

Editor's Notes

Welcome to the second issue of the IASSIST Quarterly vol. 27. Again we present three articles in an IQ issue. The articles are elaborations from a conference, from a local presentation, and a librarian's thoughts on information products management.

At the IASSIST Ottawa conference in May 2003 the session on "The Roots of Historical Censuses: the archivist's perspective" held several perspectives. Cara Downey from the Library and Archives of Canada presents in her paper on "The Census of Canada" an "Archival Perspective". According to Cara Downey it all started in 1666 when Intendant Jean Talon enumerated the 3,215 inhabitants of New France. It is said that "the census has been a wonderful source of information about Canadians". The paper includes a chronological description of the development of the Canadian Census, and the paper also discusses the aspects of archival value.

Newspaper clippings form the foundation of much research. Juan Linz is Sterling Professor Emeritus of Political and Social Science at Yale. The newspaper clippings of Juan Linz form the foundation of the archive of the Spanish transition to democracy for the period 1975-1983. Martha Peach has in Spain presented the archive, but here in the IQ the collection and the process of digitalization are described in English. Martha Peach is director of the Library, Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Juan March Institute, Madrid, Spain. The title of the presentation is subtitled "A project of analysis, digitalization and event history database".

The IASSIST Quarterly mostly uses presentations and longer statements from the IASSIST conferences and IASSIST members. The IASSIST community is not that common, and we can use and welcome some input from outside. So it is with pleasure I announce the article from the librarian Rajashekhar D. Kumbar (Jansons School of Business, Karumathampatti in India). From Rajashekhar D. Kumbar we have received an article with the title "Information Products Management in the Internet Age". The article takes its base in the electronic market place of today, with digital goods. The abstract states that "information or knowledge goods are a peculiar kind of commodity. Management of these information products requires librarians to deal with information not just as a set of objects or artifacts such as data or files, but also as a process that extends from information identification (sensing), collection and organization through its processing, maintenance and use." This is a promising point of departure for a discussion and development within IASSIST.

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Papers for the IASSIST Quarterly are most welcome. Papers can be from IASSIST conferences, from other conferences, from local presentation, etc. So please contact the editor (kbr@sam.sdu.dk).

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