



Newsletter 2

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At the end of October 2006, a quarter of the project has been carried out since it started in May 2006.

About the Newsletter

The intention with this newsletter is to inform interested in the project Query and context based visualization of time-spatial cultural dynamic, QVIZ, about recent developments and progress in the project. The newsletter will be delivered four times a year. Please forward it to others who may be interested.

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Progress

Consortium Meeting

A consortium meeting was held 11-13 October in Uppsala, Sweden. During the consortium days there was a steering group meeting, general sessions and group-based work in areas such as access methodologies, administrative ontologies and technical specifications. A dissemination seminar with Uppsala University and several technical meetings was also held.

The meeting in Uppsala the 9-13th of October aimed to clarify some pending and unsolved issues. One of the most critical issues discussed was possible business models and the conception of QVIZ as a provider of added-value services. Our main commercial partner contributed significantly in framing these issues. The discussion concerned the roles of existing content providers, possible business models and the future of QVIZ-base services. It became obvious that there are many similarities between the main content providers (SNA, NAE, UMU, UoP) but also some significant differences. This means that QVIZ services need to adapt flexible implementation models, but also that a consensus for a model needs to be agreed upon. This work has continued since the meeting and the model presented in Uppsala has served as a useful starting point.

Further work sessions in Uppsala dealt with collaborative scenarios and tools, and advanced query tools such as Faceted Search and map visualization. SRFG also communicated to the consortium ideas about providing “harmless” integration of QVIZbased services into existing content providers user interface.

Dissemination

The project will be disseminated through various meetings, conferences, information materials and this newsletter. Since the last newsletter, in October

2006, the project has taken part in VAST2006 Conference, Nicosia, Cyprus, and in IST 2006 Conference in Helsinki, Finland.

VAST2006, Cyprus

Fredrik Palm took part in the conference and gave a presentation about QVIZ. Read more on <http://www.vast2006.org/index.html>

IST2006, Helsinki

Fredrik Palm and Ellen Jacobsson represented the QVIZ-project in the IST 2006 conference in Helsinki 21-23 November. The conference gave many opportunities to networking and discussing new ideas. Read more on http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/istevent/2006/index_en.htm

Planned activities

Next consortium meeting

The next consortium meeting will be held during March or April 2007.

