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### Snippets

Lisbon is the port of choice this week for the Technical Working Group Meeting – the agenda covers topics from co-operation with Open Network in Europe (ONE) to future releases, post launch of The European Library. A demonstration of Multilingual Access (MACS) will be given and ways of incorporating it into the portal will be discussed.

A seminar, PORBASE -TEL Advanced Seminar "Networked Resource Discovery" is being run on Thursday 10 at Biblioteca Nacional, Lisboa. The seminar includes a presentation on The European Library as well as presentations from the British Library on Dublin Core and Resource Discovery, TUMBA, an alternative search engine from Lisbon University and others in the subject area.

TEL-ME-MOR The European Library: Modular Extensions for Mediating Online Resources <http://www.telmemor.net/> will have a kick off meeting at Die Deutsche Bibliothek, the project leaders, this Wednesday and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February. The European Library has a major role to play in this Specific Support Action of the EU, under the Sixth Framework Programme [http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/index_en.html), as the aim is to bring the 10 new member states into The European Library, by ensuring that their data is standardised and their systems interoperable with The European Library infrastructure. The project will require an extra person to be recruited by The European Library – see below.

Articles: As a form of pre launch marketing, The European Library Office has been asked to write some articles for:

Digicult [http://www.cordis.lu/ist/directorate\\_e/digicult/newsletter.htm](http://www.cordis.lu/ist/directorate_e/digicult/newsletter.htm)

Alexandria The Journal of National and International Library and Information Issues published with the British Library.

The Serials Librarian, for the US market.

IWR will also run a news piece on the portal in the February issue and a longer feature in March.

### Management Board

The vision and the mission statement for The European Library to be ratified at the next Management meeting are provisionally agreed by the Executive Group as follows:

#### Vision

***Provision of equal access to promote world-wide understanding of the richness and diversity of European learning and culture***

#### Mission

***The European Library exists to open up the universe of knowledge, information and culture of all Europe's national libraries.***

### Project Status

The project is pretty much on schedule for launch, we have some minor hiccups with machinery, but all is being solved. We are using up our 'extra time' in terms of development and finishing off the look and feel of the portal but are still confident that user testing of the whole site can take place the week of February 21<sup>st</sup>.

There is a test plan – this is available for members on [www.europeanlibrary.org](http://www.europeanlibrary.org) We will be testing: Search, Navigation & Usability, Collection Accessibility, Collection Description Quality as well as access to the libraries themselves and the ability for each library to load information. We have had some more volunteers to help us test. If you are interested in contributing please contact [Sally.Chambers@KB.NL](mailto:Sally.Chambers@KB.NL)

The number of collections has increased thanks to some good efforts by the partners, but I would make a further plea to check and update all of your collection descriptions so they comply with the new guidelines and are of use to the user. Some of the collection descriptions still leave a bit to be desired and it is these that inform the intelligence of the search results in many cases. If you have any problems please contact [Julie.Verleyen@kb.nl](mailto:Julie.Verleyen@kb.nl) or [Sally.Chambers@kb.nl](mailto:Sally.Chambers@kb.nl) .

## **Latest Developments**

The use of Open URL to take the reader from Google Scholar into The European Library has been developed and will be demonstrated by Theo van Veen in Portugal this week.

## **Job Advertisement**

The launch of TEL-ME-MOR this weeks means that we are looking for a new member of staff in The European Library Office in Den Haag. We need an additional Technical Assistant, so if you can provide technical support for the tools used for The European Library service (data storage, indexing, metadata registry, implementation of networking protocols such as Z39.50, SRU, and OAI-MPH and authority mechanisms) and are interested in working in a small team based in The Netherlands, please contact [Jill.Cousins@kb.nl](mailto:Jill.Cousins@kb.nl).

## **Russian Conference**

The Rumyantsev Readings April 5-7 in Moscow will this year be dedicated to digital libraries and The European Library has been asked to contribute. We hope to be able to create the Russian interface beforehand.

## **Thanks**

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