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February 2007

The Consortium meeting in Uppsala, marks the start of this quarter, even though it was held before the official period November-January. The end of this quarter is indicated by Milestone M9, and the deliverable of Requirement and technical specification report.

The Uppsala meeting was an important “kick-off” to finalize the Requirement Analysis (WP2), a process that was a bit delayed during September and October. The work to finalize the Requirement analysis was done by the end of November, which only left two months to complete the technical specification (WP4). Given a relatively tight timeframe we were happy to see a very good collaboration in WP4 which also resulted in good final deliverable.

Other activities that were in practice where the Validation work package (WP7), with an initial focus on methodology issues as well as identifying validation activities to complement other work packages.

Other major activities involved content analysis, both archival content and metadata but also the continuous work of designing an European administrative ontology of administrative unit from 1815 and onward.

Management progress

One of the results of the Uppsala meeting was to analyze and, if possible, improve project processes and procedures. This has given good result. The clarification of the role of work package and task leaders have resulted in better distribution of work and more commitment from all partners.

There has been a management discussion between University of Portsmouth and the Coordinator. As a result of this meeting a physical meeting took place in Portsmouth to clarify misunderstanding and make action lines to compensate for possible misunderstandings as well as financial issues. It is clear that University of Portsmouth resource distribution over work packages did not correspond well to the role expected. A possible redistribution between work packages will be discussed at a steering group meeting in March, but measures have been taken to handle work that was misunderstood.

Recent dissemination activities

QVIZ has been represented at the following events:

GIS-day “I love geography”, Estonia

Tõnis Tärna and Kalev Koppel participated in the GIS-day “I love geogra-

phy”, 15 November, in Tallinn, Estonia. Altogether were about 300 persons participating.

State Archives Web Project, Sweden

Magnus Johansson, Lars Edin, Peder Andrén presented QVIZ at the State Archives Web Project in Stockholm, Sweden, 24 November. About 30 persons (one representative from each public archive) were present.

Information Day, Luxemburg

Fredrik Palm, along with about 500 others, were networking at the information Day in Luxemburg, 24-25 of January.

Delos conference, Italy

Hanna Zipernovszky and Peder Andrén represented QVIZ at the Delos conference, held in Pisa, Italy 14-15 February.

Planned activities

Next consortium meeting

The next consortium meeting will be hosted by TID and take place in Valladolid, Spain during March 2007.

The 3rd ECAI Congress of Cultural Atlases, Moscow, Russia

Humphrey Southall will participate in the conference “The 3rd ECAI Congress of Cultural Atlases”-conference in Moscow in 29 May-1 June 2007. Read more on <http://ecai.ras.ru>

People

Nikoletta Czakó and Ellen Jacobsson left the project from 28 February. Johan Forsell, Johan Lindeskog and Vojtech Kupca joined the project in January and February 2007. All these are or have been based at HUMlab, Umeå university.

About the Newsletter

The intention of 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. The newsletter will be delivered four times a year. Please forward it to others who may be interested.

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