Cyprus

Responding institution:
University of Cyprus Library

This is Cyprus' third response to the World Report. There are 150 public library service points, 20 more than in 2005. There are also 10 university research libraries, 138 school libraries and 30 government-funded research libraries. The university and government-funded research libraries provide 81-100% access to the Internet, while provision for public libraries and school libraries is less than 20% and 41-60% respectively.

There is very little local content on the Internet, and an average amount of content is available in local languages. Internet access to library computers is free of charge in all libraries. The literacy rate is 80%, according to the respondent, which is much lower than the figure of 97.6% given in the 2007 *CIA World Factbook*.

The library association is against the filtering of information on Internet terminals, and software for this purpose is not widespread in the country's libraries. The respondent is not aware of any library in Cyprus that uses such software.

Although no anti-terror legislation has been passed since 2005, the respondent believes that such legislation, if passed, will impact on user privacy. The respondent also indicates that if user records are only used for internal purposes, then their storage would not affect users' freedom of expression. There have been no violations of intellectual freedom in Cyprus.

Libraries are not involved in HIV/Aids awareness programmes. There are also no special library programmes for promoting women's literacy, as it is felt there is no reason to do so.

Neither a code of ethics nor the other IFLA initiatives have been adopted because there is no active library association as yet. This is rather unfortunate, since the 2005 report anticipated their adoption by 2007.

User privacy and anti-terror legislation

No legislation has been passed that would affect user privacy, but it is felt that the keeping of user records would not affect users' freedom of expression if libraries used them solely for domestic purposes.

Reported incidents/violations of intellectual freedom in the past two years

There have been no reports of violations of intellectual freedom in the past two years.

HIV/Aids awareness

Judging from earlier reports, libraries in Cyprus do not appear to have been involved in HIV/Aids awareness programmes.

Women and freedom of access to information

The respondent has reported that there is no reason to provide special literacy or information programmes for women in Cyprus.

IFLA Internet Manifesto

The Manifesto has not been adopted as there is no

active library association, although there were hopes that this would have been achieved by now.

IFLA Glasgow Declaration on Libraries, Information Services and Intellectual Freedom

This Declaration has not yet been adopted.

Ethics

No code of ethics has been adopted yet because there is no active library association.

Main indicators

Country name:	Cyprus
Population:	788 457 (July 2007 est.)
Main language:	Greek, Turkish, English
Literacy:	97.6%
Literacy reported by respondent:	80%

Population figures, language and literacy are from the
CIA World Factbook, 2007 edition
(https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html).

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Libraries and Internet access

Cyprus contributed to the World Report series in 2005 and 2003. The following section compares data and answers from 2007 with the 2005 IFLA/FAIFE World Report and adds context from the respondent's estimates, where possible.

Library services

Estimated number of public libraries*:	150 (2005: 130)
Estimated number of school libraries:	138
Estimated number of university libraries:	10
Estimated number of government-funded research libraries:	30
Source of these numbers:	Ministry of Education and Culture

Internet access

Population online**:	326 000 Internet users as of March 2007 (33.6%) (2005: 29.9%)
Percentage of public libraries offering Internet access to users:	Less than 20% (2005: Less than 20%)
Percentage of school libraries offering Internet access to users:	41-60%
Percentage of university libraries offering Internet access to users:	81-100%
Percentage of government-funded research libraries offering Internet access to users:	81-100%
In your estimate, how much local content*** is available on the Internet:	Very little
To what degree is content on the Internet available in local languages:	Average
Is the library association in favour of filtering information on library Internet terminals:	No (2005: No)
Is the use of filtering software widespread in your country's libraries:	No (2005: No)
Is it free of charge for library users to access the Internet on library computers:	Yes, in all libraries (2005: Yes, in research libraries only)
Has the state or other library authorities made any extra funding available for Internet access in the library system of your country in the last two years:	No (2005: No)

* Public library service points, including branch libraries.
** Online population numbers are from Internet World Stats (www.Internetworldstats.com).
*** Local content is defined as content that originates in the country.