

DPE, WePreserve Training events in Europe

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Overview

- **Digital Preservation Europe**
- coordination action started in 1 April 2006 and finished 2009 (March 31)
- funded by European Commission under FP6 programme
- fosters collaboration and synergies between many existing national initiatives across Europe
- to improve coordination, cooperation and consistency in current activities to secure effective preservation of digital material
- Training important component

Goals

- To disseminate and share knowledge
- To foster collaboration between research and practitioner communities
- Provide a platform and bring people together to discuss and exchange
- Multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral
- Collaboration/ coordinate training
 - with other projects such as Planets, CASPAR, nestor (Germany), Delos : WePreserve
<http://www.wepreserve.eu>
 - distributed over Europe and in time

- General introduction into digital preservation
- Preservation planning process
- Digital preservation tools (Plato, Testbed, DRAMBORA,..)
- Characterisation of objects, file formats, registries
- Significant properties, authenticity
- Trusted Repositories
- Digital repository audit and certification
- Digital preservation policies
- Testbed, experiments
- Digital preservation standards (metadata, OAIS etc.)
- Appraisal, selection
- Web archiving

- Delos/DPE Summerschools on digital preservation since 2005
 - in France and Italy (Pisa, Tirrenia)
 - week long
 - 2005 and 2006 (Delos), 2007 and 2008 (Delos + DCC + DPE), 2009 (DPE/DCC)
- Training events (3): Vilnius, Prague and Barcelona; 4-5 days
- nestor/DPE winter/spring/summerschools (4): Germany; 5 days
- DRAMBORA auditor training (3): Prague, London, Rome
- Conferences (2): Lisbon (2007), Nice (2008)

- 5 day event
- organisers: DPE, Delos, DCC, Feltrinelli foundation
- Format:
 - 3 and a half hour sessions with group work and exercises
 - teachers stay all week for support and discussion
 - feedback
- Topics
 - varying for each summerschool
- Audience: 35-50 participants, mainly students (who could earn ECTS), from all over the world
 - last summerschool: 47 participants from 19 countries on 4 continents
- Teachers: 10-12 international experts
- Highly rated, especially the practical group exercises and discussions
- Participants get a certificate

- building on ERPANET experiences
- duration: 3-4 days
- audience:
 - on average 20-35 participants from all over Europe and from Asia, Australia, USA/Canada
 - heterogeneous/ cross sectoral (libraries, archives, data centers, universities, government agencies, ...),
- content: multi-disciplinary approach, presenting the latest developments
- pre- and post-course material online available, including presentations of lecturers (use of Moodle online training environment)
- exchange of experiences between participants
- hosted by different institutions in different countries
- feedback: very positive

- Online training environment (Moodle)
- DPE Training material repository
- DPE Trainer registry
- Training video's
 - PLATTER (Planning Tool for Trusted Electronic Repositories)
 - DRAMBORA
- Primer for managing information ('records'): for small enterprises and individuals

Audience

- practitioners (professional development), researchers, IT people, and students
- memory institutions, government agencies, universities, commercial sector
- made aware by announcements on listservs, newsletters, websites (DPE, WePreserve, nestor), word of mouth
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- “leave with a broader awareness of the range of digital preservation strategies and tools”
- big need for courses
- people like to have hands-on practice (of tools) and of real-life case studies
- enough time for discussions (‘informal exchange of ideas and group discussions with other researchers, international experts, and practitioners’)
- need to have background documentation for students/participants (to prepare themselves)
- follow-up questionnaires to see how participants used what they had learned
 - continued discussions through online discussion forums such as the DPE mailing list
 - participants are now actively involved in digital preservation activities in their organisation
 - attending other conferences and events related to DP

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

www.digitalpreservationeurope.eu