**MEETING WORKING GROUP 4
"Conceptualizing an infrastructure
of collaborative research"
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes by Juliette Hueber, Antonio Mendes da Silva, Thierry Lochard, 30.11.2011

Participants :
Juliette Hueber (InVisu), Pauline van Roosmalen (TU Delft, Faculty of Architecture), Frits van Latum (TU Delft Library), Thierry Lochard (ENSA Marseille), Antonio Mendes da Silva (InVisu), René Pelfresne (InVisu), Doc Winer (National Library of Israël).
With Claudine Piaton and Mercedes Volait (InVisu) and Magali Oualid (INHA) on Monday afternoon.

Before the discussion, Pauline van Roosmalen asked some information about the Arching culture program, and Dov Winer about the TGE Adonis.

Arching
Juliette Hueber and Antonio Mendes showed the Flickr private account opened for the Arching culture program run by InVisu. FlickR is used to share pictures and metadatas in order to organize an exhibition and publish a book. Each picture is annotated with a title and a short structured text: name of archives and place of conservation ; call number ; legend of the document ; original and present (or common) names of the building ; date ; location ; name(s) of the client(s) ; name(s) of the project manager(s) ; description and comment.

The TGE ("Très grand équipement") Adonis
The TGE Adonis (Integrated Access to Digital Data and Documents in the Humanities and Social Sciences) is part of the French strategy for large scale research, and is constructing a research infrastructure to support it.
Juliette Hueber and Antonio Mendes presented the website of the TGE Adonis and the ISIDORE platform developed and deployed by the TGE Adonis.

Work program of the WG4
Antonio Mendes, Thierry Lochard and Juliette Hueber were in the WG meeting in Florence (WG2), Liverpool (WG1) and Berlin (WG3) in order to know what could be the concrete contribution of the WG4 to the Action.

Report of the WG 2 meeting, Florence, September, 23th-24th.
Antonio Mendes reported the discussion of the group which was very interested by the functionalities of Mendeley, a reference manager and academic social network. He presented the apps and explained why it could be useful for researchers. In fact, this tool seems to be a good answer for the needs of WG2 which wants to share bibliographical references in order to produce an anthology of texts offering alternative viewpoints on European architecture overseas (Minutes of the Second Management Committee Meeting, Turin, April 2011). Tom Avermaete asked for training to the apps, for him and his students. Pauline van Roosmalen will discuss with Tom Avermaete to organize the pursuit of the project.
Thierry Lochard proposed to do an experiment with some issues of *La Technique des Travaux* that are retained in the library of the school of architecture in Marseille.

Report of the meeting of the WG 1, Liverpool, October, 10th-11th.
Thierry Lochard recalled that WG 1 abandoned at the Ghent meeting the project of an online biographical database.
He showed the work of Rachel Lee on Otto Koenigsberger's network and projects. Rachel Lee is currently working with a developer to build an information system which allows her to visualize datas. Part of the visualization is based on google maps. For the members of WG 1, these visualizations "seems to invite a potential reconsideration of that position … it might in

fact become possible to map networks via digital tools in rather easy ways, and making this research available to the internet community" (Minutes of the WG 1 meeting).
According to Frits van Latum semantic web could be used to generate data visualisation. He also mentionned the FOAF vocabulary (project devoted to linking people and information using the Web) and showed Dbpedia which purpose is to to extract structured information from Wikipedia and to make this information available on the Web (linked data).
The main question of this group seems to be how this working group can experiment visualizations?

Report of the meeting of the WG 3, Berlin, November, 17th-18th.
Juliette Hueber reported the discussion with the members of the working group 3. They are really interested in a tool where they can described the buildings they are studying and the actors but they still did not agree on the information the fiche must contain. It seems they need modulars fiches they can changed following their needs. JH proposed them to work with wikis but it appears that this is not really convenient and too complicated.
Presentation by Antonio Mendes of RelFinder which aim is to extract and visualize relationships between given objects in RDF data and makes these relationships interactively explorable.
Dov Winer insisted on the need to define precisely the tables required to the project : architects and others actors, buildings, etc.

Presentation of the project "Building a digital research environment as a tool to enhance transnational and comparative research on European colonial built heritage", by Pauline van Roosmalen and Frits van Latum.
Pauline van Roosmalen described the aim of the project and the institutional context. The purpose is to substitute isolate research for collaborative research and develop a database for digitize sources.
Frits van Latum explained the technical choices (repository : Fedora Commons, CMS : Drupal, middleware : Islandora). The resources are printed materials, images and archives. The contents of the system are books, journals and articles, archives, architects and objects, with all the relations between them. For each content they are specific metadata and digitize reproductions.

Dov Winer reminded tools and models to aggregate datas shared by Europeana and free to use.
Juliette Hueber mentioned a new Cost Action : Webdatanet (web-based data-collection - methodological challenges, solutions and implementations). Antonio Mendes and Juliette Hueber are going to contact the French participants of this Cost Action.

The training school
The group discussed the draft for the training school proposed by Juliette Hueber and Antonio Mendes.
The meeting should take place in May 2013 in Ghent.
The format (5 days) is imposed.
The context : this training school is part of the Action.
The audience : researchers, phd students, librarians, data managers
The goals : in the context of open access to data and metadata, which must be documented and interoperable, our objectives are the advancement of knowledge, the improvement of

research quality in our disciplines, the enrichment of knowledge and of collective patrimony, in the academic sphere and beyond it.
The program is in the process of being draft.

2nd ANNUAL MEETING, Edinburgh, 9-11 February 2012
Dov Winer proposed that WG4 answers to the call for paper in advance of the 2nd annual meeting in Edinburgh. This could be the opportunity to show the experiment of Mendeley.
Proposition : ask researchers to demander aux chercheurs de l'Action de saisir 5 références bibliographiques ?
Dov Winer is going to propose an abstract for the 2nd annual meeting in Edinburgh.