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Lithuanian Academic Electronic Library: Changes and Prospects

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Jūratė Kuprienė, the Coordinator of Lithuanian Academic Libraries Consortium for the Maintenance and Development of an Information Infrastructure for Science and Studies and the Director for Economics and Development at Vilnius University Library, will present information systems of Lithuania's academic libraries, which are now developed under the MES program "Lithuanian virtual university" and the Lithuanian Academic Libraries Consortium for the Maintenance and Development of an Information Infrastructure for Science and Studies. Jurate Kuprienė will tell as that all academic library information systems in Lithuania will be reorganized into one e-library – the Lithuania's academic e-library, will explain changes during the past three years, as well as long-ranging ideas and opportunities which might be available in the nearest future.

ABSTRACT

The development of the Lithuania's academic e-library has been started in 1997. Lithuania's academic libraries and research institutions were merged into a single e-infrastructure under the "Lithuanian Academic Libraries Network" project providing services not only for the libraries, but also for their customers, academic society and general publics. However, in recent years, in terms of organization and management of the workflow, some significant changes were made in the Lithuania's academic e-library that required a thorough revision of certain projects and activities. In 2009, Lithuania's science and higher education institutions established a new consortium, and agreed to share resources and cooperate with their main purpose being to ensure further development and maintenance of the e-library. This was followed by the revision of operational strategies, decisions, and legal and material basis. Consequently, today, the directions of future development of the Lithuania's academic e-library as big integral information infrastructure for science and studies are becoming more visible and precise. The purpose of this presentation is to introduce the Lithuania's academic e-library, its changes during the past three years, as well as long-ranging ideas and opportunities which might be available in the nearest future.