



Aligning National Approaches to Digital Preservation

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Community Briefing on the ANADP 2011 Summit

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Overview

- ▶ What led to the ANADP Summit, aims, organizations involved, and planning/preparation for the event
- ▶ Structure of the working groups and associated conference planning activities
- ▶ Summit outcomes and results
- ▶ Why you should care
- ▶ Conference edited volume and next steps

Impetus for ANADP

- ▶ Occasional NDIIPP meeting presentations circa 2008 by international groups suggested possibilities of international coordination of digital preservation efforts
- ▶ Notable successes of International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC) and specific projects (example: TransAtlantic Slave Trade Database) during first decade of 21st Century
- ▶ Lack of clarity, however, about exactly what an international cooperative agenda would comprise

Greater than the Sum of our Parts Workshop (GTTSOOP)

- ▶ Held on Thursday, 9/23/10, in Vienna as post-conference of iPres 2010
- ▶ Numerous presentations by various national digital preservation groups about activities (examples: UK DPC, Open Planets, NDIIPP)
- ▶ Discussion surfaced many similarities of purposes, aims, and activities between groups
- ▶ Workshop concluded with strong assertions by all concerned that there was need to engage in a summit to explore ways of aligning national programs; confirmed ANADP participation

Planning Committee

Included representatives of the following organizations:

- ▶ US Library of Congress NDIIPP
- ▶ MetaArchive Cooperative, international
- ▶ Netherlands Coalition for Digital Preservation
- ▶ Italian Digital Renaissance Foundation
- ▶ Digital Curation Centre in the UK
- ▶ Berlin School of Library and Information Science at Humboldt University, Germany
- ▶ Department of Information Science, Loughborough University, UK
- ▶ Estonian National Library and Tallinn University

Aligning National Approaches to Digital Preservation Summit Aims

1. To share information between national digital preservation efforts around the world;
2. To align promising technical and organizational approaches, emphasizing interoperability;
3. To foster economically sustainable collaborations among institutions and countries;
4. To devise an action plan for building international collaboration among interested national digital preservation initiatives

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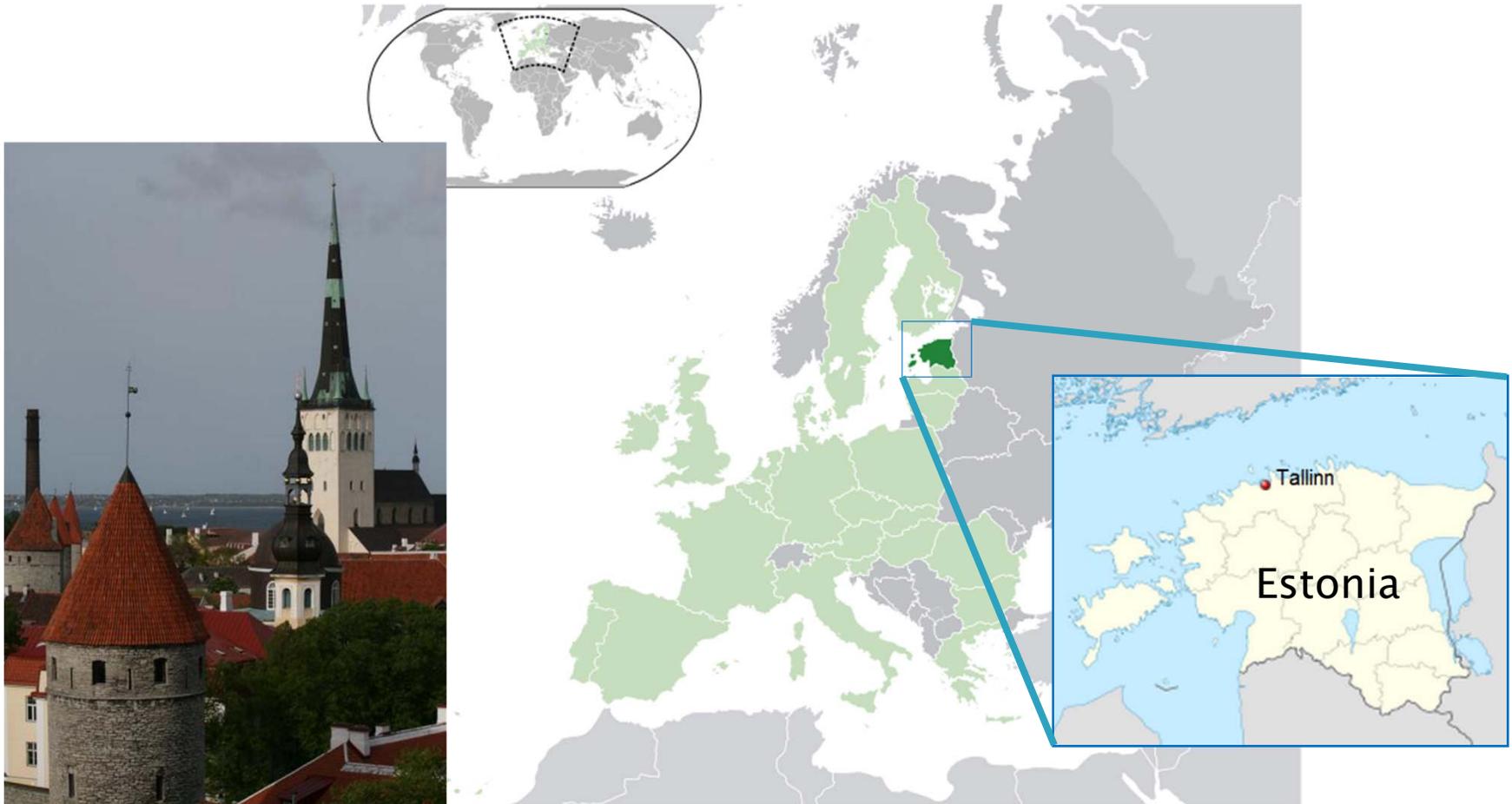
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Summit was held in Tallinn, Estonia



ANADP Summit

- ▶ Event was inaugurated with an address by the President of Estonia (Toomas Ilves)
- ▶ More than 200 attendees, with 125 delegates from more than 20 countries that met for three days at the National Library of Estonia in Tallinn
- ▶ Identified more than a dozen short- and long-term action items that will serve as starting points for fostering greater alignment across national digital preservation initiatives
- ▶ Presenters and attendees made plans to work together to produce an edited volume to document strategies for aligning national digital preservation efforts

Summit Structure

- ▶ Six Working Group Panels:
 - Standards
 - Organizational
 - Technical
 - Legal
 - Educational
 - Economics
- ▶ Each panel was charged with identifying opportunities for alignment in a specific area,
- ▶ Panels were comprised of multiple experts from different nations, and held plenary and breakout sessions
- ▶ Several national-level organization leaders served as keynotes

Delegates had diverse experience and backgrounds



ANADP Conclusions

- ▶ All panels identified specific collaborative tasks for articles included in the upcoming conference edited volume
- ▶ Conference presenters and attendees defined alignment in digital preservation as:
 - Crucial to streamlining our mutual efforts;
 - Essential for effectively making the case to stakeholders; and
 - Being of greatest impact for collaboration in the areas of support and education
- ▶ Alignment aspects identified as needing future discussions included:
 - Strategies for avoiding technical monocultures;
 - Clarifying organizational alignment within countries;
 - Further exploring the role of standards in interoperability;
 - The need for multinational legal policy recommendations;
 - Improving outreach to the broader public; and
 - Exploring the impacts of scale on economics

Why care about this summit?

Cliff Lynch highlighted three reasons in the concluding plenary about why alignment of national DP efforts is important:

...[Alignment] creates a set of opportunities for collaboration, for working together, for pooling resources and that's clearly desirable in a situation like this where the demands are and probably always will be tremendously in excess of the resources that we can collectively bring to them...

...If we are aligned in our efforts, we can learn from each other's efforts in a much more effective way. We can take ideas that come from one nation's work and reapply it to another...

...if we align our strategies, I think collectively we can make a more effective case for the importance of the strategies both to national governments, to other funding agencies and really indeed to society at large.

Summit Planning Takeaways

- ▶ Given that this kind of event had never been attempted before, it worked remarkably well; however...
- ▶ Very challenging to get past localized, contexts, assumptions, and vocabulary
- ▶ Inherent problems in incentivizing international collaborators to work together
- ▶ Hard to coordinate events internationally!
Challenges in transferring funds for registration, catering, etc.

Gaps and Omissions

- ▶ Broad representation from Europe and USA, some from Africa and Middle East, but none from South America, or East Asia
- ▶ Inadequate representation in delegates from fields outside of libraries and archives
- ▶ Inadequate attention to issues of:
 - Making the case to government funding agencies
 - Collecting priorities and policies
 - Related problems of non-digital formats and genres
 - Educating the public through outreach efforts
 - E-science and data preservation

Next Steps

- ▶ Follow-up workshop was held at iPres 2011 in Singapore to engage with Far Eastern countries
- ▶ ANADP edited volume will build on the conference by documenting action plans for collaboration-building activities and charting agendas for greater digital preservation alignment across each of the event's topical areas
- ▶ Volume will be published in print, but also made available on the conference website:
<http://www.educopia.org/events/ANADP/Volume>
- ▶ Future summits will actively solicit participation by additional nations and professions beyond libraries and archives

Questions and Answers

