Flying FLAG and keeping FIT — developing national law resources with Inmagic’s DB/Textworks and WebPublisher Pro at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London

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Summary

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- Inmagic – brief history of our involvement with Textworks + Webpub
- IALS projects
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- FIT – Flare Index to Treaties
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- Other databases: caLIM Current awareness
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- Smart linking: Encore
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- New developments: Eagle-i Internet resource catalogue
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Role of IALS

• UK’s postgraduate legal research centre and national law library
  – Established in 1947 as part of University of London
  – But with a national role and clientele
  – Member-Institute of School of Advanced Study
  – Facilitates legal research for MPhil/PhD students + legal scholars (London, UK and internationally)
  – Additionally provides services to judiciary and legal profession
  – Collaboration (BL, Oxford, Cambridge and international partners)

• Resource development
  – Integrated Institute and library
  – Legal information discovery and delivery systems
  – Research facilitation tools
  – IALS role in support of legal research communities in the UK and internationally (increasingly via digital means)

  http://ials.sas.ac.uk
Inmagic

Infrastructure at IALS

5 user DB/Textworks licence

Single server install of WebPublisher Pro + virtual directory on IALS web server

Updating to version 12 shortly on new web server

Project funding, development model and sustainability

Investment in potential

http://www.soutron.com/inmagic-webpublisher-pro.html
Foreign Law Guide FLAG

- Where to find foreign law in UK libraries
- Print or microform collections of primary law in serial publication (legislation, law reports, digests etc)
- Collection descriptions and locations
- Library contact and access details (university + national libraries)
- Search screens (Collections, Libraries, Advanced) + Help

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/flag/flag.htm
FLAG results

• Results table – hits, brief details, links to full record

• Sorted by type of material

• RSLP – Research Support Libraries Programme

• Project partners: IALS; British Library; Bodleian Law Library, Oxford; Squire Law Library, Cambridge; SOAS

• 62 Libraries represented in db including Inns of Court libraries

• Collection development + co-ordination tool

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FLAG record

- Full public record (some hidden metadata)
- Title / shelfmark / library and contact information
- 2001 site visits + analysis
- 2002 launch
- Winner of Wallace Breem Memorial Award in 2002
- Updates 2005, 2007, 2010
- 50,946 views in 2008-2009

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/flag/flag.htm
Index to Treaties

Flare Index to Treaties FIT

- Basic information on over 1,500 of the most significant multilateral treaties from 1856 to the present
- Details of where the full text of each treaty is published in paper and, if available, electronic form on the Internet.
- Citation + abbreviations guidance (UKTS, UNTS etc)
- Links to free authoritative online texts

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/treatyindex.htm
FIT results

- Simple results table displaying hits + linking to full record
- Sorted on date – most recent
- Treaty title, Date concluded, Place concluded

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/treatyindex.htm
FIT record

- Full record detailing titles, alternatives, date + place concluded, sources of texts
- Secondary db to expand abbreviations
- Regular link checking + fixing
- FIT launched April 2009
- UK reaction
- International reaction (AALL, AustLII)

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/treatyindex.htm
Current Legal Research Topics

• Database detailing theses in progress concerned with legal research topics

• UK Universities MPhil / PhD

• Data protection issues + potential for self-submission

• 11,739 views in 2008-2009

• IALS long-established work on paper version - Inmagic products enabling us to enhance + update that service

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/clrt/clrt.htm
Current Awareness for Legal Information Managers

- Online classified index
- Database of bibliographic records + Internet links
- Books + articles selected + reviewed for the current awareness column of Legal Information Management
- IALS collaboration with BIALL – British and Irish Association of Law Librarians

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/caware/caware.htm
Authentication

- Controlling access to web databases
- WAM proxy server – eligible users assigned ptype codes in Millennium LMS patron record
- Login via library card

LLM exam papers

LLM Online Exam papers

• Web database of PDF files located in webpub image directory

• UoL inter-collegiate masters in law programme (now College-based LLMs have replaced)

• Benefits of DB solution – access points + free text search

• UL copyright on papers – so authenticated rather than public access

IP Archive cat

- Queen Mary Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS)
- Intellectual Property Archive – books and serials
- Simple web catalogue created by IALS
- On Intranet and authenticated staff access only

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Smart linking

- Integration of webpub dbs with the IALS Library Catalogue
- Option for user search on the OPAC to be taken forward to FLAG or FIT etc.
- Innovative Millennium LMS with WebBridge (OpenURL resolver)

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/catalogue.htm
Settings

- Code for targets in WebBridge
- How + where to present link to db in library catalogue
- Browse level
- Bibliographic record level
- Pathfinder Pro / SFX

http://catalogue.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/webbridge/edit

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Encore Links

• Next step from our LMS suppliers Innovative Interfaces Inc

• Encore catalogue - single search for Google generation

• Vertical search with web 2.0 capability

• Resource discovery platform

• Explore option link to IALS web dbs via WebBridge

http://encore.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/
Developments: FOG

Union List of Foreign Official Gazettes:

- Bibliographic and source information for foreign official government gazettes publishing primary and secondary legislation.
- Records in web db to identify titles and describe scope.
- Details of print versions held in UK libraries (BL + IALS collections) and links to web versions of FOGs.
- 42,345 views of html version.

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/flare/flare_fog_unionlist_europe.htm
Developments: Eagle-i

Electronic Access to Global Legal Information:

- Organised links to legal information websites
- Countries, Legal subject topics, International organisations
- Searchable web database with evaluative records of quality web resources

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/eaglei/eagle-i.htm