Preservation of Scientific Publications

“Tackling the Preservation Challenge”

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Overview

- KB and the e-Depot
- The DARE project
- Reflections
- Driver2
KB, National Library of the Netherlands

- Founded in 1798
- 275 fte
- 3.5 million paper based publications, 49 km of books, 18 km periodicals
- (Voluntary) deposit since 1974
- 12 million digital publications
- Funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science
- Ambition to be one of the Safe Places for scientific publications

Mission (part of): we give researches and students access to research information
KB and the e-Depot

- 1994 e-publications part of deposit
- Several pilot projects with publishers
- E-Depot started in 2003, based on DIAS system (IBM)

Currently (12 TB):
- Articles from 14 (main) STM publishers
- National deposit collection
- Research results of the Dutch universities

Planned (500 TB in 2013):
- “masters” of digitized collections
- Selection of Dutch websites
DARE (Digital Academic Repositories)

- 2003 Digital Academic Repositories (DARE)
- Goal: to make the research results digitally accessible and available for different services
- Via portal: DARE-net; network of university repositories in the Netherlands (now part of NARCIS)
- Long term preservation at KB / e-Depot

- Partners:
  - 14 Universities and Organisations of Higher Education
  - Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
  - Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences
  - KB, National Library of the Netherlands
  - Coordination: SURF Foundation
DARE (Digital Academic Repositories)

- Agreement on repository principles:
  - Repository is OAI compatible (Open Archiving Initiative), OAI-PMH
  - Descriptive metadata in Dublin Core Simple
  - DARE Guidelines for DC
  - Structural metadata in MPEG21-DIDL
  - Metadata in XML
  - ...
DARE harvesting

• Scientific publications, how to define?

  “Those objects that are made available on the public Internet through Institutional Repositories”

• DARE partners decide individually what they’ll deliver
  • No restricted publications
  • Not under embargo etc.
  • No data sets
  • Thesis: KB only stores digital publication
Agreement (practical)

- Periodical harvest by KB (OAI-PMH protocol)
- Metadata and/or objects ("modification date")
- Limited set of file formats/version
- No possibility to delete objects in LTP
- Evaluation of agreement in 2009
Agreement on file formats

- Mostly PDF files (90%)
- Around 20 other file formats
- List of file formats in agreement
  - Zip files allowed uncompressed
  - Only those 20 file formats in Zip
  - Dynamic webpages received as HTML pages
- Negotiation about new file formats

- KB process: Normalisation (Word → PDF/A)
  Archive original as well
Agreement on access

- No restricted access!
- No dark archive!
- Publications in KB Catalogue
- Access preferable from repository
New developments e-Depot / DARE

- Improvement of communication and reporting
  - Central place with info
    - Contact persons
    - Harvest URL’s
    - News on updates, changes

- Improvement of the harvester and ingest process at KB
  - MODS
  - More checks (DROID, JHOVE)

- Update archiving agreements
New developments

- Balance between dp requirements and material offered
  Limited influence of repository manager

- Important to know scholarly communication cycle
  - Participation of KB in Planets(preservation planning), Driver1/2, PARSE Insight, PEER etc

- New kind of objects
  - Compound, with additional objects, data sets etc.
  - Dutch Preservation landscape: 3 organizations involved!
DriverII and Repositories

• Goal:
  • Repository Infrastructure for Enhanced Publications

• KB participates in:
  • Research into Enhanced Publications
  • Consequences for LTP Archiving of EP’s
  • Create a demonstrator for harvesting these EP’s
  • LTP Archiving agreements repositories
DriverII and Repositories

- Inventory study amongst European repositories
  - Is long term availability secured?
    - 2006: 72.8 % yes
    - 2008: 52.2 % yes  Decrease!
  - More aware of implications? More knowledge?
    - 37.6 % task National Library
    - 76 % internal procedure (projects like SHERPA2, PRESERV2, ABES etc.)
Thank you for your attention!