



Cyprus Bibliographic Archive of the Earth Sciences

This issue of the CYBAES newsletter

Finally, after a year, the second issue of the CYBAES newsletter is out. In this issue, you can read about the status of CYBAES, about the first annual edition of the Archive, a discussion of copyright as it relates to this project, and what to look forward to in the months to come.

What is CYBAES? (for new readers)

CYBAES is the *on-line* tool with which one can find out how much we already know about Cyprus' geology, seismology, oceanography, hydrology, meteorology etc. It was officially launched in November of 2005 and aspires to be *the most detailed repository of citations* of all the documents that claim to say something about Cyprus and the earth sciences. How does it work? Why should you care about it? How can you help? You can find the answers to all these questions and more at www.cybaes.org/about.html. These topics were also addressed in the first issue of the newsletter, which is available on-line for download. When you visit the web-site for the first time, don't forget to sign up to receive updates and notices concerning CYBAES and its work.

Upcoming developments

The development of a *search feature* on CYBAES stumbled on a few levels during 2006. As of this March, the process of transforming the desktop database to an on-line searchable database has started. It will proceed slowly, by incrementally adding citations from recent years (starting from 2006) and moving towards the past.

While this on-line database is being constructed, CYBAES is hoping to introduce features on thematic foci and projects. These features could include profiles on leading authors and investigators, interactive project-oriented maps, and customized bibliographies. If you have ideas or suggestions, they are most welcome.

The Archive update (-2006)

Up to and including the year 2006, CYBAES consists of 1458 citations, distributed among publication categories as shown in the table below.

Articles in peer-reviewed journals & serials	949
Books, edited books, reports	78
Chapters/sections of books and reports	382
Theses and dissertations	49
Total	1458

Serials include the publications of extensive conference abstracts, such as those of CIESM congresses. At this point, CYBAES does not include citations of short conference abstracts, such as those of recent AGU meetings.

You are invited to submit citations for inclusion into CYBAES. Visit www.cybaes.org/submit.html to read the submission instructions and to use the on-line submission forms, or e-mail submissions directly to submissions@cybaes.org. If you would like to help with the selection and incorporation of citations from your field into CYBAES, your help would be appreciated. Please see the relevant call for editors and contributors on the next page.

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All the citations in the Archive, up to and including 2006, have been published in an electronic book of the above title. This will hopefully become an annual endeavor. The citations are categorized by publication type, year, and alphabetic order based on the last name of the lead author. The citation listings are followed by an author index for additional ease of browsing the citations. The 104-page book is available only on-line at www.cybaes.org/pubs, in pdf format.



Reprints from www.cybaes.org

During 2006, CYBAES started making available on its web-site reprints of citations by permission from the publishers. Specifically, the two-volume work "Geological framework of the Levant" published in 2005 by Historical Productions-Hall of Jerusalem, Israel, is now available in pdf format, by the kind permission of John K. Hall. You may download all the documents at: www.cybaes.org/archive/downloads/. They include reprints of 28 CYBAES citations.

CYBAES has also created a page with links to reprints available from other web-sites. Reprints include Ocean Drilling Program Initial and Scientific Reports, CIESM Workshop monographs, and CIESM Congress abstracts. So far, you may link to reprints of 66 citations from CYBAES at this page: www.cybaes.org/archive/downloads/links.html

CYBAES and copyright

By Angelos K. Hannides

This is not meant to be an exhaustive discussion of this topic. Actually, such a discussion would be near impossible considering the space available and the scope of this short note, let alone the variety of laws governing copyright around the world. The motivation for this note is discussions I've had with some of you concerning the nature of CYBAES, the collection and posting of citations, and the public availability of publications on-line.

Copyright protects most original literary or artistic creations, both published and unpublished. Copyright has nothing to do with the price one pays for such a creation. Those distributed for free can be protected by copyright. Actually, even if the copyright symbol, ©, may not be present, copyright would generally be implied, in the case of court proceedings.

Whether CYBAES, as a collection of citations, can be protected by copyright could be debated depending on the country's laws and regulations, and what they favor: labor and skill or creativity? Creating this collection of citations involved a lot of labor and some skill but not that much creativity (unless you include the search and selection process involved in choosing the citations!). However, the creation of an electronic book of

citations could arguably include more creativity and could be protected by copyright – as is this newsletter – by virtue of font-setting, layout etc.

What could arguably be a violation of copyright on behalf of CYBAES would be the posting of reprints (or abstracts) on its website without permission. CYBAES does not intend to make reprints available on-line due to copyright (this has been posted on several places on the CYBAES web-site and the newsletter). The reprints that are available publicly through CYBAES have been so by permission from the publishers. The ones that are linked to may require permission to be linked to, and that results in no violation of copyright laws.

CYBAES is creating a collection of hard and digital reprints of the citations it contains. The goal is the preservation of these sources of information about Cyprus. These reprints are unlikely to be made publicly available in a collective and unregulated manner such as the posting on a freely-accessible web-site. The use of such articles by CYBAES members or other users will be determined at a certain point in the future, depending on CYBAES member demands and opportunities given to do so responsibly and legally.

Editors and contributors wanted!

If you would like to help locating, selecting and including citations from your discipline into CYBAES, your help would be greatly appreciated.

The task of a CYBAES editor is quite simple: define the discipline or sub-discipline you would like to cover; locate citations that aren't included in the Archive, or specific bibliographies that can be useful launching points for citation selection; and forward them to submissions@cybaes.org for selection and incorporation into CYBAES. If your discipline is too broad, e.g., geology or oceanography, you may recommend suitable sub-disciplines, and persons that may be able to help. Everyone is encouraged to contact CYBAES at hannides@cybaes.org with your suggestions and comments. Graduate students and post-docs are especially welcome. Also, do not hesitate to contribute without further commitment: send your citation submissions to submissions@cybaes.org or use the forms at www.cybaes.org/submit.html.

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