The BA A2K team would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, 2010 was a year of achievements. We held numerous projects and issued several publications; many of which were dedicated to the dissemination of knowledge. And the BA A2K project team is proud to announce the completion of the Creative Commons License for Egypt; one of our most important projects. The launch of the CC license is expected to take place in February.

More news are coming very soon!

Launching “Global Innovation through Science and Technology” (GIST) Initiative

The BA hosted the launching of the “Global Innovation through Science and Technology” (GIST) Initiative on 14 and 15 December 2010. The event was attended by a number of eminent personalities, and representatives of the government, non-profit organizations, academia, and industry.
News Highlights

WIPO and The Development Agenda

5 November 2010
Lessig Calls For WIPO To Lead Overhaul Of Copyright System

12 November 2010
Global Copyright Reform: A View From The South In Response To Lessig

25 November 2010
Friction Arises Over WIPO Development Agenda Coordination

17 December 2010
US Ambassador: Over-Focus On Development “Will Kill” WIPO

Language Harmonization at Creative Commons

21 December 2010
We strive to make all of our tools human-readable, often bridging dissonant vocabularies and frameworks to ensure our tools are compatible and understandable the world over. Read more

Stallman supports Internet sharing license in Brazil

8 December 2010
Richard Stallman (aka RMS), founder of the famous free software GNU project, published a letter addressed to Brazil’s president-elect Dilma Rousseff, supporting the creation of an Internet sharing license. Read more

WIPO SCCR Meeting (21)

WIPO SCCR 21 Conferences, Meetings and Seminars

11 November 2010
A Tale Of A Visually Impaired Reader

19 November 2010
“Unprecedented opportunity for libraries and archives” - WIPO to work on library and archive copyright exceptions
**Latest BA Open Access Publications**

- **AFRABIA**
  From Arabo-Hebraic Divergence to Afro-Arab Convergence
  The very name of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina conjures up the image of a glorious past, of a shared heritage for all of humanity. For it was indeed at the Ancient Library of Alexandria that the greatest adventure of the human intellect was to unfold.

- **Bibliotheca Alexandrina International Biennale for Miniature Graphics**
  Graphic art, with its multi-techniques, is among the visual arts that are related to the interaction between word and image, because it has been associated from the start with the art of books and with the illustration of word and thoughts.

- **From Promises to Practice**
  The topic of BioVisionAlexandria 2008, ‘From Promises to Practice’, is designed to highlight a fundamental difficulty experienced by almost everyone who lives in the South, in the developing world.

**Other Open Access Resources**

The Digital Assets Repository (DAR) is a system developed at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, the Library of Alexandria, to create and maintain library's digital collections. DAR acts as a repository for all types of digital material, thus preserving and archiving the digital media as well as, providing public access to digitized collections through a web-based search.
Introduction To UNL

The Universal Networking Language (UNL) is an artificial interlingua attempting to replicate the functions of natural human languages in communication. The mission of the Universal Networking Language Program (UNLP), as initiated by the United Nations and devised by the Universal Networking Digital Language (UNDL) Foundation, is to enable all people to generate information and have access to cultural knowledge in their native languages.

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Heritage Preservation: The Documentation of the Ministry of Awqaf Drawings

This is an ongoing joint project between Alex Med and the Egyptian Ministry of Awqaf (Endowments). The main objective is to document and classify the information from a collection of about 450 drawings and plates from the Ministry of Awqaf. These drawings, which are of mosques, houses and hammams in Alexandria, were firstly scanned in the digital laboratories of the Information Technology Department of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

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