The Platform for Digitised Manuscripts from Swiss Libraries and Archives

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Cooperative Digitisation Platforms in Switzerland
Point of Departure.
Sub-projects e-lib.ch (Swiss Electronic Library)
e-rara

→ http://www.e-rara.ch

→ Books, maps from the 15th to 19th century from Swiss libraries

→ 23’723 titles

→ 14 participating libraries

→ Leading instution: ETH-Bibliothek Zürich

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e-codices

http://www.e-codices.unifr.ch

Medieval and selected early modern manuscripts of Switzerland

46 libraries

1’145 titles

Leading institution: University of Fribourg

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retro.seals, Swiss Press Online

→ http://retro.seals.ch

→ Leading instution: ETH-Bibliothek Zürich

→ http://newspaper.archives.rero.ch

→ Leading instution: Swiss National Library and cantonal partners
Building a Digitisation Portal for Manuscript Material of all Kinds
Closing a Gap

e-manuscripta.ch serves as a presentation tool

→ for digitised manuscript material of all kinds

→ from different historical periods

→ from Swiss libraries and archives

→ for researchers and the general public

Documents by Erasmus von Rotterdam, Hans Huber, Johann Jakob Wick, Battista Agnese
Collaborative Project

e-manuscripta.ch currently involves three Swiss university libraries:

→ Zentralbibliothek Zürich (coordination, administrative office)
→ Universitätssbibliothek Basel (cataloguing standards)
→ ETH-Bibliothek Zürich (hosting, service provider)

Software Visual Library
(by semantics GmbH and Walter Nagel GmbH & Co. KG)
Local “Production”

The documents presented on e-manuscripta.ch are
→ selected (e.g. “treasures”, relevance for research etc.),
→ registered electronically in library/archive information software,
→ checked by department of conservation,
→ digitised
locally by the various institutions concerned.
Collective Presentation

In order to display the digital representations on e-manuscripta.ch

→ institutions deliver image-files (TIFF) to the Visual Library Server, hosted at the ETH-Bibliothek

→ Visual Library Server imports images and retrieves describing metadata from library/archive information software via software interface or via CSV-file

→ institutions use Visual Library Manager (VLM) for post-processing and releasing digital representations

→ institutions receive “ZIP-capsules” for digital preservation.
e-manuscripta.ch.
The Platform
Welcome to e-manuscripta.ch, the digital platform for manuscript material from Swiss libraries and archives

- Search by keyword for documents in your field of interest
- Browse the collections and refine your search via filters
- Leaf through historical documents in high quality digitization
- Stay informed on the latest additions with the RSS-Feed or via the page New Titles

Lexicon animalium, von Johann Jakob Scheuchzer, Zürich, ca. 1726–1729, Zentralbibliothek Zürich, Ms Z VIII 230
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Empter Buoch, 1594 und später / Andreas Ryff (1550-1603), 1594

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- Ratsherrn Ampt zum Safran
- Silber und Brotschouwer Ampt
- Schützen Meister Ampt
Review and Outlook
The Situation to Date

→ opening March 13\textsuperscript{th} 2013
→ more than 18’000 documents
→ 3 Swiss institutions
→ about 210’000 visits
→ about 5’000’000 pageviews
→ over 17’000 documents downloaded as PDF

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Consequences and Opportunities

→ define criteria for selection of content (law, condition etc.)
→ establish workflows, best practices and cataloguing standards
→ invest in human resources and infrastructure
→ secure long-term financing and preservation

→ increase the number of documents registered electronically
→ (re-)unite historic documents from several institutions on a user-friendly platform (24/7)
→ benefit from reduced financial burden through cooperation
→ improve online presence of institutions and holdings
→ make cultural heritage of Switzerland accessible to the public
Future Perspectives

e-manuscripta is continually being developed by

→ increasing the number and variety of documents,
→ including further institutions as partners,
→ implementing new technical features
  (e.g. annotation/transcription tool, responsive web design)
→ contributing metadata and images to online collections, portals,
  meta search engines on a national and international level
  (e.g. archivesonline.org, Kalliope, Europeana)
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