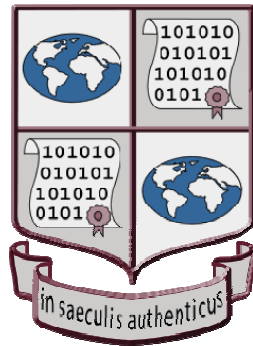


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International Research on Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems



Focus 3

Governmental Activities



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Focus 3 Objectives

- To support the overall research objectives of InterPARES
- To carry out case studies of new interactive, dynamic, and experiential systems as they are being used in the electronic delivery of government services to citizens
- To carry out general studies of e-government practices and policies, as necessary



Focus 3 Objectives (cont.)

- To analyze how the concepts of authenticity, accuracy, and reliability are viewed from the perspective of e-government
- To collaborate with cross-domain research teams in testing and refining their findings



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Definition of e-government

- Delivery of government information and services online through the Internet or other digital means.
- Includes cooperation among governments
- Involves IP networking, WWW technologies and standard browsers for flexible access to information and interactive services



Focus 3 Activities

- Case Studies
- General Studies
- Bibliographies and Literature Review
- Conceptual Analysis



Completed Focus 3 Case Studies

- Archives of Ontario Web exhibits
- Antarctic Treaty Searchable Database
- Computerization of Alsace-Moselle's Land Registry
- Legacoop of Bologna Website



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Focus 3 Case Studies in progress

- Revenue-Online System (Ireland)
- City of Vancouver Geographic Information System (VanMap)
- Electronic Filing System (Supreme Court of Singapore)
- New York State Dept. of Motor Vehicles Online System
- Nova Scotia Business Registry



Focus 3 General Studies

- Survey of Government Website Interactivity (completed)
- Preserving and Managing Electronic Records at National Archives of Australia and WGBH (Focus 3 & Focus 1)
- Persistent Archives Based on Data Grids (Focuses 1, 2, & 3)
- Testing InterPARES 1 Benchmark Requirements for Presumption of Authenticity (Focuses 1, 2, & 3)



Bibliography/Literature review

- Defining the scope
- Focus on authenticity, accuracy, reliability
- Coordination with other focuses and with Policy
Cross-domain
- Laws and policies as well as literature



Some Preliminary Findings

(From literature review)

- Concern for authenticity, but often confused with authentication
- Accuracy assumed, but not often addressed directly
- Reliability often used to apply to delivery of services, not to the records themselves



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Work to be completed

- Case studies and general studies underway
- Additional case studies possible
- Testing of models by walkthroughs of selected case studies (with Modeling Cross-domain)
- Continued expansion of bibliographies



Dissemination Activities

- Session at 2003 annual meeting of NAGARA
- Keynote and session paper at 2004 annual meeting of the ACA
- Presentations for Southeast Asia Region of the ICA, May 2004
- Presentations at NARA, New England Archivists, Archives Association of Ontario, Society of Imaging Science & Technology, SAA



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