



## Press Release

### **IFRRO BOARD ADOPTS A STATEMENT ON GOOGLE LIBRARY PROJECT**

On November 14<sup>th</sup> 2005, the IFRRO Board of Directors has adopted a statement in support of the lawsuits begun by IFRRO's member organisation, *The Authors Guild*, and the five US publishers, supported by the *Association of American Publishers*, against Google in the United States.

In IFRRO's view, The Google Library Project is a violation of fundamental international copyright principles and US law. According to IFRRO, benefits of search engine uses of databases of copyrighted works, such as the Google databases, can be achieved through licensing by creators, publishers and/or Collective Management Organisations which already licence digitization by libraries.

### **IFRRO**

The International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations (IFRRO) brings together 45 reprographic collecting societies, commonly known as Reprographic Rights Organisations (RROs) and 59 associations of authors and publishers from all continents. IFRRO works to increase on an international basis the lawful use of copyright works and eliminate unauthorised copying by promoting efficient Collective Management of rights through RROs. IFRRO facilitates co-operation among RROs as well as with and among authors, creators, publishers and their associations.

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