

International Expert Meeting on Access Management for Distributed Language Archives

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In the realm of the DELAMAN (Digital Endangered Language and Music Archives Network) initiative, the MPI team will organize an expert meeting to discuss strategies for the long-term preservation of material in endangered languages and music archives and for the integration of access management. These topics are of great importance for many archives and several initiatives such as the Internet2 or Global GRID communities are aware of the challenges and are brainstorming and working on solutions. The expert meeting will bring together linguists to discuss their requirements also taking into consideration the needs of the speech communities with which they work, archivists to present the current archive solutions and their expectations and technologists who will present the state and perspectives of existing and emerging software packages. At the end of the workshop we aim to draw conclusions as to how the integration of the different archives collaborating in DELAMAN can best be achieved. We are thinking of federated collections where each archive remains a self-standing entity with all rights to define access rules. The workshop will be held in N megen in November and will be funded by the VolkswagenFoundation.