Newsletter 4

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This newsletter covers the time between February and June, 2007.

Work Progress

This has been an intense work period, and implementation and reporting have taken up most of the time. Software validation and toolkit architecture deliverables has been made whilst "System specification and Requirement" and "Content Selection and Access Strategies" have been revised.

During this period the first year mark of QVIZ was passed which carried with it financial and management reporting.
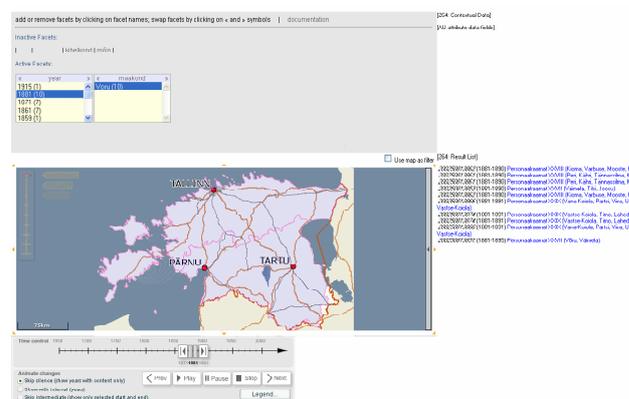
From the Publishable Executive Summary:

> "The work on implementing core components of the system, including social software functions, visualization and knowledge building, led to software output available to users under two prototype portals which we will be integrated at a later stage .
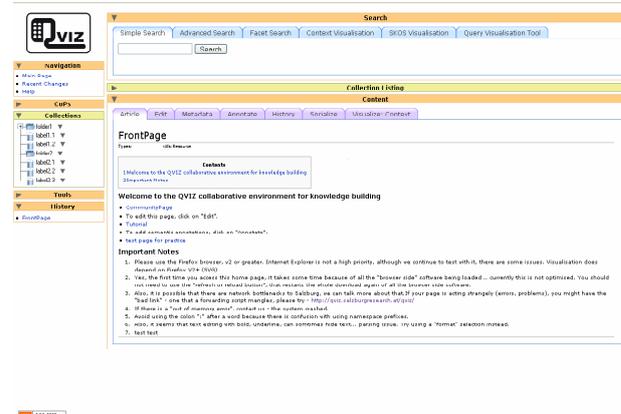
> The Time-spatial interface as well as the faceted query component address querying and visualization for maps and administrative units. The Time-spatial interface enables map based browsing of administrative units of Estonia.

> The user can zoom and pan over the map, displaying administrative units as polygons. A thematic coloring of the map can be chosen, with color representing the number of archival resources connected to an administrative unit. The collaborative environment presents a number of facets, drawn from the Estonian administrative unit ontology, which the user can activate, browse and order among each other."

Time-spatial Interface

Collaborative Environment

Review

On May 24th the commission review was carried out in Luxembourg. All the consortium partners participated, and the reviewers and the project officer gave constructive criticism. One important point that was made concerned the importance of focusing the project and making sure that sufficient integration is achieved. Appropriate action was taken right after the review meeting.

Dissemination activities for the immediate period.

Webcamp on Social Networks in Galway on Ireland 6th-8th of March. Participated from QVIZ was Sebastion Schaffert.

The third congress of cultural Atlases in Moscow in Russia 29th of May - 1st of June. Participant from QVIZ were Humphrey Southall, Martin Schaefer.

The 13th Nordic Conference on Information and Documentation at the Stockholm University, Sweden June 18th-19th 2007. Participant and speaker for QVIZ, Patrik Svensson.

Planned activities

The eChallenge Conference in Hague, The Netherlands, an annual research conference supported by the European Commission. 24-26th of October

Publication

Work on QVIZ was mentioned by Peter Collier as part of the latest national report done by the British Cartographic Society for the International Cartographic Association. This will be officially presented at the XXIII International Cartographic Conference in Moscow in August 2007 and will appear in one of their upcoming publications.

People

New people have been tied to project: Héctor Garcia at TID and Mona Bonta Bergman at UMU.

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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