infoclio.ch – a digital infrastructure

Welcome

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infoclio.ch – a initiative of the SGG and the SAGW

- The history of infoclio.ch goes back to the late 90ies.

- The first attempt to create a digital portal for the historical sciences failed.

- In February 2005, the Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Geschichte (SGG) tried a second time and accosted the Schweizerische Akademie der Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften (SAGW) with a precise proposal.

- infoclio.ch finally found its way into the four-year budget (2008 – 2001) of the Staatsekretariat für Bildung und Forschung (SBF) which funds some parts of the research infrastructure.

Organisation

- infoclio.ch is an enterprise of the SAGW

- Administratively, infoclio.ch is directly responsible to the secretary general of the SAGW

- Strategically, infoclio.ch is directly responsible to a commission which consists of representatives of the most important federal institutions

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Mission

infoclio.ch has the following mission: As a national actor, infoclio.ch fosters and develops the digital infrastructure for the historical sciences in Switzerland.

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- coordinates the relevant actors
- represents their common interests and concerns
- assures their comprehensive information
- champions for cross-linking of already existent knowledge, for the presence of Swiss history in international databases and for access of researchers to international databases
- reflects the potential of and difficulties with digital medias for historical sciences and formulates forward-looking solutions and strategies

Two main tasks

- The construction of a disciplinary portal which will serve the Swiss historical sciences as the single point of entry into the internet

- The promotion of retro digitization of sources, journals and books

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Products of the disciplinary portal infoclio.ch

- General information about events and important news and facts in the field of historical sciences

- Direct access to a number of project databases and to relevant digital catalogs of Swiss libraries

- Database with documented links (in cooperation with NIG)

- The database contains the most important institutions (e.g. archives, museums, research institutes, libraries)

Products of the disciplinary portal infoclio.ch

- Webblog

- Review of books (in cooperation with H-Soz-u-Kult)

- Personalized services and community functions

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What are we using AAI for?

- In a first step, we use AAI for the following services:
    - webblog
    - personalized services
    - community functions

- With AAI we would like to control and create access and administration rights for users of specific services

- In a second step, we plan to add some new functionalities for which we will also need the different services provided by SWITCH

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Why is SWITCH the right partner for infoclio.ch?

- With its AAI service SWITCH covers mainly the academic world in Switzerland: Universities, ETH, EPFL and colleges of higher education.

- This strategic direction corresponds very well with our main stakeholders: University members, i.e. professors, researchers and students.

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- Main advantages of this solution:

    - University members can use their university specific login name and password not only for university but also for specific infoclio.ch services.

    - infoclio.ch can reduce its administrative expense.

    - infoclio.ch has already implemented the essential prerequisite for a close collaboration with other university institutes which normally also use the AAI-identification system provided by SWITCH.

How do we treat users which are not AAI-compatible?

- For all those users which are not covered by AAI we will provide an alternative login function.

Thank you very much for your attention!

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