Overall update

Since the last update, the Network Association’s activities have revolved around the Network Association’s the first 2018 Members Council meeting in The Hague, planning and execution of 2 Management Board calls, and work of the Network Task Forces, Working Groups and communities.

Membership

The current Association membership stands at 2145 (number updated 19/03/2018). The number includes around 450 unconfirmed members from the 2017 Membership campaign that have been approached again in January and March 2018 with a request to confirm their interest to remain in the Network Association.

Members Council meeting – March 2018 The Hague

The Members Council met on 6 March in at the Europeana Office in The Hague for their first meeting of 2018. The meeting started with an introduction of the 4 new Councillors - Sara Di Giorgio, Kate Fernie, Peter Soemers, and Marco Streefkerk. The Council discussed the current and future ENA aspirations, with the main objective to improve the current set-up and increase the community-building efforts in order to activate and strengthen the Network. The key topic was the implementation of the new community-based Network structure. The Network will be reshaped around communities based on topics of common interest, challenges and needs of the Network members, or thematic channels/markets of Europeana, and with regional/national representation. The Council identified and started exploring the future functioning of 5 proposed communities: Technical standards, Impact, Innovation within the sector, Outreach campaigns, and Use of DCH in education and research. The Councillors formed breakout groups around
these topics and each group discussed how their community should run in practical terms.

The Councillors were also presented with the upcoming activities related to the Europeana Migration Campaign and discussed how they and their networks can contribute to it, being part of the 2018 EYCH. A few Councillors also shared their personal migration stories during a Europeana collection day simulation. The Council briefly discussed the Association budget, set-up new yearly Working Groups, and evaluated and approved final reports of 2 Task Forces: Advanced documentation of 3D Digital Assets, and Network Participation Framework. The next Members Council meeting is planned for 5-6 July in The Hague, Netherlands.

Related blog (tbp)

Network Engagement

The Task Forces that ended and underwent final review of the Members Council are Advanced documentation of 3D Digital Assets, Network Participation Framework, and Impact Assessment TF. Task Force Europeana Resource Citation and Object Identity Standardization approaches its mid-term review. Task Force Creation and Governance of EDM mappings, profiles and extensions has started its work recently. Two new Task Forces were approved and started working in December 2017: Europeana Migration and Impact Assessment no.2.

6 Working Groups are currently running. The Library WG has been working towards creating a Europeana community for the library sector. The #AllezCulture, Data Quality and the Copyright WGs are involved in ongoing activities. The new 2018 Governance WG and 2018 AGM WG were appointed by the Members Council in March 2018 and will start working shortly.

The communities proposed by the Management Board and explored by the Members Council during its meeting (listed earlier under ‘Members Council meeting – March 2018 The Hague’ section) are being implemented. There are some additional, already existing ones in place such as Europeana Tech, Copyright, and the Library community. The number and scope of these communities will be confirmed in the coming weeks and months.

Since the last update, 2 Management Board calls were held. The next call will be held in May 2018.

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