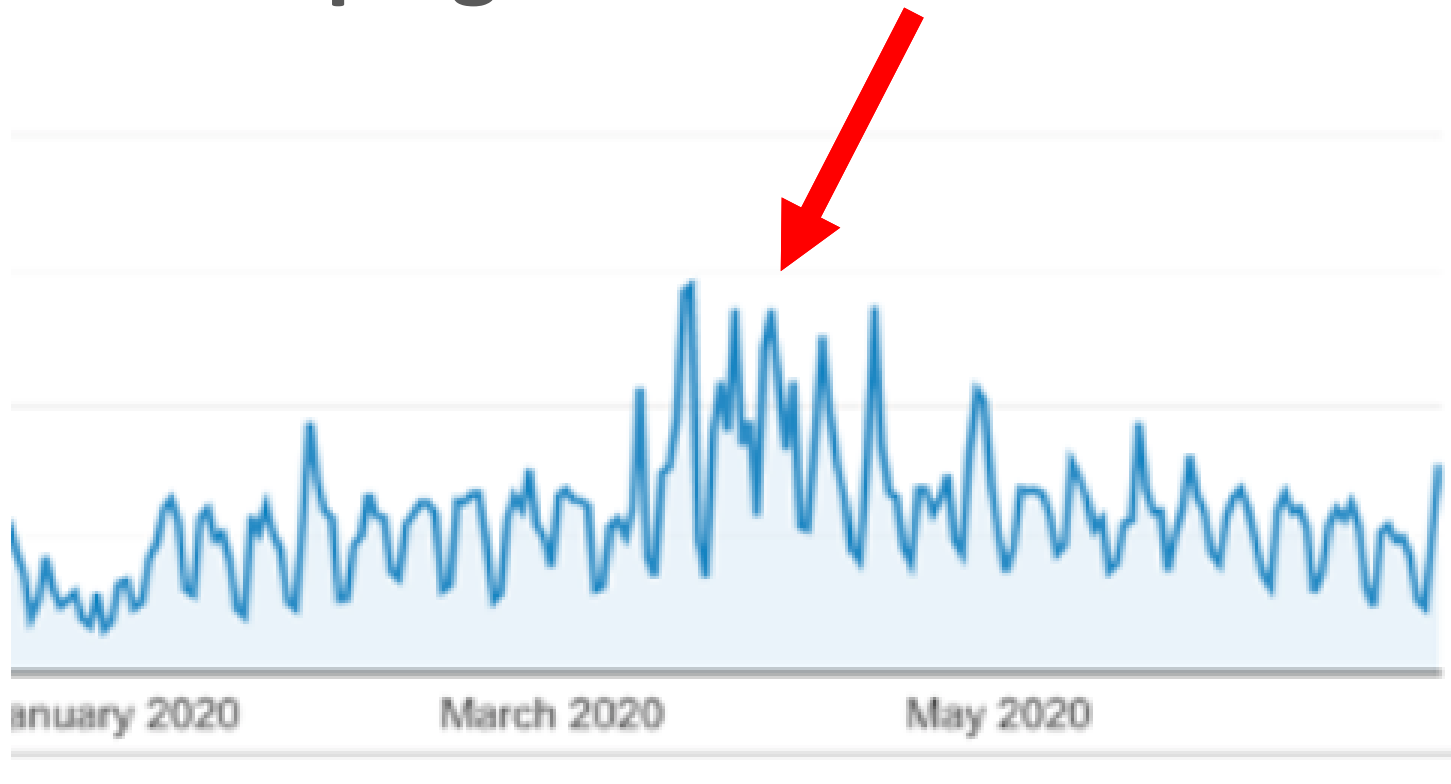
**Country-specific title lists**

**Email campaign  
to researchers  
with title lists**

**Social media**

**Training webinars**

# RESULT: Increase in EIFL website traffic after campaigns



# Top countries: downloads of country-specific Excel title lists

| Country   | Number of downloads |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Ethiopia  | 822                 |
| Kenya     | 476                 |
| Ukraine   | 385                 |
| Ghana     | 350                 |
| Serbia    | 347                 |
| Thailand  | 222                 |
| Zambia    | 186                 |
| Tanzania  | 159                 |
| Zimbabwe  | 130                 |
| Uganda    | 111                 |
| Lithuania | 102                 |

Total: 4,400+  
downloads



# EIFL flyer with clickable links

Helping users find full-text articles for free

<https://eifl.net/resources/eifl-poster-how-can-i-get-access-article-i-need>

## HOW CAN I GET ACCESS TO THE ARTICLE I NEED?



Links to useful tools that can help researchers find full-text articles for free

### SEARCH FOR OPEN ACCESS COPIES

Visit these sites and search for the article you're looking for:



- *Google Scholar*
- *Open Access Button*
- *BASE*
- *CORE*
- *OpenAIRE Explore*

### INSTALL BROWSER EXTENSIONS

There are browser extensions or plug-ins for Chrome, Firefox, and Safari which can help you find open access copies of articles:



- *Unpaywall*
- *Open Access Button*
- *Google Scholar Button*
- *CORE Discovery*
- *Kopernio*

### USE YOUR NETWORK

Request articles directly from authors:



- *ResearchGate*
- *Academia.edu*

### GET IT FROM THE LIBRARY



- *Search your library's*

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