



Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM)

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Copyright

Revision of copyright law

New legislation

The draft Copyright Law introduced to the Knesset (Parliament) over a year ago is still under discussion in Committee. It attempts to address many current issues, especially digital copyright, adopting much of the WCT. It does not address orphan works, PLR, legal deposit, levies or Creative Commons. At the same time, it also does not legislate in regards to DRM, and in this respect, it appears that Israel will not ratify the WCT.

Legal matters

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A draft law is now under discussion in the Knesset that would require that ISP's filter pornographic content (whatever that might be), unless a user requests specifically not to have such content filtered. Such a request would require identification of the user and proof that he/she is over the age of 18. Much concern has been expressed regarding privacy issues for those who would give such information in order to enjoy unfettered use of the Internet.

Miscellaneous

This past April, Dr. Susan Lazinger (past chair of the Section on Education and Training) and I met in Jerusalem with Stuart Hamilton and Frode Bakken, who were on a fact-finding mission in this region on behalf of FAIFE. The meeting was productive and we hope of benefit to IFLA.

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