

The cost of information: Who Pays the Ferryman?

30 - 31 October 2003

Academic libraries have become expensive entities and authorities struggle to provide the necessary funding to maintain balanced and up-to-date library collections. The fluctuating value of the South African monetary unit, price increases and the format in which electronic full-text information is being packaged and offered to libraries by publishers, all contribute to the problem.

Library cooperation in obtaining national site licenses still has a long way to go and does not provide significant financial relief. At this symposium these issues, as well as alternatives for traditional scientific publishing, will be discussed by experts in the field of library management, by suppliers and by publishers.

Librarians and information professionals, educators and publishers are invited to attend this symposium and to bring their own views, questions and contributions to the discussion table.

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Programme

Thursday, 30 October

SESSION 1 : WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Chair: Prof Hennie Viljoen

Welcome	Prof Estian Calitz, Executive Director Finances, University of Stellenbosch
Keynote address: Information access in the virtual scientific environment	Prof Michael Chanowski, Medialab, The Netherlands

SESSION 2 : PERSPECTIVES ON THE COST OF INFORMATION

Chair: Mr Johan Engelbrecht

Pricing and paying for scientific information during a period of transition	Ms Madeleine McPherson, University of Southern Queensland, Australia
To collect or to connect	Mr Wim Luijendijk, Ebsco, The Netherlands
The cost of information: a university librarian's perspective	Mr John Tsebe, University of the North, South Africa
Discussion	

SESSION 3 : STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Chair: Ms Joan Rapp

Strategic partnerships: An international view

Mr Jay Jordan, OCLC

The South African Site License Initiative

Ms Susan Veldsman, SASLI

Strategic partnerships: The role of Sabinet

Mr Gerhard Kemp, Sabinet

Discussion

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SESSION 4 : WHO PAYS THE FERRYMAN?

Chair: Mr Adriaan Coetzee

Increasing expectations and stable budgets: a consortial perspective

Ms Ann Okerson, Yale University and
Coordinator NERL, USA

Open Archive initiatives

Prof Raf Dekeyser, Catholic University, Leuven,
Belgium

Discussion

SESSION 5 : THE AFFORDABILITY OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Chair: Mr Wiliam Bennett

How are we going to afford to pay the Ferryman?

Prof Derick Law, University of Strathclyde,
Glasgow

Discussion

Closure
