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New files on the Hand Press Book (HPB) database

Warsaw University Library – letter A and B

This file is the result of a retrospective conversion project supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. WUL's card catalogue and its printed catalogue were converted by book-in-hand cataloguing. The file contains the records for WUL's 142 incunabula and c. 2,000 entries of 16th-century publications, mostly covering letters A and B. The collection covers all languages and subjects, with Latin as the most frequently represented language. Theological materials form a substantial portion of the whole and include Catholic as well as Protestant publications. The "Polonica" collections comprise about 10% of the whole. Records of imperfect books (even fragments) are included. Records can also be retrieved from the WUL online catalogue at <http://katalog.buw.uw.edu.pl>. Further information about this file: <http://www.cerl.org/HPB/hpb.htm>, selecting Content of the HPB database, Warsaw University Library.

The screenshot shows the Eureka Hand Press Book interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, Search, Clear, Search Tips. Below that, it displays 'Record 1 of 1 for FND Record ID PLWC99018702E'. The record details include:
Title: Eusebi Pamphili, Rufini, Socrati, Theodoris, Sozomeni, Theodori, Eragri et Dorothei Ecclesiastica historia...
Edition: War. A.
Published: Basilee - ex off. Eur. Eusebii et Nicolai Fratru haeredum, III 1570 frc. I.
Physical Details: k [8], s 672, k [30], 2s.
Location: Warsaw University Library.
Notes: War. A - po s. 672 następuje 30 k. srb. sygn. LI-Pp6 zawierający: Ferrus et verborum in Historia Ecclesiastica Eusebi memorabilium index...
Partial Contents: Eusebi Pamphili Historiae Ecclesiasticae lib[er] X [Wolfgango Musculo interprete]...
Source: Warsaw University Library.
Record ID: PLWC99018702-E.

National Library of Russia, St Petersburg

The National Library of Russia (NLR) regularly sends further updates to records already added to the HPB database. NLR's cataloguing of all Russian language books published in Russia between 1725 and 1800 held in the NLR now comprises letters A to S, totalling over 10,000 records. Further updates are expected in June and October of this year.

HPB files in progress

RLG's file analysis of the 157,317 records from the Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek (SUB), Göttingen, has nearly been completed. After the SUB Göttingen have had an opportunity to review the conversion, the records will be added to the HPB. RLG have begun file analysis of the 59,186 MARC21 records contributed by the Wellcome Library, London. It is expected that these records, as well as the c. 14,000 records contributed by the Biblioteca Nacional in Madrid, will be added to the HPB in the summer of this year.

CERL Thesaurus file



The Data Conversion Group (DCG) in Göttingen has successfully implemented a facility for linking and displaying Imprint Names associated with a particular Imprint Place. Imprint Names are sorted in alphabetical order. Currently DCG are preparing authority records from the National and University Library in Zagreb, the Bibliothèque nationale de France, and the STCN office in The Hague for addition to the Imprint Names section of the CERL Thesaurus. This is in preparation for the implementation of Assisted Searching on Imprint Names on the Eureka on the Web display which is scheduled for autumn 2002. The CERL Thesaurus is at <http://www.cerl.org/Thesaurus/thesaurus.htm>

Organisational news

New Company Secretary



Dr David Shaw has been appointed Company Secretary of CERL in succession to Dr Lotte Hellinga who announced her intention to step down at the Consortium's Annual General Meeting last year. David Shaw took early retirement in 1999 from the University of Kent at Canterbury where he was Senior Lecturer in French, specialising in Renaissance Studies. His particular area of research has been the history of the book, especially in France, during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. He has been closely associated with the development of computer-based catalogues of early-printed books since the late 1970s, first as director of the catalogue of books printed before 1800 at Canterbury Cathedral Library, and then for eighteen years as Editor-in-Chief of the Bibliographical Society's Cathedral Libraries Catalogue project (published in 1998).

For the past three years Dr Shaw has continued teaching at the University of Kent part-time, while engaged in a number of other activities in the area of the history of the book: the series editor of *Canterbury Sources* at Canterbury Cathedral Library and Archives; co-author of two course modules on rare-books librarianship for a distance-learning degree programme at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth; and working for CERL to prepare the MARC files for the Cathedral Libraries Catalogue for loading on the HPB database (launched September 2001) and then for the creation of the CLCi database (launched May 2002). Dr Shaw spoke to the Annual General Meeting in Lyon in November last year about the Cathedral Libraries Catalogue project.

Dr David Shaw will start working at the Consortium's office in London in June, but he will take over officially from Dr Lotte Hellinga on 8 July 2002. He says 'I am looking forward to meeting colleagues from as many member libraries as possible in the coming year, starting with the ATG and Executive Committee meetings in Bologna'.

Executive Manager moves to The Hague, The Netherlands

As previously intimated to members, Drs Marian Lefferts, Executive Manager, will return to the Netherlands in the later summer of 2002. On her return, she will be based in an office in the Royal Library in The Hague, and she will continue her work for CERL as Executive Manager from her new location. CERL is very grateful to the Royal Library for all its assistance and ready co-operation in this matter. Further practical details about the new distributed working arrangements will be conveyed to members in due course.

CERL Committee Members

Advisory Task Group

Ms Kathryn Hughes of the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, has joined the Advisory Task Group (ATG). Her work in the National Library includes responsibility for international standards, systems work and training for staff involved in cataloguing books, maps, electronic resources, manuscripts and archives, as well as aspects of bi-lingual record creation and access. The ATG is very much looking forward to drawing upon her expertise.

In the coming years, the ATG will be advising CERL on all wide-ranging technical developments suggested in the Development Plan for 2003-2007. These include further development and expansion of the CERL Thesaurus file (e.g. including data on printers' devices); linking the HPB database to full text projects and images; cross-file searching, and on-line editing of HPB records. The ATG contributes its expertise also on the technical and intellectual issues addressed by the Manuscripts Working Group, and may be involved in other possible extensions of CERL's sphere of interest. If you have special expertise in one or more of these areas, and would like to help shape CERL's further development, we warmly invite you to consider becoming a member of the ATG. You can discuss with the Executive Manager whether you would be able to attend the ATG meetings (typically three per year), or whether you would prefer to join the electronic discussion list.

JOIN the ATG

New CERL Members

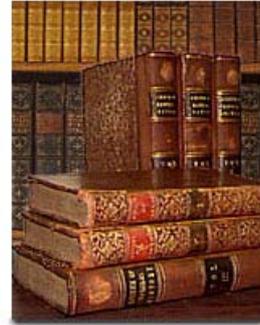
Full Members and Clusters

The Russian State Library in Moscow has joined CERL as a Full Member, and the Biblioteca Nacional in Lisbon have formed a cluster of libraries that now have access to the HPB and ESTC databases. For a full list of CERL members, see <http://www.cerl.org/CERL/cerl.htm>.

Special Members

CERL's contacts with the antiquarian book trade have been very successful, and have resulted in a further five Special Members joining CERL, namely:

- Antiquariat Bibermühle, Ramsen, Switzerland
- C.R. Johnson Rare Book Collections, London
- Maggs Bros. Ltd, London
- Ximenes Rare Books Inc., Kempford, Gloucestershire
- Jonathan A. Hill Bookseller, Inc., New York



Strategic and Operational Plan

A draft Development Plan, covering the period from 2003 to 2007, was discussed by the Executive Committee at its meeting in March of this year. The purpose of the plan is to set the course of CERL's development over the next five-year period. CERL's aim is to develop the context and density of its on-line resource so that it becomes the first port of call for all researchers using early books of the European printed heritage and related resources.

The Committee endorsed the draft plan, and advocated greater emphasis on the development of cross-file searching, linking of databases and providing integrated access to various relevant resources. In time, CERL must take on the role of portal, and become the starting point for all researchers who use early books as their study material.

The revised draft of the Development Plan will be discussed at the June meeting of the Executive Committee. Following this meeting, the draft document will be sent to all CERL members, with an invitation to send in suggestions and comments. The deadline for responses will be 30 September 2002. The final draft of the Development Plan will then be presented to the members for discussion at the Annual General Meeting in The Hague in November 2002. Once adopted, it is intended that the Development Plan will be a rolling plan, which will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

Manuscripts Working Group

The Manuscripts Working Group consists of Dr Lotte Hellinga (Chair), Dr Fernanda Campos (Biblioteca Nacional, Lisbon), Mr Gordon Dunsire (Napier University, Edinburgh), Dr Consuelo Dutschke (Columbia, NY, Digital Scriptorium), Dr Fabienne Queyroux (Institut de France, Paris) and Dr Jutta Weber (Staatsbibliothek in Berlin).

The first step taken is gathering, with the help of all members, information on web-based manuscripts projects. A technical questionnaire, devised by Gordon Dunsire, is now addressed to all projects. Upon completion of the review of manuscripts projects, the Working Group will select three such projects to serve as a test bed for the development of a model for cross-file searching, which is to be presented to the Annual General Meeting in November 2002.

SCIPIO now available through CERL

The SCIPIO database of auction catalogues, which is held on RILIN, already includes a great deal of material relevant to research into the history of the book and specifically the history of the book-trade. Although we are aware that the records for book-auctions can be much augmented, the database has already proved to be useful for this particular interest. CERL has therefore successfully negotiated with RLG to give access to those CERL members who wish to use it, at per search costs of \$1.02 (invoiced annually in September). Please contact the Company Secretary if your institution would like to gain access to SCIPIO.

Promotion of CERN

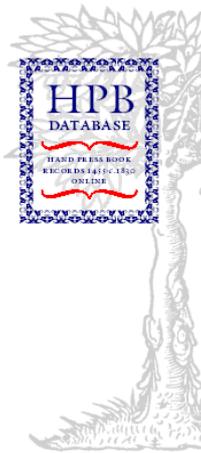
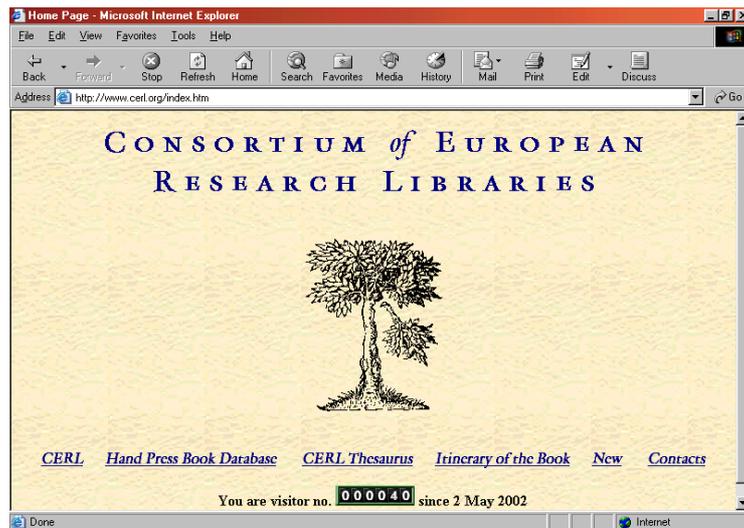
Web site

CERN's web site has been further developed and redesigned. It was launched in its new form in April 2002.

The web site contains four main sections: CERN as an organisation, the HPB database, the CERN Thesaurus and the Itinerary of the Book. A fifth section, on the Manuscripts Working Group, was added. A survey of Manuscripts web sites will be added to this section shortly.

Each of these sections has its own menu bar, with further, more detailed information.

New additions to the site include a section with official documents relating to CERN, the file description for the Warsaw University Library records, the UNICAT/FILPROC/'99 fields documents in PDF format, and a new cultural route 'El Camino de Santiago'. Your suggestions on the new web site will be gratefully received.



CERN Leaflets

The promotion leaflets designed by Mr Justin Howes have now been distributed to all members to be placed in reading rooms. The text of the leaflet may be translated, if so desired. M. Spinazzola has already translated the leaflet in Italian, and M-H de la Mure volunteered to provide the French translation.

Workshops

- On 28 January CERN's Executive Manager gave a presentation at *Petrus Scriverius*, a society of book historians in the Netherlands. The Athenaeum Library in Deventer requested a trial period, and other libraries in the Netherlands are investigating the possibilities of group membership.
- On 11 February Dr Margherita Spinazzola (Soprintendenza per i beni librari e documentari in Bologna) organised a workshop for libraries in the Soprintendenza Cluster. Dr Claudia Fabian (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München) and the Executive Manager gave presentations on new HPB file loads, the CERN Thesaurus file, Assisted Searching, UNIMARC output of HPB records, and future database developments.
- On 26 March Mr T. Curwen (CERN Consultant) and the Executive Manager gave presentations to members of staff at the National Library of Wales, as well as potential members of a cluster around this Library.
- On 29 and 30 April the Executive Manager attended the Milestone Conference organised by The European Library (<http://www.europeanlibrary.org>). TEL's objective is to set up a co-operative framework that will lead to a system for access to the major national and deposit collections (mainly digital, but not precluding paper) in European national libraries. TEL will establish the policy and develop the technical groundwork for a sustainable pan-European digital library based on distributed digital collections and on the operational digital library developments in the participating libraries and agencies. TEL is largely funded by the European Commission.
- On 23 May the Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen will hold a workshop for members of its Cluster.
- On 12 September the National Library of Russia, St Petersburg, will hold a workshop for colleagues from the former Soviet Union.



RLG implements OpenURL protocol

RLG has recently implemented the OpenURL protocol. OpenURL provides a standardised mechanism to link from citation and bibliographic records to your institution's own full-text collections and/or the print holdings represented in your own online catalogue – and even in regional and consortial catalogues. This new feature is only available in their recently released ('blue') version of the Eureka® interface. To take advantage of this linking service, your institution must have local software typically referred to as an OpenURL resolver or server (e.g. 1Cate from Openly, SFX from ExLibris, and LinkFinderPlus from Endeavor). The NISO committee working toward an OpenURL standard maintains a web site at <http://library.caltech.edu/openurl/> with extensive information. If your institution supports a local resolver, you can contact the Executive Manager with a request to activate OpenURL for your account (Further information at <http://www.rlg.org/openurl.html>).

Access for CERL members to the EROMM database

The European Register of Microform Masters (EROMM) is an international database created to record all printed material that is reproduced on microform or digital form to preserve its contents without limit in time. There are no limitations in type of publication (monographs, serials, journals, newspapers), language, date or provenance. Via the EROMM database, microforms and digital forms can be located and accessed: requests are forwarded on-line to the institution that owns the master copy of a microform, and hyperlinks point to the web location of a digital reproduction. EROMM informs microfilming and digitisation programmes in libraries whether selected books have previously been microfilmed or digitised elsewhere.

EROMM In the past, CERL has investigated possibilities to give CERL members access to this database, especially since c. 45% of the EROMM records relate to pre-1830 printing. In response to this, the EROMM consortium has decided to allow all CERL members free read-only access to the EROMM database - provided one institution in their country provides data to EROMM and is a member (as is the case for most CERL members).

Institutions wishing to use the EROMM database may register as a user via the EROMM website. To ensure an automated log-on procedure, you must provide your IP domain or IP number. Libraries that wish to use EROMM's requesting facility, or obtain special advantages of pricing and delivery time will be required to pay a low annual fee. These libraries are expected to contribute their own records of reformatted items and be able to deliver user copies upon request. For more information go to <http://www.eromm.org>.

Security Management of Historical Collections in European Libraries

Following grave instances of trans-national theft from library collections across Europe, a Conference was held in the Royal Library, Copenhagen, from 12 to 14 May 2002, under the auspices of the Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche (LIBER), at which Library Directors and Heads of Security discussed ways of combatting such incidents through new forms of practical co-operative effort among research libraries across Europe. The Conference, which was organized by Mr Erland Kolding Nielsen, Director-General of the Royal Library and his colleagues, was attended by representatives from national and university libraries in countries across Europe. During the two-day sessions, chaired by Professor Esko Häkli and Dr Ann Matheson, representatives discussed the need for greater openness on the part of libraries about institutional instances of theft, the adoption of a more professional approach to sharing information, and the creation of a new security network for trans-national co-operation among libraries in order to prevent and combat criminal acts against significant library collections. The draft 'Copenhagen Principles' agreed at the Conference, as the basis for an organizational network for international co-operation on security problems in national and research libraries, can be found at <http://www.kb.dk/liber/news/copenhagenprinciples.htm>. CERL supports the aims of 'The Copenhagen Principles', and is willing to play its part in assisting these developments.