



Università degli Studi di Napoli "Federico II"

Didactic Activities within the EU-project "ENArC"

GOAL:

... form an appropriately trained professional for the Monasterium-project and the EditMOM tool (www.monasterium.net).

This professional must possess basic competences in the following disciplines:

- Paleography
- Diplomatics
- Archival Sciences
- Medieval History
- and must be able to use digital technology.

Also, he/she must contribute to the whole workflow in order to help creating the digital archives. That is to say to be part of all those operations useful for the digital reproduction of charters according to high quality standards: from the processing of digital files, necessary to prepare metadata useful to the opening of a digital archive, to the data collection of charters and their online publishing.

The training of this new professional, who will be defined as "**MOM Digital Archives Maker**", will go through three different levels of activities which the UNINA has already begun and will keep going:

1. BASIC TRAINING
2. FIELD SKILLS
3. LIFELONG LEARNING

Once they finished their training by passing through the different levels, MOM Digital Archives Makers could put online their curricula in a dedicated section of our website: *[under construction]*

This way the communication between those who look for people able to work at the digital archives on the Monasterium website and those who aspire to work at the digital archives in the Monasterium project will be assured.

Training levels in detail:

1. BASIC FORMATION

This first stage is represented by the organisation of university courses within degree and master studies in Diplomatics, Paleography and, generally, Auxiliary Sciences of History with the help of digital technologies such as:

- Monasterium.Net
- EditMOM tool
- and maybe also the moodle platform rete@ccessibile.

The courses can be held in every university by teachers belonging to the Didactics Group, solo or in collaboration with lecturers from other European universities. The same format of courses can also be organised at other cultural institutions.

The ENArC "*Didactics Work Group*" operating at the University of Naples (UNINA) introduces the training of teachers using EditMOM and Rete@ccessibile for the first time. Such training might be held at involved universities and institutions in full immersion mini courses. Teachers can get other possible information about these topics within the Educational activities of the ICARUS/ENArC network (e.g. "ICARUS4education").

Performed Activities

A course in Diplomatics with the help of Monasterium and Rete@ccessibile was held by Prof. Antonella Ambrosio in the Master study in Library and Archival Science and Methodology of the Research at the UNINA in the academic year 2010-2011.

How to participate

We are waiting for ideas and collaboration proposals.

2. FIELD SKILLS

In the second stage, the trainee is given a more specific knowledge about certain subjects. Besides, all the participants have the chance to work actively on the field.

This level is carried out by an international course or a summer school for students and graduating students who have taken part in the basic training courses, but it is also open to all other interested students. University students might obtain ECTS. Such activity will be divided in a first full immersion theoretical phase, focused on certain topics or groups of specific documents and a second practical stage at an archive involved in the Monasterium project.

Performed Activities

The course or the summer school will take place before April 2015.

How to participate

We are searching for partners of the project and for teachers volunteering as candidates.

3. LIFELONG LEARNING

The third level is addressed at recent graduates with basic competence in the aforementioned disciplines. It is especially addressed to those who have just a little experience in the field and want to specialize or keep up to date on digital technologies.

This stage is represented by the following formula:

- seminar on specific topics regarding digital archives in Monasterium
- tutored workshop hours
- chance of training or short paid collaborations at a Monasterium partner (face-to-face or remote).

The innovation lies in the fact that, once the training is over, the relationship continues: indeed, every participant becomes part of a real Learning Community. This community regularly meets to take part in training workshops (regarding the nature and composition of Monastic Archives, digitalisation, metadata XML encoding, EditMOM documents description, Monasterium research data, etc.). Everyone can keep in contact via an electronic newsletter (functional to the communication of 'internal' training seminars taking place in the Department of Historical Disciplines of the UNINA, but also to disseminate news about meetings, seminars, workshops, summer school, stages and work proposals recent graduates might be interested, both in Italy and abroad).

Performed Activities

The first step towards this training programme has been taken thanks to the implementation of some seminars and virtual training tests. Such activities started in collaboration with ICARUS.

A cycle of seminars about digitisation (held by Michele Innangi) and metadata XML encoding (held by Antonella Ambrosio and Maria Rosaria Falcone) was organised by the UNINA. Thanks to these activities some graduates attended six remote trainings (Gianluca Aiello, Viviana De Luca, Olimpia Di Palo, Angelica Parisi, Concetta Prisco, Pasqualina Uccello), a three months training with refunded expenses (Concetta Prisco) and a brief collaboration (Angelica Parisi). Coordinated by Antonella Ambrosio, Maria Rosaria Falcone and Rosalba Di Meglio, they performed an intense collaboration within the activities of the ENArC Didactics Work Group operating at the Department of Historical Disciplines of the UNINA, creating some digital archives and taking part in the organisation of the international meeting "Digital Diplomatics. Tools for the Digital Diplomatist" held in Naples from September 29 to October 1, 2011.

How to participate

We are waiting for teachers volunteering as seminar candidates, collaboration proposals, young graduates joining the community, event reports for our Newsletter and any other ideas.

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