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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE BRITISH LIBRARY BOARD

and

THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES

for

**COLLABORATION IN COLLECTION
DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES**

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(School of Advanced Study, University of London)**

The British Library ("BL") and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies ("IALS") share many common areas in their collection, preservation and public access policies. Both parties have worked in consultation for many years, currently work together on a range of co-operative activities, and wish to continue to encourage and expand collaboration to improve access to resources.

BL and IALS recognise that there are many areas of activity where they can work effectively together and this Agreement provides a framework:

- (i) for future co-operation and collaboration;
- (ii) for ensuring that BL and IALS are fully informed of each other's current programmes and future plans; and
- (iii) for facilitating the development of joint activities.

A Concordat was signed by the libraries in 2002. The purpose of this present Agreement is to reaffirm the promotion of effective interaction between BL and IALS in the achievement of the above aims. Regular review of, and agreement to, strategic priorities will facilitate forward planning in areas of common interest, and the development, where appropriate, of collaboration and joint ventures aimed at maximising the benefits to both parties. It is recognised that the IALS exists within the School of Advanced Study and that, in the future, it may be more appropriate to develop the relationship in that wider context. It is anticipated that this bilateral agreement may establish the principles for wider collaboration.

1. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT AND TIMETABLE

This Agreement will last for three years from the date of signature by BL and IALS and is expected to be renewed thereafter.

2. AREAS FOR COLLABORATION

Recognising the complementary nature of their collections, BL and IALS agree to collaborate in the following areas: collection development, access and publicity, reader and information services, staff development and special projects.

3. CHALLENGES

In moving forwards in the area of collection development both parties understand that challenges will exist in the area of collection development, document supply and provision of contents data, preservation and archiving and in the area of co-ordinated access policies. Both parties will continue to reach a common understanding on all issues.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation process will be carried forward through monitoring meetings following the regular meetings of the FLARE group which both libraries attend and in ad hoc bilateral meetings. It will be overseen by a Steering Committee comprising:

for the BL: Head of Social Sciences
 Curator for Law and Socio-Legal Studies

for IALS: Librarian of the Institute
 Deputy Librarian & Academic Services Librarian
 Information Resources Manager

6. AGREED ACTIONS

1. Both BL and IALS will seek to provide effective input into the activities of the other by:
 - providing information to each other about their respective strategies and priorities, and advice about opportunities of interest to each other
 - developing collections in consultation with each other
 - providing information to each other about their various activities and schemes to support and promote research and postgraduate study;
 - participating as appropriate in the work of each other's ad hoc committees and working groups etc;
 - establishing and using formal and informal channels of communication to provide comments, assessments and advice on matters of mutual concern;
 - providing expert advice on matters of scholarly concern; and,
 - developing joint activities where these are appropriate and of mutual benefit.
2. IALS will continue to invite a representative of the BL to be a member of the IALS Library Committee giving full access to policy discussions.
3. IALS will also answer reference enquiries on which they are consulted by BL staff.
4. A list of specific joint activities will be drawn up on an annual basis and reviewed at the quarterly meetings. A short report on annual activities will be produced in January each year.

7. REVIEW MEETINGS

In the first quarter of each calendar year there will be a formal meeting of the Steering Group to review the operation of this Agreement.

The agenda for this review meeting will cover all the above items, and any others agreed between the parties. Arrangements for the meeting, and for any follow-up actions, will be agreed between the BL's Head of Social Sciences and the IALS Librarian.

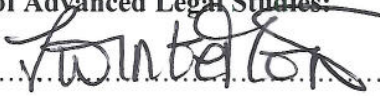
Signed on behalf of
The British Library Board:



J. England
Head of Social Sciences

Date 11th July 2011

Signed on behalf of
The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies:



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