

# Cyprus Libraries Consortium (CLC)

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# ...a little History

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- Collaboration strategies and actions in Cyprus initiated by the public libraries sector (in particular the University of Cyprus)
- participation of the Public Universities of Cyprus in the Hellenic Academic Libraries Link (HEAL-Link) Consortium.
  - The University of Cyprus (UCY) officially became a member of HEAL-Link in February of 2000
  - The Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) and the Open University of Cyprus (OUC) also became official members in 2009.
  - In parallel, the three public universities (UCY, CUT, OUC) created CALC with the purpose of subscribing to additional resources and services that could not be covered through the HEAL-Link membership.
- Greece was faced with economic uncertainty and consequently this created many challenges for HEAL-Link.

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- Cypriot Universities excluded from HEAL-Link contracts with the publishers in 2012
- Collaboration ended in December of 2012.
- CALC expanded in 2013 in order to include the private universities
- CLC Became legal entity end of 2018
- CLC board
  - President Professor from the University which holds the presidency is appointed by Cypriot Universities Rectors' Synod
  - Members Library Directors from each founder member
  - Permanent secretary

# How was the CLC created and developed?

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CLC comprises of seven (7) founder members, three Public Universities and four Private Universities. These are:

## Public Universities

- University of Cyprus
- Cyprus University of Technology
- Open University of Cyprus

## Private Universities

- University of Nicosia
- European University Cyprus
- Frederick University
- Neapolis University Pafos

# Formula

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- Each participant in a deal pay its share
- The participation in a deal its not mandatory
- The calculation of the shares depend of the following factors:
  - 20 % divided equal to all the participants in the deal
  - 20% for undergraduate students
  - 25% for postgraduate students
  - 35% for academics staff

# Objectives of CLC

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The collaboration among its members, by establishing a common policy, on electronic journal subscriptions, with the aim to promote rational growth of journal collections among partners, savings and access to a greater number of electronic sources in order to meet the educational and research needs of the users of the participating institutions.

The joint subscription to electronic resources and services, and managed remote access to electronic resources and information services, including electronic journals.

Developing and establishing standards for any kind of librarian work.

The responsibility for continuing training of its members' library staff.

The collaboration on providing and distributing available material to each participating library through Inter Library Loan services and other methods and practices, to ensure and facilitate the material availability among the partners.

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**The cooperation with similar institutions and organizations home and abroad in order to ensure the participation of CALC in local, European and International developments in library cooperation, research and development programmes and copyright management.**

To undertake any other action that promotes and develops Cypriot Academic Libraries through joint activities and initiatives.

The expansion of the number of Members with the opportunity of including other institutions of Cyprus, aimed at a comprehensive and effective collaborative action amongst the institutions.

**The creation of economies of scale for indicative topics such as IT infrastructure, contracts, systems support staff and user training. The studies and proposals and the monitoring of developments and the progress of implementation in relation to the development of libraries in Cyprus**

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The creation and function of a union catalog of bibliographic records and the development of common cataloguing policies.

The joint implementation of technical infrastructure, e.g. creation of electronic repositories, thematic portals, digitization and archive management etc.

The systematic monitoring and adoption of international practices and standards in matters relating to the operation of libraries e.g. such as quality issues, copyright issues, and the adoption and use of creative commons licenses or other similar licenses.

The continuous education of library staff and the sharing of expertise.

Providing seminars for library users to maximize the use of information resources.

Provision of consulting services on library related issues



# Actions

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CLC moved to direct contacts, negotiations and final agreements with more than 20 recognized scientific journals and electronic resources Publishers and Suppliers.

The main criteria for choosing these services were:

the ability to provide on-line access to electronic content

abstracts and full-text files of scientific journals in subject areas related to the research and educational needs and directions of CLC members.

Obtaining depth of coverage and perpetual access

Obtaining appropriate equipment and software for the development of the ILL service.

# Subscriptions

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## Achievements...

The main action of the CLC so far is limited only to subscriptions to Electronic Resources (electronic journals, databases, eBooks).

Acting as a single voice on behalf of its members, the Consortium aims to represent the interests of academic and research libraries at both regional and national level. It has built working relationships with several information service organizations and Publishers (of various subject categories), including:

**Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)**

**American Chemical Society (ACS)**

**American Institute of Physics (AIP)**

**American Physical Society (APS)**

**American Psychological Association (APA)**

**Cambridge University Press**

**ELSEVIER**

**EMERALD**

**IEEE**

# Subscriptions

- Kluwer Law Journals
- Oxford University Press
- PALGRAVE McMILLAN
- SAGE
- Springer Nature
- Taylor & Francis **cancelled**
- WILEY
- BIOMED CENTRAL
- CYS
- EBSCO
- ProQuest
- American Mathematical Society
- Thomson Reuters
- TLG
- Project Muse **new**



# Future Actions

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CLC's Legal Entity was recently finalized – ready to accept new members

The study and drafting of operating specifications of an electronic interlibrary loan system between institutions - members of CLC.

Broadening both the number of CLC members and activities, always aiming for the comprehensive and effective collaborative action of Cypriot Libraries

Improving the workflow and communication with the Institutional representatives

Upgrade our National policy of OA to be aligned with Plan S - Negotiate OA  
Prepare an action plan for next 2 years

- Create a website
- Building a National Institutional Repository
- Building a Union Catalogue in collaboration with Cyprus Library
- Extend our network

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