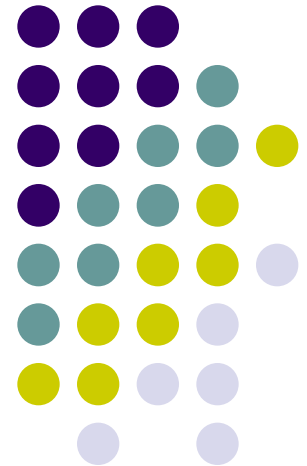


Sailing rough waters: staying on course

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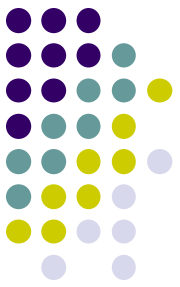


22nd Elisad annual meeting

European ATOD libraries in challenging economic times

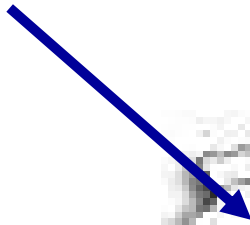
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Some documentation centres and networks in Italy



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www.unicri.it



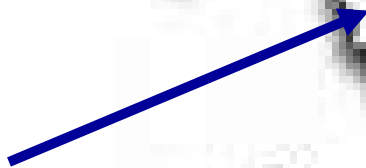
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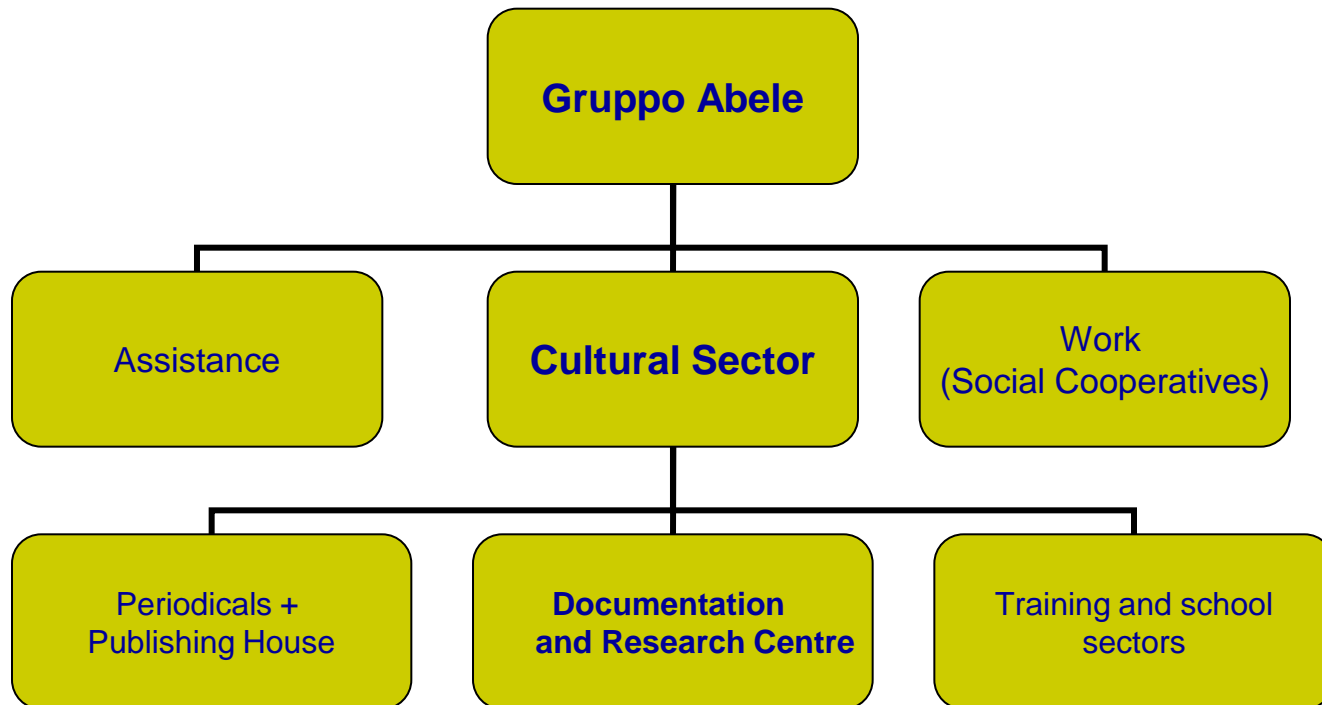
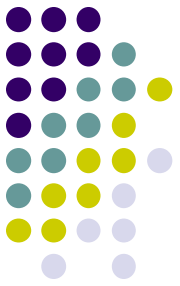


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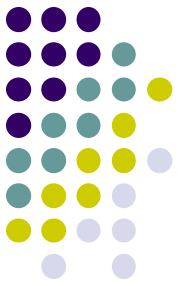


www.cedocpalermo.org





The Documentation and Research Centre of Gruppo Abele

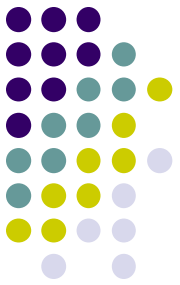


- ✓ Set up in 1975
- ✓ Library opened to the public in 1980
- ✓ Library collection computerized in 1985

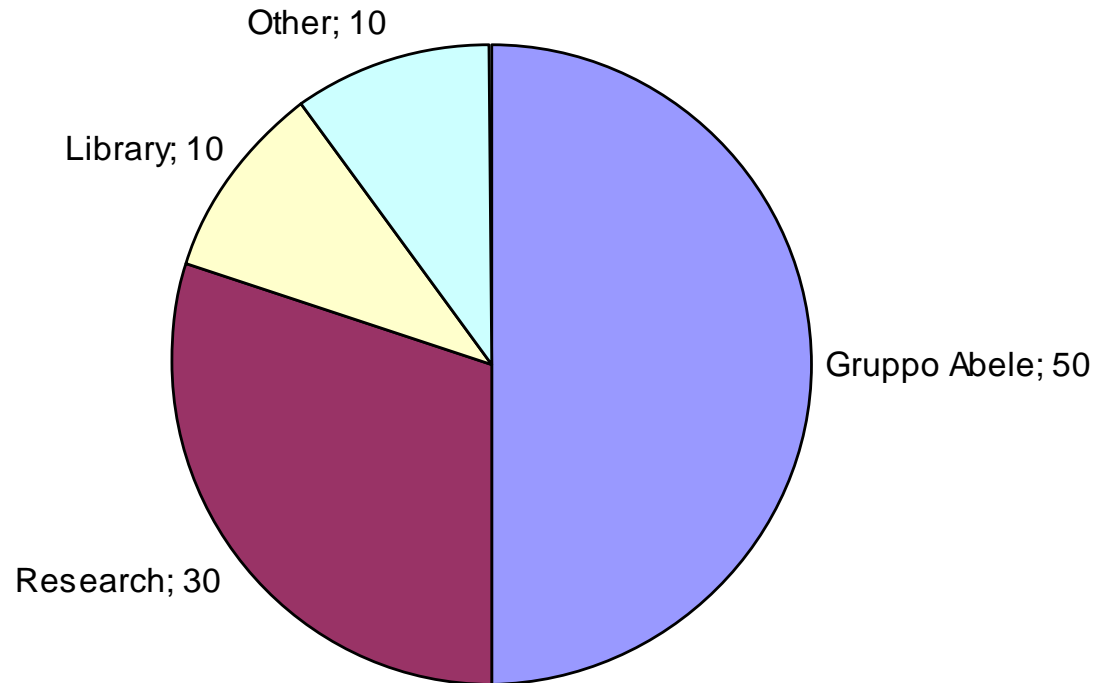
Current staff:

- ✓ 3 researchers
- ✓ 1 librarian
- ✓ 1 documentalist/information officer
- ✓ 4 voluntary workers (4 - 10 hours a week)
- ✓ At present 3 temporary collaborators on current projects

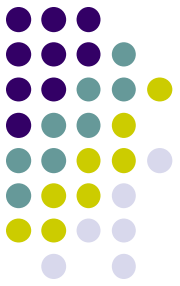
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Funding percentage



The specialized library of Gruppo Abele



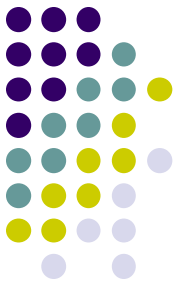
Some figures (2009)

- ✓ 2752 visitors
- ✓ 3332 book loans
- ✓ 47 ILLs
- ✓ 34 DDs
- ✓ 600 information/documentation e-mail requests

Bibliographic records (2009)

- ✓ + 450 on drugs/addictions (out of 2063)

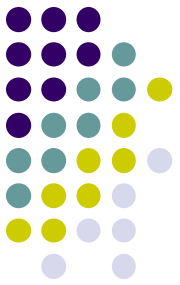
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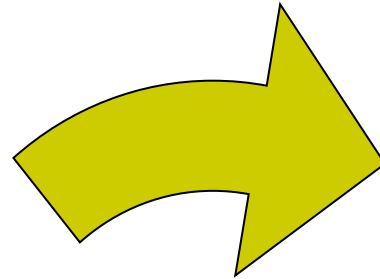
Users (2009)

- ✓ 75% University students
- ✓ 84% F
- ✓ 15% M
- ✓ 37% were referred to our library by their professors, 33% by their friends and mates

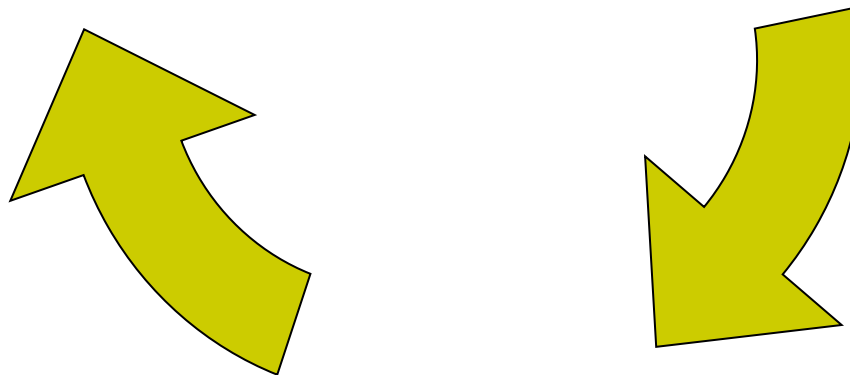
Three “survival” strategies



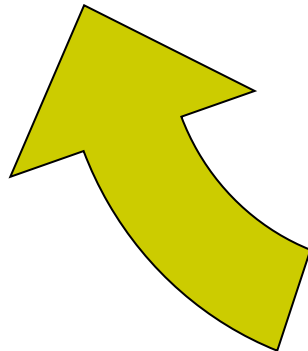
**1) Library
Promotion**

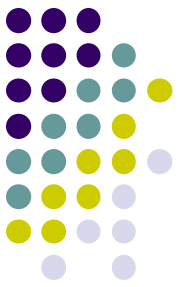


2) Networking



3) Research “boost”





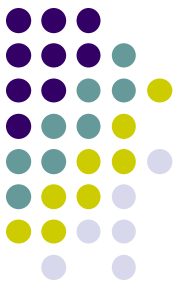
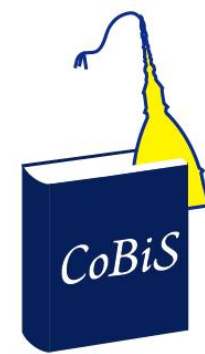
Survival strategies (2)

Networking

- ✓ At a local level: CoBiS
<http://www.cobis.to.it>
- ✓ At a regional and national level: AIB
<http://www.aib.it/>
- ✓ On the Web: The OPACs

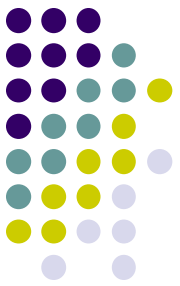
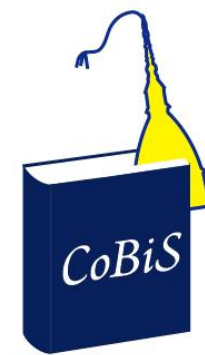


CoBiS



- ✓ The Coordination of Special and Specialized Libraries in Turin was established in 2008
- ✓ The Piedmont Region has ranked CoBiS at the same level as the networks and consortia of public and university libraries
- ✓ This network currently includes 44 libraries

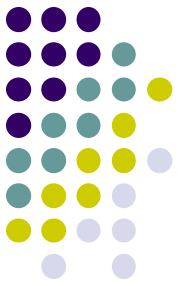
Goals achieved by CoBiS



- ✓ Funding for professional education and conferences: 8 free training courses in 2 years + 2 public meetings for the presentation of library collections
- ✓ Everybody cooperates in exchanging ideas and good practices through our WIKI platform
- ✓ Interest Groups (the New guide to cataloguing by subject, the International Book Show in Torino, Communication strategy, etc.)

AIB

Italian Library Association

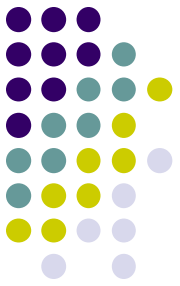


- ✓ Established in 1930
- ✓ + 4.500 members

The aims of AIB are:

- to support the organization and development in Italy of libraries and of a library service;
- to act as a professional representative;
- to promote, support and develop any action useful to ensure a qualified professional education;
- provide their own members with scientific and technical aids;
- to promote the observance of the ethical principles of the library profession;
- to defend the dignity and the professional specificity of librarians.

CER AIB Piedmont



Role and activity of the Regional Executive Board (CER) in Piedmont:

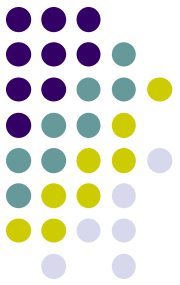
✓ training courses held by experts (~ ten/year)

Some training subjects: the new version of CDD; digitization projects in the library; the Google books-MIBAC agreement; web 2.0 and libraries, etc.

✓ lobbying with regional cultural agencies (museums, archives, libraries, publishing houses);

✓ book presentations and meetings with the authors;

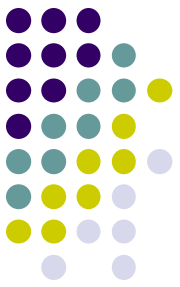
✓ annual meeting.



The OPACs

Using standard cataloguing rules
to catalogue on a shared platform
has made our bibliographic information visible
in different catalogues... in one shot!





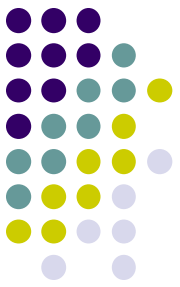
Survival strategies (1)

Library promotion

- ✓ Library Information courses for students of Torino and Bologna Universities
- ✓ Wiki of Library Information
<http://biblioabele.pbworks.com/>
- ✓ www.anobii.com/centrostudi



What have we achieved by networking?



- ✓ Professional education
- ✓ Exchange of good practices
- ✓ Constructive confrontation
- ✓ Increased visibility



Survival strategies (3)

Research “boost”



Networking:

- ✓ Within the Association
 - co-planning with other activities
- ✓ Outside the Association:
 - Ministeries, Superior Health Institute, Addiction Services, third sector agencies, etc. (contacts provided by the Association)
 - University (as a partner or scientific supervisor)

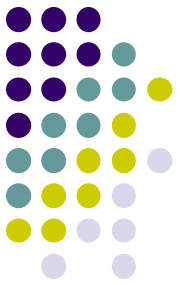
Survival strategies (3)



Achievements:

- ✓ Increased credibility
- ✓ Higher appreciation from public bodies
- ✓ Professional education for researchers, focused on methods and contents
- ✓ Increased expertise on:
 - Research Methodology
 - Team work on many projects at the same time

**But despite our efforts,
we sometimes feel...**



... like Hans Brinker, the little Dutch boy
with his finger in the dyke,
trying to prevent the flood...

Thank you!