Annex 5

Joint Activities for 2012-2013

Summary of FAO’s and IAMSLIC’s contribution

1. Promote the development and use of the Aquatic Commons. Participate as members of the Aquatic Commons Board and its Working Groups to further develop the system and build content. Explore funding opportunities and facilitate participation by developing country members.

- Armand Gribling – Aquatic Commons (AC) Board member (Collection Development WG);
- Armand Gribling – Input to 2012 & 2013 AC Annual reports (repository metrics);

2. Improve coverage of and access to fisheries and aquaculture publications from developing countries in the IAMSLIC Z39.50 distributed library system. Explore the development of regional resources sharing mechanisms in Asia. Participate as member of the IAMSLIC Resource Sharing Committee.

- Jose Garnica – Chair of the Resource Sharing Committee (2012-2014);
- 41st Annual Meeting of the ASFA Advisory Board (25-29 June, 2012, Oranmore, Galway, Ireland), presentation on the use of IAMSLIC Z39.50 Distributed library by Guillermina Cosulich;
- 42nd Annual Meeting of the ASFA Advisory Board (23-27 September 2013, Callao, Peru), presentation on the use of IAMSLIC Z39.50 Distributed library to IMARPE library staff by Andrea Cristiani;

3. Promote collaboration and networking between fisheries and aquatic science libraries by promoting membership in IAMSLIC and supporting IAMSLIC regional groups. Participate as member of the IAMSLIC Membership Committee.

- Armand Gribling – member of the Membership Committee (2012-2013);
- Maria Kalentsits – 2012 Conference Convener; IAMSLIC President 2012-2013;
- IAMSLIC membership sponsored by ASFA (more than 30 ASFA Partners in developing countries);

4. Improve access to fisheries and aquaculture publications and/or metadata from developing countries through increased coverage in the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) database.

- About 9000 records for publications from ASFA Partners in some 25 developing countries were included on the ASFA bibliographic database 2012-2013;
5. Improve linkages from ASFA to full text open access resources, e.g. FAO fisheries documents and records in Aquatic Commons.

- A new ASFA Trust Fund Project on selective retrospective digitization of grey literature from developing countries available in the library collection was approved by the ASFA Board in May 2013. Documents will be uploaded to AC and links included in ASFA bibliographic database (the project will commence in 2014);


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1 Annex 5 describes the proposed joint activities for the biennium 2012-2013. It is an updated Annex to the Memorandum of Understanding between IAMSLIC and FAO on Fisheries Information Systems and Services, signed by FAO on 31 January 2005 and by IAMSLIC on 7 February 2005, and it is subject to the same provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding.