NATIONAL LICENSES AND THE CONSORTIUM OF SWISS ACADEMIC LIBRARIES (CSAL)
Consortium of Swiss Academic Libraries (CSAL)
Project National Licences
The future of the Consortium and the SLSP project
Consortium of Swiss Academic Libraries
1999

Project study

2000-2005

• Project funding through Swiss University Conference (SUK)
• CHF 14 mio for products (current content)

since 2006

Self-financed
Organisation

- Headoffice situated at ETH-Library (since 2000)

- KUB / CBU
  Conference of Swiss Academic Libraries

- Extended board of the steering committee

- Steering committee - President
  Dr. Wilfried Lochbühler
  (Director Main Library University of Zurich)

- Project Manager
  Dr. Rafael Ball
  (Director ETH Library)

- Central office
  Pascalia Boutsiouci
  (Head central office)
2015: 56 libraries

- 10 Cantonal Universities
- 3 Polytechnical institutions: ETHZ/EPFL Lib4RI
- 28 Institutions of non profit organizations
- TheSwiss National Library
- 7 Universities of Applied Sciences
- 7 Teacher Training Colleges
Some facts and figures

Headoffice: 4 + 1 FTE
7 employees

ca. 180 products

75 agreements with
55 publishers

2014 expenditure = CHF 28.3 mio

- CHF 20.7 mio = E-Journals
- CHF 6.63 mio = Databases
- CHF 1 mio = E-Books

Expenditure 2014 by product type

- E-Journals 73%
- Databases 23%
- E-Books 4%
Project National Licences
Current topic: national licences

2015-2016

Support via SUK P-2

CHF 7.6 mio for product licences / purchases

CHF 2.57 mio for longterm preservation/project management

Backfile-Archive

Target group is the scientific community

Linkage to Current Content (OA, Moving Wall, TDM)

Filling gaps
Longterm access
Time frame

Project start
- personnel resources
- organization of tasks
- product selection
- statement of requirements
- request for offers

Spring 2015

Autumn 2015
- Negotiations
  - Evaluation of offers
  - negotiations
  - Portico / LOCKSS
  - metadata

2015-2016
- Agreements
  - agreements with publishers / long-term preservation
  - improved cooperations
  - statistics
  - future organizational structure of the Consortium
Advantages of National Licences

Primary partners

- Access to fringe titles
- Additional content

Secondary partners

- Access to complete backfiles
- Not possible without National Licences
Five subprojects

- Selection and negotiation
- Metadata management
- Usage statistics
- Long-term accessibility
- Public relations
Workflow «product purchase»

- Project team
- Working group NL
- Other advisors

**Proposal**
- Project directors
- Steering Committee
- CSAL

- Evaluation panel
- Evaluation proposal
- Release of funds
- SUK P-2 project directors
Evaluation and negotiation phase 1

- 23 offer requests
- 18 offers received
- Top 10 products remaining
- Negotiation team will start with 3 of top 10
Prices from CHF 100’000 to CHF 3 mio publishers show few to big motivation in fulfilling demands Offers from big publishers not attractive: expensive and incomplete E-Journals fit better than databases

Result: heterogeneous offers
The future of the Consortium and the project

*Swiss Library Service Platform*
Securing the future of the Consortium

- as part of the Project National Licences
- Evaluation report and decision of SUK P-2 in Dec. 2014 for the national licences project:
  - “For the sustainable anchoring of the envisaged solution the transferral of the Consortium of Swiss Academic Libraries into a durable structure shall be supported“
Status quo

- Consortium is running since 2000 as a project
- The Consortium is a „simple company“ according to Swiss law
- Administrative handling via ETH Library and ETH Zurich
- Commitment of partner libraries since end of 2016
Short-term objectives

**Legal form**
- Association
- Foundation
- Integration in SLSP

**Cooperation with ETHZ**
- Service agreement
- Administrative handling till the end of 2016

**VAT exemption**
- Ordinance on Value Added Tax (MWSTV)
- Art. 13: Educational and research cooperation
- Application in 10/2015 (ESTV)
SLSP: new dimension

- Consortium as a sub-organisation
- Integrating different services
## Consortium and SLSP

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| - Schulungen, Weiterbildungen  
- Fernleihe / ILL  
- Erhebung von Betriebsdaten (inkl. Statistik)  
- Verbundadministration  
- Beratung für bibliotheksspezifische Themen  
- Rechnungsstelle, Inkasso | - Technischer Austausch auf internationaler Ebene  
- Gemeinsame Metadaten  
- Festlegen von gemeinsamen Standards  
- **Erbringen von allgemeinen Konsortialdienstleistungen**  
- Mehrsprachigkeit | - Pflege der gemeinsamen Daten-Cloud (extern gehostet)  
- Koordination des gemeinsamen Bibliothekssystems  
- Identity Management  
- Tools & Materialien für den Verbund  
- Schnittstelle für Umsysteme (offene Standards)  
- Datenmigration und Administration  
- Einheitliches Discovery-Tool |
| - Einkaufskonsortium  
- Gemeinsame Kurier-Dienste (Ausleihverbund)  
- Metadatenanreicherung  
- Schnittstelle zur Speicherbibliothek | - Verständigung und Festlegen von gemeinsamen Bibliotheks-Prozessen  
- Vertretung in technischen Gremien auf internationaler Ebene (bspw. GND)  
- Linked Data für inhaltliche Erschliessung | - Verwalten von Konsortial-lizenzen (technische Lösung)  
- Webservices (vordefinierte Services liefern auf Anfrage strukturierte Daten über offene Schnittstellen)  
- Individuelle Discovery-Tools |
| - Outsourcing von Bibliotheks-Dienstleistungen  
- Lokale Dienstleistungen für Bibliotheken (Outsourcing)  
- Strategische Koordination der bibliothekarischen Entwicklung  
- **Integration des Konsortiums**  
- Integration weiterer Partner | | - Cloud-Infrastrukturen  
- Integrierte Publishing-Plattform  
- Gemeinsame Mobile Plattform  
- Payment Services für Endkunden (mit zentralem Accounting) |
Connections to SLSP

- Consortium is a member of the Sounding Board of SLSP
- President of Steering Committee is a member of SLSP’s AP2: Organisation and Governance
- Further steps will be taken for evaluating the possibilities of integrating the Consortium into SLSP
Thank you for your attention!