

Progress Report

Author's Information

Society/Corporate: RERO - Library Network of Western Switzerland
Address: Ave de la gare 45, 1920 Martigny
Country: Switzerland
Tel: +41(0)27 721.85.85
Fax: +41(0)27 721.85.86
Internet: <http://www.rero.ch/>

Surname Name: Mr Badr, Aly
Function: Senior Systems Analyst
Email: <mailto:aly.badr@rero.ch>

Report

1. Mission statement

RERO is a network of libraries from the French speaking part of Switzerland using a common cataloging system. It involves some 600 librarians working in 200 research and reference libraries grouped in 5 major entities reflecting the political structure of the 5 French speaking (2 of them have German speaking parts) cantons of Switzerland, under the auspices of the University Conference of Western Switzerland (CUSO). RERO serves five universities with an enrollment of approximately 35'000 students. Their libraries serve a public of over 100'000 readers in the regions where they are located. RERO is managing a union catalog, with more than 3 millions of bibliographic records. The 6 local catalogs are synchronized on the union catalog.

2. Computer Networks and Internet connectivity

Please tell your colleagues about your network type, protocols used, services provider, telecommunication equipment used, etc. below

a. In general HW, SW:

--

b. New HW, SW; connectivity upgrades:

--

Progress Report

3. Library automation

Please tell your colleagues below what library automated system you use, what hardware you use to run it and which unusual modules do you use or develop

a. In general HW, SW:

IBM RS6000 6F1 with OS AIX 4.3.3 or SUN
Virtua 36.3 (VTLS Inc.) used by all members of the network

b. New HW, SW, other:

Migration to Virtua version 42 scheduled for August 2003.

4. Union catalogue

If you run a Union Catalogue, please specify which software you use and which interesting features are linked to your UC

a. Software used:

Virtua 36.3 (VTLS Inc.)

b. New features:

--

5. Digital library

If you run a Digital Library, please tell us more in following list items

a. Based on your own production of digital documents:

Project Cyberdocuments-RERO, to provide access to electronic theses, documents and collections (document server based on OAI).

b. If so, what is new in your digitalization programmes:

--

Progress Report

c. Based on external sources:

--

d. Important commercial web services accessible to your users:

--

6. New in-house database

Any interesting databases?

--

7. Special web services

Something nobody else has? Or much better than any other place?

ILL-RERO: web-based Inter Library Loan application
Interested Libraries can subscribe to the service by filling the form at:
<http://shiva.rero.ch/ill/library>

8. Electronic document delivery

Do you have or plan EDD? How do you fight EU Copyright Directive?

--

9. Research and technology development projects

Any other interesting R&D projects?

--

10. Other important projects

Anything else you wish others to know about your library?

--