Academic Libraries Networking and Collaboration in South Africa

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Agenda

• Higher Education in South Africa
• University Libraries
  - Networking and Collaboration
  - CHELSA
  - SANLIC
  - SABINET
  - LIASA
  - Regional Academic Library Networks
  - Emerging Regional Research Data Management Networks
  - The Future
Higher Education in South Africa

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University Libraries

Traditional Universities

Comprehensive Universities

Universities of Technology

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Networking and Collaboration

- Resource Sharing
- Capacity Building
- Benchmarking

- Networking
- Sharing Best Practices

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Competition Among University Libraries

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CHELSA
(Committee of Higher Education Libraries of South Africa)

• Collaborative National Statistics Database
• National Electronic Theses & Dissertations Project
• Institutional Repositories
  • Metadata harvesting
• Information Literacy Training
SANLIC
(South African National Libraries Consortium)

- Assists member institutions and client libraries to acquire better value for money for digital collections than they could individually.
- Working on a non-profit, cost recovery basis, it primarily harnesses collective buying power to negotiate and secure electronic license agreements for digital content.

- Electronic information resources site licensing
- Evaluation and management of electronic information resources
- Marketing and promotion of electronic information resources
- Training
- Advice
- General assistance and support
- Communication, liaison and lobbying
SABINET
(South African Bibliographic Network)

- Union catalogue
- Platforms for managing ILL
- Regional Library Managers’ Conferences
- Annual Library Directors’ Retreat
LIASA

(Library & Information Association of SA
Professional Association
Interest Groups (e.g. Higher Education Library Interest Group - HELIG)

- Conferences and Workshops
- Teaching, Learning and Research Support in Universities
Regional Academic Library Networks

- CALICO (Cape Library Consortium)
- SEALS (South East Academic Libraries System)
- Gaelic (Gauteng Academic Libraries Consortium)
  - Library Management Systems Acquisition
  - Combined Remote Storage Facility
  - Library Delivery Van Service
Emerging Research Data Management Networks

Western Cape Research Data Intensive Management Facility

• Tier 2 Regional Data Node
  ❖ Libraries, Research Offices & IT Departments
The future of networking and Collaboration in SA Academic Libraries

National Site Licencing for Electronic Resources

• 45 most commonly used electronic databases
• 4 research impact assessment tools
• 10 Bibliographic Tools
  ❖ Compulsory contributions from all HE institutions
  ❖ Balance paid by government
  ❖ Administration and negotiation done by government
Future of Networking and Collaboration in SA Libraries

Research Data Intensive Facilities
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