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ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS – SNL

The SNL has launched a pilot project with two Swiss publishers, Karger and Stämpfli, to test the management and archiving of commercial online publications. Details of this and other initiatives indicated below are available at <http://www.e-helvetica.ch>

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS – FEDERAL LEVEL

The SNL and the Swiss Federal Archives have sent out a tender to acquire a shared mass storage system for electronic documents.

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS – NATIONALLY

The SNL has signed an agreement with the Commission of Swiss University Libraries for the deposit of online theses at the SNL for long-term archiving. A minimal metadata set has been defined. The OAI-PMH protocol will be used (Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting).

In November 2003, the SNL organised a colloquium for Swiss cantonal libraries on electronic publications and archiving and will start cooperative programmes.

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONALLY.

The SNL continues to work with Die Deutsche Bibliothek and now also the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek in the fields of archiving online theses using the MetaDiss standard and the creation and maintenance of URNs (Uniform Resource Names).

THE MEMORY OF SWITZERLAND

The SNL has been mandated to define a 'memory policy' for Switzerland. The proposals submitted to the Department of the Interior have not yet been discussed. In the meantime, a concrete approach has been taken to analyse policy at the level of the Federal office for Culture and has revealed disparities in the management and long-term conservation of Swiss cultural heritage at this level and underlined the need for standards.

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The SNL is preparing to move to a New Public Management model allowing greater autonomy in budgets and planning.

The plans to build a second underground stack area have been accepted by parliament but budget restrictions mean that work will not start as planned in 2004. An intermediate solution for storage must be found.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Following the successful conclusion of the TEL project, an accompanying measure funded under the European Union's IST programme, the SNL has become a founder member of the future European Library Service, adopted by the Conference of European National Librarians (CENL) at its Annual General Meeting in Vilnius in September 2003.

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