



Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM)

Country Report Croatia

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Copyright

Revision of copyright law

New legislation

In October 2003 the new Copyright Law harmonized with the EU Directives was passed in Croatia. The Croatian Library Association is assisting its implementation in libraries in various ways. Codes of ethics have been set up at Croatian universities. Committee on Ethics in Science and University Education nominated by the Croatian Parliament is considering several cases of plagiarism.

Orphan works

There is not an organized action to make up a list of orphan works.

Public lending rights

The right to remuneration for public lending is foreseen by Copyright and Related Rights Act (O.G. 167/2003), Art. 33. The National Strategy plans its implementation in 2007. The State Intellectual Property Office cooperates in this respect with the Ministry of Culture and the National and University Library.

Legal deposit

According to the Library Act (1997) publishers are obliged to deliver nine legal deposit copies to the Croatian National and University Library. The law covers legal deposit of publications in physical form and online publications.

Levies

Levies are paid to authors of music works and playwrights as well as to performers. Writers are not remunerated at the moment as there is no collective society of that kind in the country. Blank tape remuneration is about to be introduced.

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Legal matters

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Members of the Copyright Working Group participated in the drawing up a draft of the new Library Act (2007) which includes stipulations on legal deposit.

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Trade agreements

Privacy

Privacy is protected by the Personal Data Protection Act (2003).

Anti terrorist law

DRM

DRM is covered by the Copyright and Related Rights Act (2003) which is harmonized with the EU directives.

Law cases

Some cases of plagiarism were reported.

Lobby activities

Educational activities

Librarians perform education on copyright and legal matters on 3 levels:

1. Since 2002 copyright has been a module of the continuing education program within the Centre for the Continuing Professional Education for Librarians. The issue of privacy protection has been lectured in a module Intellectual freedom and legal and ethical aspects of library profession. Lectures were delivered in several towns of Croatia.
2. Lectures on copyright, legal matters and ethical issues of librarianship are also delivered within the graduate program for librarians at the Department of Library and Information Science (e.g. Library Legislation and Standards, Digital Library, Publishing and Book trade) at Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb.
3. Lectures on copyright and legal matters are a constituent part of the postgraduate and doctoral studies program *The book – from the author to the reader* at the same university.

Strategic plans for future

The Department of Library and Information Science, University of Zagreb and the Croatian Library Association plan to organize The 7th International Round Table on Free Access to Information "Intellectual Property and Libraries" on December 10, 2007. This international meeting should draw the attention of the public to the role of libraries in achieving the balance between the authors' rights and users' needs to access and use library materials.

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