Presentation title

“Open Education in Poland : State of Play”

Presentation Abstract

The session is divided into 3 parts (15 minutes each) including:

• Digital School Initiative in Poland - Mr. Igor Ostrowski, Vice-Minister of Administration and Digital Affairs.
  Introduction of Digital School Initiative in Poland with focus on OER Open Textbooks part and its impact on Polish education.

• Open Licences in Polish educational resources - Alek Tarkowski, Centrum Cyfrowe Projekt: Polska
  Presentation of Polish policy on open education, including government’s own projects and grant programs - with a focus on licensing choices

• Polish Coalition for Open Education - actions for openness in education and science - Karolina Grodecka (AGH University of Science and Technology), Bożena Bednarek-Michalska (University Library in Toruń)
  Presentation of the Coalition - a unique at the global scale initiative that has been building support for open policy and development of OER in Poland.

PRESENTERS

Mr. Igor OSTROWSKI
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Born on 5 January 1971.
Mr. Igor Ostrowski started his professional career in 1989 at the Permanent Representation of the European Communities in Warsaw, where he supported the Commission’s staff in the work related to the implementation of the first projects of economic reform in Poland, financed under the PHARE program.
Since 1992, he worked in the Department of Mass Privatisation within the Ministry of Privatisation. He participated in the work of a legal team to prepare a the Mass Privatisation Programme. In 1994-1996 he was an associate in the law firm White & Case, responsible for issues of mergers and acquisitions within the team dealing with the privatisation of the state enterprises. From 1997 to 2003, he co-founded one of the leading Polish law firms, and in March 2003, he returned to White & Case as a partner responsible for the Department of Telecommunications-Media-Technology.
Igor Ostrowski was one of the first lawyers in the country specializing in the law regulating telecommunications activities, the functioning of electronic media and use of modern technology. He has extensive experience in advising clients representing those industries. Igor Ostrowski provided consultancy services for the Europe's leading broadcasters, TV and radio programs. He has also advised international telecommunications operators and IT companies in their core business activities in Poland.
In March 2009 he joined the Board of Strategic Advisors to the Prime Minister of Poland, where he focused on issues of social capital and implementation of the “Digital Poland” programme. He participated, among others to develop the strategy Poland 2030. He co-founded the Digital Center: Project Poland, the institute dealing with issues of development of the digital society. He is co-author of the report Roadmap Open Government, issued by the Centre.
Igor Ostrowski is graduated from the Faculty of Law and Administration at Warsaw University. He is a legal advisor.

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Bożena Bednarek-Michalska is the author of numerous articles on scientific information, Internet, evaluation of electronic resources, open access, e-learning and other technologies connected with librarian's work, teaches courses on search strategies and quality of information, electronic databases, online catalogues, e-journals, digital libraries and other Internet aspects - the courses are given in the framework of Postgraduate Study in Programming and Application of Computers, and of Postgraduate Study "Information Technology in Science Education" at the Institute of Physics, Nicolaus Copernicus University. Until the 1998 she is working as an Editor in Chief of Bulletin EBIB - open access journal and Electronic Library service for Polish librarians and until 2005 as an editor in the international E-LIS repository for librarians. She was deputy Director of Nicolaus Copernicus University Library 2002-2006 and now she is coordinator of regional project - Kujawsko-Pomorska Digital Library. Since 2012 she leads Coalition for Open
Karolina Grodecka. She is majored in Information Science and Librarianship at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow (2007), from 2008 student of Online and Distance Education programme (Open University, UK). Since 2005 she has been employed at the Centre of e-Learning of the AGH University of Science and Technology. She took part in international project iCamp (developing pedagogical model for effective cross-cultural online collaboration) and from 2009 is involved in DEDICO (Developing digital competencies through free and open source software). Since 2009 active member of Coalition for Open Education, initiator and designer of OPEN AGH repository of OER at University. She educates and promotes OER development at academic level.

Director of Centrum Cyfrowe Projekt Polska, a think-and-do-tank building a digital civic society in Poland. Vice-Chairman of the Council of Information, an advisory body to the Polish Ministry of Administration and Digital affairs. Public Lead of Creative Commons Poland. In 2007-2011 member of the Board of Strategic Advisors to the Prime Minister of Poland, responsible for matters related to the development of digital society. Co-author of the report "Roadmap for Open Government in Poland", actively involved in the ongoing reform of PSI and copyright laws, with a focus on making public information, data and content openly available.