

Progress Report

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1. Mission statement

University of Pavia, Faculty of Humanities, Library and archive science programme. It is an educational institution offering the following degrees:

- a bachelor degree (180 credits = 3 years study) including modules of 50/65 credits in library science
- a master degree in Management of digital applications for libraries and archives (120 credits on top of the bachelor degree = 2 years) including 40/55 credits in library science.

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:

The university (faculty and department)libraries are networked to the Biblioteca Universitaria (an independent institution) and to the town public libraries. This network is connected to the Nation Library System SBN through CILEA (Consorzio Interuniversitario Lombardo per la Elaborazione Automatica). In addition several university libraries run a system which was partially developed in house and which will probably replace SBN.

b. New HW, SW, other:

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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:

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b. New features:

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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:

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

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c. Based on external sources:

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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 Lombardy Project for Archives on the Internet (PLAIN) intends to create an environment that enables easy public access to the wide heritage of descriptions, already existing in electronic format, of historical archives preserved in the region .

The project is coordinated by the University of Pavia, on the basis of an agreement with the Regione Lombardia, which also represents the State Archive of Milan . It is being developed within a wider project called Historical Archives on the Web, in which the

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Regione Lombardia and the State Archive of Milan are collaborating in the context of the Framework Program Agreement for cultural heritage .

Within the region, several archival inventory and census projects have been active for over a decade, mostly developed using one of the successive releases of the Sesamo software, which have been being developed by the Regione Lombardia since 1992, or by software related to it: Nautilus, for the census of archives, and Mens, for the inventory of personal archives.

Over the years such projects, mostly developed with the direct contribution of the Regione Lombardia, have produced databases with a remarkable quantity of descriptive records, which are about to be made accessible in a single information system. The descriptions derived from the previous inventory and census projects will enter the new system and will be available for consultation as a whole. Naturally, the system will be capable of expansion through the inclusion of further descriptive records processed within new archival inventory and census projects.

The possibility of making the above mentioned systems interoperable with bibliographic systems is also at study.

Moreover a nationwide authority control system model feasibility study is being carried out in collaboration with Iccu.

10. Other important projects

Anything else you wish others to know about your library?

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