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# Preface: Proceedings of the International Conference on Integrated Information (IC-ININFO 2011)

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# Aims and Scope of the Conference

The International Conference on Integrated Information 2011 took place in Kos Island, Greece, between September, 29 and October, 3, 2011. IC-ININFO is an international interdisciplinary conference covering research and development in the field of information management and integration.

The conference aims at creating a forum for further discussion for an Integrated Information Field incorporating a series of issues and/or related organizations that manage information in their everyday operations. Therefore, the call for papers is addressed to scholars and/or professionals of the fields of Library and Archives Science (including digital libraries and electronic archives), Museum and Gallery Studies, Information Science, Documentation, Information Management, Records Management, Knowledge Management, Data management and Copyright experts the latter with an emphasis on Electronic Publications. Furthermore, papers focusing on issues of Cultural Heritage Management and Conservation Management are also be welcomed along with papers regarding the Management of Nonprofit Organizations such as libraries, archives and museums.

One of the primary objectives of the IC-ININFO will be the investigation of information-based managerial change in organizations. Driven by the fast-paced advances in the Information field, this change is characterized in terms of its impact on organizations that manage information in their everyday operations.

Grouping emerging technologies in the Information field together in a close examination of practices, problems and trends, IC-ININFO and its emphases on integration and management will present the state of the art in the field. Addressed jointly to the academic and practitioner, it will provide a forum for a number of perspectives based on either theoretical analyses or empirical case studies that will foster dialogue and exchange of ideas.

# **Topics of general Interest**

Library Science, Archives Science, Museum and Gallery Studies, Information Science, Documentation, Digital Libraries, Electronic Archives, Information Management, Records / Document Management, Knowledge Management, Data Management, Copyright, Electronic Publications, Cultural Heritage Management, Conservation Management, Management of Nonprofit Organizations, History of Information, History of Collections, Health Information

# Symposia

The Conference offered a number of sessions under its patronage, providing a concise overview of the most current issues and hands-on experience in information-related fields.

- Symposium on Integrated information: Theory, Policies, Tools
- 4th Symposium on Business and Management and Dynamic Simulation Models supporting management strategies

- Session on Open Access Rrepositories: Self-archiving, Metadata, Content policies, Usage
- Session on Evidence-Based Information in Clinical Practice
- Session on Business Management and Communication Strategies supporting Decision Making Process in Tourism Sector
- Session on Electronic Publishing: A Developing Landscape
- Session on Information and Knowledge Management
- Session on Information Content Preservation as Outcome of Conservation of Cultural Heritage: Ethics, Methodology and Tools
- Session on Advances Information for Strategic Management
- Session on Information History: Perspectives, Methods and Current Topics
- Session on Divergence and Convergence: Information Work in Digital Cultural Memory Institutions
- Session on Contemporary issues in Management: Organisational Behaviour, Information Technology, Education & Hospital leadership.

The wide range of aspects that the sessions covered, highlighted future trends in the Information Science.

# **Paper Peer Review**

More than 300 papers had been submitted for consideration in IC-ININFO 2011. From them, 91 were selected for presentation, after peer review in a double blind review process. The accepted papers were presented at IC-ININFO 2011.

# **Thanks**

We would like to thank all members that participated in any way in the IC-ININFO 2011 Conference and especially:

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# Mass Deacidification: Preserving more than Written Information

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Abstract: A vast number of books and archive materials worldwide are threatened by acid decay or ink corrosion. Till now, many investigations demonstrated the effectiveness of mass deacidification to stop the deterioration process. Different quality standards guarantee the safety for the original items and allow after the long experience of ten years in conclusive evaluations operation more measurements based on artificial ageing. Diverse mechanical properties were examined, and with sophisticated methods it could be shown that the neutralization compound was totally penetrating the treated papers in a solvent based mass process. Besides deacidification, a magnesium-titanium based process is also suitable for a gentle treatment of papers threatened or even damaged by ink corrosion.

**Keywords:** Paper conservation, Mass Deacidification, Quality standards, Papersave Swiss Treatment.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Today digitalization is on everyone's lips. However, preservation of the cultural heritage is more than digitalization of the information and scans or photographs of original items. Books and archive materials can tell us the story beyond the written information, about the person who manufactured the book, techniques in production of parchment, paper, cardboard, the organization of human knowledge and even fashion trends can be found (Grossenbacher, 2006). Unfortunately, a total of two thirds of all historically and culturally significant books and archive materials worldwide are threatened by acid decay or ink corrosion. To preserve such originals in the long run adequate conservation processes are required. After ten years in operation mass deacidification processes proofed their suitability and efficiency in stopping the acid caused paper decay by neutralizing the acids and building up an alkaline reserve. Comparative studies showed the effectiveness of the mass deacidification processes (Ramin et al., 2009). Recently, further European studies in mass processes confirmed the successful neutralization of the acids in books and acknowledged the long experience of ten years in operation that provide analytically more conclusive evaluations compared to studies based on artificial ageing. Additionally, a process based on magnesium and titanium ethoxide demonstrated the suitability to treat ink corrosion (Effner, 2008).

#### II. OUTLINE

A consistent quality control creates the prerequisites for conclusive studies. In Switzerland the quality standards of the Swiss National Library and the Swiss Federal applied<sup>89</sup>. Archive Besides are surface measurements the Swiss quality standards include the analysis of the alkaline uptake by XRF measurements, homogeneity of the treatment, and color measurements. Over the ten past years a lot of data has been generated that successfully demonstrates the effectiveness of mass deacidification processes and the high quality involved.

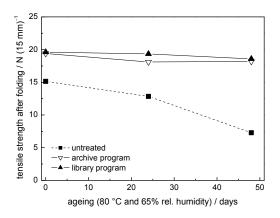


Figure 1. Tensile strength after Bansa-Hofer folding [6] against accelerated ageing.

Whereas the swiss quality checks are performed with the test books and the original materials, the German recommendation for quality management in preservation refrains measurements on original items but yet sets standards for a general process control) Hofmann and Wiesner, 2007). Exactly defined test paper has to be included in the treatment process to deliver relevant parameters on tensile strength. measured after Bansa-Hofer folding (Bansa and Hofer, 1980), and artificial ageing. Fig. 1 shows the strengthening effect of the papersave swiss treatment immediately after the process and the long-term effect on the paper usability. In further investigations different mechanical tests with and without ageing demonstrated

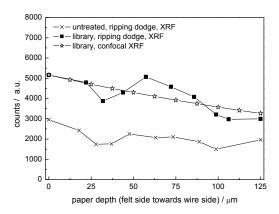
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 $<sup>^{89}</sup>$  Quality standards for the deacidification by the Papersave Swiss process

again the effectiveness of mass deacidification processes (Ramin *et al.*, 2009).

Fig. 2 displays the magnesium distribution crosswise through a sheet of paper. In a solvent-based process, the active neutralization compound is equally distributed and thus able to neutralize the acids in a sustainable manner.

Recent work (Effner, 2008) revealed the suitability of a solvent process based on magnesium and titanium ethoxide to treat ink corrosion. The advantages were the immobilization of the iron ions, and the absence of mechanical stress, as no swelling occurred. The surface character and the morphological structure of the historical inks have not changed.



**Figure 2.** Comparison of the magnesium content of treated paper with the paper depth, measured by 3D-micro-XRF (asterisk) and normal XRF (squares). The magnesium content of untreated paper, analyzed by XRF, is depicted with crosses. For clarity, the signals of the 3D-micro-XRF are collated with the counts of the standard XRF for the felt side surface.

A vast number of good reasons to apply a mass deacidification process but yet digitalization is on everyone's lips. No doubt digitalization allows immediate public access to written information. However, mass deacidification is the only process to preserve the original cultural heritage!

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