



## Information Policies *in Science*

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# Research Infrastructures in the Humanities Key Policy Issues

International Seminar - Satellite event of TPD'L'2013  
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Grand Hotel Excelsior, Valletta, Malta

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### 14:00 – 15:30 *Setting the scene*

#### **Carla Basili**

National Research Council, Italy – Sapienza University, Rome  
Research Infrastructures in the European context

#### **Arianna Ciula**

European Science Foundation: Standing Committee for the Humanities  
Research Infrastructures in the work of the ESF Standing Committee for the Humanities

#### **Kseniya Khovanova Rubicondo**

Council of Europe  
The Benefits of Expanding e-Infrastructures for Cultural Policy Making in Europe

#### **Rossella Caffo**

Director of the Central Institute for the Union Catalogue of the Italian Libraries  
DARIAH, The Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities

#### **Mario De Marchi - Edoardo Lorenzetti**

National Research Council, Italy  
Advanced Research Infrastructures in the Humanities and Cultural Heritages: the R&D Information System for SMEs of the Italian National Research Council

### 15.30 – 15:50: *Provocative position paper*

#### **Raivo Ruusalepp- Milena Dobрева - Krassimira Ivanova**

National Library of Estonia -University of Malta - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  
Digital Curation Roadmaps: a Policy Instrument in the Making

### 15.50 – 16:10 *Coffee break*

### 16:10 – 17:10: *Round table: The role of the Memory Institutions in the Development of Research Infrastructures for the Humanities*

#### **Lorna Hughes**

University of Wales  
A Digital Public Space for Wales at the National Library of Wales

#### **Zdeněk Uhlíř**

National Library of the Czech Republic  
Manuscriptorium as a Part of Research Infrastructure

### Nemanja Kalezic - Stanislava Gardasevic

National Library of Serbia

The Legal Deposit of Digital Copies of Printed Material in Serbia, policy and practice in the National Library of Serbia

### Alice Nemcova

Prague Office of the OSCE Secretariat

The Beauty and the Beast: Declassifying Restricted Materials Using Open Access Media



#### 17:10 – 18:30: Case studies and novel directions

### Simon Merceica - Francis Cassar

University of Malta

The Challenges of Medieval Arabic and Muslim Narratives to the Eurocentric world of Digital Humanities

### Luca Lanzillo

National Research Council, Italy

A thematic resource collection for the Medieval Art: metadata issues

### Panayiota Polydoratou

Department of Library Science and Information Systems, ATEI of Thessaloniki

Open Data, Data Journals and the Role of Policies in Scholarly Publication

### Angela Repanovici

Transilvania University, Romania

Institutional Repositories as Research Infrastructures: key policies and case study at Transilvania University

### Charlie Abela

University of Malta

Open data and the HOMER project

#### 18:30 – 18:45: Conclusions and future steps

## Seminar Rationale

The globalisation of scientific research is increasingly pushing towards maximizing the sharing of research data and results also through the development of Research Infrastructures.

Humanities Research, which so far has reacted - albeit more slowly than other disciplinary domains - to technological innovation, is called today also to cope with the current economic and globalised environment.

In this context, Digital Libraries are called to show their power not only as powerful technological tools for both individuals and research groups, but also as knowledge sharing resources among distributed communities of research. Digital Libraries, in fact, considered as the frame for Thematic Research Collections, are potential Research Infrastructures making accessible large bodies of diverse material and allowing multi-disciplinary access to and analysis of research material distributed through space and time.

What is the current offering of Digital Libraries within this context, and how they can be enhanced to serve as Research Infrastructures? To what extent - and what sort of Information Policies - could stir this process? Who should be the initiators for work on such policies - researchers, funding bodies, citizens?

In view of the above, the Seminar aims to identify policy and research priorities that can facilitate the fruition of Digital Libraries as Research Infrastructures in the Humanities. Given the purpose of the Seminar, it would be desirable to discuss how specific cases of Digital Libraries could serve as Research Infrastructures, in terms of critical, enabling and driving factors.

The Seminar is part of the research activities of the Information Policies in Science - (IPS) project, coordinated by the Ceris Institute, and aimed at mapping and comparing scientific information policies in and for the European Research Area. Information habits, as well as the processes of knowledge sharing, transfer and use in the Humanities and in the digital Humanities are major areas of focus of the IPS project.



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