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NEW MEMBER OF STAFF HANNELORE DEKEYSER

Hannelore Dekeyser has joined the staff of the ICRI and is Sofie Van den Eynde's successor for the DAVID project. She studied law, first at the KULAK and then at the K.U. Leuven. Her interest in new technologies led her to specialize in 'Law and Management of Information and Communication Technologies' at the university of Namur.

She has this to say about her new job: "I find the DAVID project very interesting because it is so futuristic. The digital revolution is impacting on every aspect of our lives; law still has to find an answer to so many questions and I regard working on that as a great challenge. Moreover, it is fantastic to be able to work alongside experts from the archiving world, because law is only really exciting when applied in a practical context."

INTERPARES MEETING, JUNE 2003

DAVID is to host an international team meeting of the InterPARES project in Antwerp from 23 to 25 June 2003. It will be an opportunity for the international InterPARES team to discuss the progress and further planning of the project with the chairmen of the work groups.

DAVID WORKSHOP AND DAVID CONFERENCE, JUNE 2003

DAVID is organizing a conference on digital archiving, which will bring together government and industry. Several InterPARES members will deliver a lecture at this conference, which will take place in Leuven on Thursday 26 June 2003.

The day before that, on Wednesday 25 June, DAVID is holding a workshop in Antwerp on digital archiving for Flemish and Dutch archivists. Experts from Flanders and the Netherlands will provide an account of the current state of play. Be sure to keep this date free in your diary!

<XML/> AND DIGITAL ARCHIVING

Much is expected of the XML technology in terms of digital archiving. This DAVID contribution examines in greater detail the possibilities of XML for archiving purposes. After a general presentation of XML and a review of its features, it looks at the applications of XML for digital archiving. Much more than just a file format, XML can also be used as an exchange format, metadata format and encapsulation format. Practical examples are given for each option.

XML TOPIC MAPS FOR DIGITAL ARCHIVING

Topic maps were created in the 1990s as alternatives to the traditional indexing, glossaries and thesauri. In the year 2000 the topic map was made the official standard (ISO 13250). In terms of archiving, topic maps can be used to record information about archives for the future. With the help of topic maps, archives can be described at meta-level and they can be made accessible. XML Topic Maps is the version of topic maps compiled according to the XML grammar. What exactly topic maps are, how the XTM specification was drawn up and what practical use XTM can be put to by archivists, is discussed in the DAVID contribution *XML Topic Maps and digital archiving*.

CHECKLIST FOR IT STAFF

A *Checklist for IT staff* has been added to the Digital Archiving. guideline & advice series. Intended for IT staff, this checklist summarizes the key points they should be aware of when developing or choosing new applications, introducing them, adapting, completing and archiving them. In this way the checklist can contribute to the creation of digital documents suitable for archiving.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE

The following were recently added to the DAVID website (<http://www.antwerpen.be/david>):

- F. Boudrez, *<XML/> and digital archiving*, Antwerp, 2002.
- F. Boudrez, *XML Topic Maps for digital archiving*, Antwerp, 2002.
- Digital Archiving. guideline & advice: 7. Checklist for IT staff*.
- F. Boudrez, *Standards for digital archive documents*, Antwerp, 2002. (New version with TIFF and PNG adaptations and the addition of GeoTIFF.)
- Archiving websites: archiving websites in Flash

- A question from the Dutch researcher J. Van Wieringen: Who can help him along?

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Next Newsletter: end December 2002. All the previous Newsletters can be consulted on the website.