

Progress Report

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1. Mission statement

National and University Library of Iceland is responsible for collecting, preserving and making available Icelandic published materials in all forms, including manuscripts and material published abroad concerning either Iceland or Icelandic people. The library serve as well as university library, with material for the needs of teaching and research activities at the University of Iceland.

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:

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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:

Iceland is currently launching a National Library System. The preparation for implementing the system has taken few years. Today it is anticipated that the system will go into production the 19th of May 2003. The first phase of the implementation will replace the Libertas system, which is in use at the National and University library. The next phases of the project will be implementing databases from other systems.

b. New HW, SW, other:

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:

The National Library System will run Aleph 500, v. 14.2.

b. New features:

The concept of one National Library System includes and eliminates a Union Catalog, i.e. all the libraries in Iceland will in the future utilize the library system.

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:

VESTNORD. Digital library of newspapers and periodicals from the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Iceland from the years 1773 to 2001. The project is done in collaboration with the National Library of the Faroe Islands, the

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National and Public Library of Greenland and the National and University Library of Iceland. The project started in 2000 and is planned to finish in 2003.

<http://www.timarit.is/>

Sagnanet. Icelandic medieval literature. Images of manuscripts and books published before 1901. <http://sagnanet.is/>

Antique maps of Iceland (older than 1900)
<http://kort.bok.hi.is/kort/>

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

c. Based on external sources:

Hvar.is, is a nationwide portal to electronic databases and e-journals. It includes access to 31 databases, more than 7.500 full text journals, 350.000 literary works of English and American poetry, drama and prose, 3 reference works and 1 dictionary.

<http://www.hvar.is/>

d. Important commercial web services accessible to your users:

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6. New in-house database

Any interesting databases?

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7. Special web services

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

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8. Electronic document delivery

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

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9. Research and technology development projects

Any other interesting R&D projects?

The WebHarvesting project at the Icelandic National and University Library started late 2001; using the Nedlib harvester developed by CSC, the Finnish IT center for Science, for harvesting the icelandic web space .is. So far 200 gigabytes of webpage history have been accumulated. The Icelandic National and University Library is at this time cooperating with other Scandivian National Libraries in developing an interface to search, browse and study the harvested webpages. This is the Nordic Web Archive project which will end early next year.

10. Other important projects

Anything else you wish others to know about your library?

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