S T M

The global voice of scholarly publishing

how to fight piracy, computer fraud and improve copyright compliance

Carlo Scollo Lavizzari, Counsel to STM's Enforcement Task Force (ETF)

Copyright & Legal Affairs – Enforcement Task Force (ETF) – what it is/does

- ETF established as CLAC subcommittee in 2007
- trail-blazer for copyright
 enforcement
- funded since 2013 by STM and member contributions
- mission: evaluate and identify key piracy risks & set targets:
 - clarify electronic rights, complex laws
 - establish same legal principles for all players (level-playing-field)
 - precedents against cross
 border online piracy, crimes

- Examples of ETF's remit:
 - Online networks &
 platforms: Boerze.bz –
 Germany (DS) Unlawful
 posting of STM content on
 "Hauke Haien",
 Library.nu/ifile.it, advice
 and clarify law, if needed;
 - Cyberlocker: wound up Rapidshare; prosecute management; take on next popular target(s);
 - engaged with cases in
 China, Russia & Latin
 America, "global" piracy
 sites
 - **Compliance** cases



Copyright & Legal Affairs – Enforcement Task Force (ETF)

What can publishers do?

- Some systems actions:
 - Avoid leaks from within;
 - Improve customer credentials (trade off: ease/effectiveness)
 - Detect subscription fraud;
 - Remove outdated IP /proxies;
 - Treat as «cost of doing business»
 - Internal reporting structures.
- Analyse demand/reason for threat/complaint:
 - Upset author;
 - Seasonal uptick;
 - Systematic undersupply in markets;
 - Convenience;
 - Differential pricing issues;
- Try to undercut pirates with business offerings / convenient solutions – fighting piracy without offering good alternative is a no go.

What can trade associations do/facilitate?

- «Clinic»: assess nature of threat accurately to determine appropriate response, eg:
 - «new/old phenomenon»
 - «new source/mirror site»
 - «accidental pirates»,
 "entrepreneurial pirates",
 - «professional pirate»,
 - «ideological pirate»,
 - « organised crime»,
 - «state condoned piracy»,
 - «state-sponsored»
- Build relationship with law enforcement
- Build knowledge bank
- Best practices & standards
- Buying club of services
- Support solutions/Advocations



Copyright & Legal Affairs – Enforcement Task Force (ETF)

•

Things to keep in mind:

1. What is worse than being copied? – NOT being copied!

2. The days of «Champagne» piracy are numbered/over.

3. On technology - if the answer is: «the machine will do it» – then you should ask: «and who will tell the machine to do it?»

4. Be creative - try new approaches: eg «follow the money», «co-operate with «frenemies» **THANK YOU!**

Questions?

Carlo Scollo Lavizzari, Partner Lenz Caemmerer, Basel, Switzerland, csl@lclaw.ch

