DARIAH-BE: Towards an ecosystem of Digital Humanities Research Centres in Belgium
DARIAH in Europe

- **DARIAH-EU:**
  - Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities
  - aims to enhance and support digitally-enabled research and teaching across the arts & humanities
  - brings together national activities from its Member countries
  - offers a network of tools and services

Working Groups: Text and Data Analytics, Training and Education, Guidelines and Standards, ...

- http://www.dariah.eu

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- DARIAH-BE:
  - founded in 2015

Belgium

Representing Entity: Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)

National Representative: Chris De Loof

National Coordinating Institution: Ghent Centre for Digital Humanities (University of Ghent)

National Coordinator: Christophe Verbruggen

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- DARIAH-BE:
  - DARIAH in Flanders = DARIAH-VL
  - DARIAH in Federation Wallonia-Brussels = DARIAH-FWB
  - Federal Scientific Institutions in DARIAH = DARIAH-FED
Centre Informatique de Philosophie et Lettres

- CIPL
  - created in 1983
    - @ ULg, Faculty of Arts & Philosophy
    - promote and coordinate the use of IT

Services

- Research
- Coordination
- Technical support (+ programming/web design)
- Education
- Maintenance of IT infrastructure
- Mediation between users and services

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- CIPL is linked with
  - LASLA (Laboratoire d’analyse statistique des langues anciennes)
    - publication of RISSH, French journal about humanities computing
    - development of unique databases in Latin and Ancient Greek

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- CIPL is member of:
  - CenterNet
  - Humanistica

- Future ambitions:
  - reinforce connections with the Liège Game Lab
    - http://www.lemme.ulg.ac.be/lgl/
  - connect to Cléo (founders of OpenEdition.org)
    & IFRES (institute of higher education teaching formation)
  - connect to DARIAH!
    - http://web.philo.ulg.ac.be/cipl/
Ghent Centre for Digital Humanities

- GhentCDH

  - created @ UGhent, Faculty of Arts & Philosophy
    - inter-disciplinary research centre facilitating digitally-enabled research in the arts and humanities at Ghent University and beyond

  1. digital research infrastructures
  2. training and education
  3. research support and coordination

- http://www.ghentcdh.ugent.be

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- GhentCDH

- Development of:
  - Virtual Research Environment Service Infrastructure (VRE-SI)

http://www.wechanged.ugent.be

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    - Virtual Research Environment Service Infrastructure (VRE-SI)

http://www.tic.ugent.be

Welcome

TIC-Collaborative is a collaborative digital humanities project, focusing on transnational intellectual cooperation (TIC) in the long nineteenth century, in particular on transnational connections in the field of social reform. Using a Virtual Research Environment (VRE) for the study of international connections, this project opens new perspectives on the history of social reform in and beyond the Low Countries in the period 1840-1940.

TIC Collaborative currently hosts and facilitates two projects: TIC Belgium and TIC International.

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- GhentCDH is linked with
  - Library Lab (offers DH training)

Leuven Centre for Digital Humanities

• LCDH
  • new hub for DH researchers at KU Leuven
    ▪ Task Force Digital Humanities @ Faculty of Arts

• plans for 2017:
  ✓ bring together DH researchers from the Humanities @ KU Leuven
  ✓ organise training & education (workshop, DH Summer School, …)
  ✓ facilitate collaboration between DH researchers (cross-faculty)
  ✓ support project applications from DH researchers
  ✓ work closely together with Artes library (for Humanities)

➢ http://www.arts.kuleuven.be/digitalhumanities/
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- LCDH
  - collaboration with newly founded ARTES Library
  - DH meeting point
  - DH services (photo dome, …)
  - DH workshops
  - DH lectures
  - develop long-term preservation strategy for DH datasets

FUNDING?

• Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)  
  → Dutch-speaking community

• Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS)  
  → French-speaking community

• Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)  
  → Federal Scientific Institutions:
  - National museums
  - Federal Archive
  - National Library

• Opportunities: Research Community DH Flanders, BRAIN, …

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CONCLUSIONS

• Inter-institutional:
  • Complex (funding) landscape
  • Opportunities for collaboration

• Intra-institutional:
  • 2 existing DH centres (Ghent & Liège)
  • 1 to be found DH centre in Leuven
  • Future hubs?

• Bridge gap between researchers, libraries and IT services to collaborate within and outside institution
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Questions?

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