EUROPEAN DIGITAL HERITAGE: CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES

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Overview

• LIBER, the Association of European Research Libraries
• Steering Committee for Heritage Collections and Preservation
• Documentary heritage – above all library collections of print and manuscripts
• Crossing boundaries, “cross-domain” issues
• LIBER’s role for heritage collections
Europe as common cultural heritage area

- LIBER’s reach is truly European, but …
- Political, linguistic and cultural boundaries, differences in curatorial practice
- Heritage collections: quantity and diversity
- A common heritage
- Example: Guilford Collection at the British Library
The Guilford Project

http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/manuscripts/guilford/index.html
Inventory: describing and mapping heritage collections

- Retrospective cataloguing
- National bibliographies online:
  - The English Short Title Catalogue (ESTC)
  - Short Title Catalogue Netherlands (STCN)
- “Aggregating services”:
  - MALVINE - Manuscripts and Letters via Integrated Networks in Europe
  - Heritage of the Printed Book (HPB) - CERL
Codex Sinaiticus

http://www.codexsinaiticus.org/en/
Georg and Johann Reinhold Forster
LIBER and LIBER Heritage Collections: programme for 2010 ...

- Promote practical cooperation
- Facilitate communication
- Organise conferences and workshops
- Focus on central and Eastern Europe
- Partner in funding proposals
- Address standards
- Identify existing projects and organisations
- Examine need for registry of what has been digitised
- Expand the CERL Portal
- Monitor the outcomes of the EU consultation on Europeana
- EuropeanaTravel, PEARL2
- Liaise with archives, to examine common standards, reconstructing collections, developing strategies for mass digitisation
Thank you for your attention: my contact details ...

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