

Title of proposed paper

New challenges and possibilities regarding digital cultural memory in Estonia

Abstract of proposed paper (no more than 300 words)

Modern technologies have created new ways of thinking and new models for creating, disseminating and sharing information have emerged. People expect and assume access to information to be simple, fast and maximum wide-ranging.

The new Legal Deposit Copy Act that entered into force in Estonia on 1 January 2017 updates the work organisation and makes Estonia the first country in the world where also files used to prepare the publication are collected from publishers and filmmakers according to the law. The files submitted by publishers are safely preserved in the digital archive of the National Library DIGAR and access to them is provided under the terms specified by the owner of the files – with certain restrictions or freely via the web.

The National Library has been archiving and providing access to digital output-ready files already before the law entered into force but that was based on voluntary agreements, e.g the digital archive DIGAR (www.digar.ee) was opened already in 2005, and the newspapers portal of the digital archive DIGAR (dea.digar.ee) opened in 2014. As of 2017 also all current journals and other periodicals will be added to this portal.

Cooperation with publishers in managing the digital material is beneficial for all interested parties, publishers can rest assured that the digital output-ready files used for preparing the publication will be preserved and are ready for re-use. For the state it is important that the stored resources can be used today and in the future for developing services needed by the constantly changing society and by the library users.

Besides the changes arrived from the new Legal Deposit Copy Act, also the digitizing activities and cooperation projects adding content to the archive, and the new services in the archive will be discussed in the presentation.

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