

AGREEMENT ON THE MUTUAL ACCESS TO THE NORDIC UNION CATALOGUES AND ESTER DATABASES FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL AND COPYING OF RECORDS

1. The partners and aim of the agreement

This agreement is made between the SVUC participants (BIBSYS, Dansk BiblioteksCenter, Helsingin yliopiston kirjasto, Kungliga biblioteket, Landskerfi bókasafna and Nasjonalbiblioteket) and ELNET Konsortsium (Eesti Raamatukoguvõrgu Konsortsium; Estonian Libraries Network Consortium, consisting of 12 libraries) for mutual access to the bibliographical union catalogues maintained by these partners for information retrieval and copying of catalogue records. The hosts themselves, and the libraries belonging to the union catalogue consortia, are entitled to copy only those records for the materials they have in their collections.

The databases covered by this contract are SVUC databases (Bibsys, Danbib, Gegnir, Libris, Linda, Manda and Sambok) and the two Ester union catalogue databases, located in Tallinn and Tartu.

Every library belonging to a consortium listed above has the right to access all the databases included for free. The consortia covered are listed in Appendix 1. The consortia may maintain lists of their member libraries and make them available in the Web.

2. The duration of the agreement and amendments to it

The agreement is effective as of 1st January 2006 until the partners agree to terminate it (see paragraph 5) or until the content of the agreement is changed.

ELNET Consortium and any SVUC partner may suggest modifications to this contract. Once the amendment has been approved by both the majority of the SVUC partners and ELNET Consortium, the contract will be modified.

3. The technical implementation

Access to the databases is implemented using Z39.50 applications. These applications should be compatible with the release 2.0 of the Z39.50 Bath profile (<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/bath/tp-bath2-e.htm>). HTTP-based Web access or SRU/SRW access to the databases can also be provided as a complementary service.

Any stand-alone or embedded Z39.50 client program or portal application or Web OPAC incorporating Z39.50 client functionality can be used as a SVUC interface.

The records are transferred from one system to another in MARC21 format. MARC21 requires either UNICODE UTF-8 or MARC-8 encoding, but many European countries supply MARC21 records in Latin-1 character set instead. The participants should in an ideal case deliver MARC records in all these character sets via e.g. parallel Z39.50 server processes, but the minimum requirement is that at least one of the three options listed above is supported. In addition to MARC21 the partners may support other exchange syntaxes such as MarcXchange.

Access to the databases is limited to computers connected to the local area networks of the consortia member libraries and their parent organisations. The staff, researchers, students and visitors to the libraries have the right to use the databases.

Access to the databases based on user ID and password from computers not connected to the local area networks of the consortia member libraries and their parent organisations will not be supported.

Access may be determined by portal software used, or by IP identification using the IP addresses of the consortia member libraries and their parent organisations or the IP addresses of individual computers if necessary.

If the network system used by a SVUC or ELNET Consortium member does not enable the use of one or several of the databases, the member organisation itself is responsible for finding a technical solution to the problem. SVUC hosts and ELNET Consortium are not required to change their production environments to facilitate access.

A guide to the use of the SVUC databases is accessible online via the SVUC Website (at www.lib.helsinki.fi/svuc/). Information about ESTER databases is available at <http://ester.nlib.ee/search/>. Each member library of the national consortia is responsible for implementing and configuring the necessary Z39.50 and WWW browser programs and for providing instructions and user training.

4. The costs

The use of the SVUC and ESTER databases for searching and copy cataloguing is free of charge. Not applying the charges is based on the mutual access to the other consortia databases.

The costs for the libraries outside the consortia are not defined in this agreement. To access the databases they have to consult each union catalogue host separately.

Additional services, such as training, may not be free of charge.

5. Cancellation of access and termination of agreement

ELNET Consortium or a majority of SVUC union catalogue hosts (following a vote in a SVUC meeting, called by one of the SVUC hosts) can terminate this agreement unilaterally by serving notice six months prior to the termination. After this the consortia member libraries and their parent organisations will lose the right for free access to the SVUC/ESTER databases via the immediate update of IP number information in case access is not generally free.

If a SVUC union catalogue host or any consortium member library breaks severely the rules of this contract via for instance downloading all or major subset of the records from another union catalogue, temporary cancellation of access may be enforced at once by the host whose database has been misused. In such a situation, a SVUC board meeting must be held as soon as practical to settle the situation.

If a library membership in consortium maintaining a union catalogue is cancelled permanently or temporarily for a restricted period its access to the other union catalogues will be cancelled when the update of the IP address data is made.

Signature

Eesti Raamatukoguvõrgu Konsortsium approves the attached Agreement on the mutual access to the Nordic Union Catalogues and Ester databases for Information retrieval and copying of records.

Tallinn, on the of 2006

Mare-Nelli Ilus

Signature

BIBSYS approves the attached Agreement on the mutual access to the Nordic Union Catalogues and Ester databases for Information retrieval and copying of records.

Trondheim, on the of 2006

Roy Gundersen

Signature

Dansk BiblioteksCenter approves the attached Agreement on the mutual access to the Nordic Union Catalogues and Ester databases for Information retrieval and copying of records.

Copenhagen, on the of 2006

Mogens Brabrand Jensen

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Kungliga biblioteket approves the attached Agreement on the mutual access to the Nordic Union Catalogues and Ester databases for Information retrieval and copying of records.

Stockholm, on the of 2006

Gunnar Sahlin

Signature

Nasjonalbiblioteket approves the attached Agreement on the mutual access to the Nordic Union Catalogues and Ester databases for Information retrieval and copying of records.

Oslo, on the of 2006

Vigdis Moe Skarstein

Signature

Landskerfi bókasafna approves the attached Agreement on the mutual access to the Nordic Union Catalogues and Ester databases for Information retrieval and copying of records.

Reykjavik, on the of 2006

Árni Sigurjónsson

Appendix 1

The Consortia in 2006

ELNET libraries (<http://www.elnet.ee/ester/Osalevad.php>)

SVUC libraries:

Bibsys Libraries

Danbib Libraries

Sambok Libraries

Gegnir Libraries

Linnea Libraries (<http://www.linneanet.fi/tkesittelyt.htm>; in Finnish)

Manda Libraries (http://www.lib.helsinki.fi/kirjastoala/linnea/MANDA_kirjastot.htm)

Libris Libraries