Preservation Today
Addressing mass digitization and protection of originals alike

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Preserving legal and cultural heritage has never been so varied and involved so much management: The increasing amount of incoming documents challenges archives and libraries. Enhancing digital access sees the need of allocating financial and human resources to this process. Working cycles for digitization and preservation have to be combined. For all these tasks, preservation benefits a lot from innovative tech solutions in combination with scientific research and exchange of expertise.

In view of these options and challenges, experts from national and community archives present their experience in balancing digital access expectations with preservation needs. They discuss how to ensure best solutions in long-term planning for preservation and digitization given the perspective of lively and fast developing science and technology as well as war-inflicted threats to collections.
Conference Programme | Wed, 28 June

11:00 | Registration, get-together

12:15 | Welcoming remarks
Michael Hollmann (Federal Archives, Germany)

12:20 | Introduction
Christian Hänger (Federal Archives, Germany)

12:45 | Keynote speech
Michael Hollmann (Federal Archives, Germany)

13:15 | Reading Room@home – Swiss perspectives on mass digitization on demand
Marine van den Driessche (Swiss Federal Archives),
Stefan Nellen (Swiss Federal Archives)

13:45 | Discussion

14:15 | Coffee break

14:45 | Mass Digitization by Administrative Bodies: Experiences with the NARA strategic plan 2022–26
Pamela Wright (NARA, U.S.A.)

15:15 | Mass Digitization Supervised by the Archives: Advantages and ventures in Finland
Ville Kajanne (National Archives of Finland)

15:45 | The National Archives of France Balancing Conservation and Digitization
Flore Hervé (National Archives, France)

16:15 | Discussion

17:00 | Guided tours through the Federal Archives
(please register at preservation-conference@bundesarchiv.de)

19:00 | Optional dinner
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Conference Programme | Thu, 29 June

8:00 | Registration, get-together

8:30 | The Preservation Concept of the Federal Archives, Germany
Jens Niederhut (Federal Archives, Germany),
Kristina John (Federal Archives, Germany)

9:00 | Looking Back at 20 Years of Mass Digitization in the Netherlands – lessons learned
Claire Phan Tan Luu (National Archives of the Netherlands)

9:30 | Sustainable Conservation – enabling access, creating expertise, sharing knowledge
Jürgen Vervoort (The National Archives, UK)

10:00 | Discussion

10:30 | Coffee break

11:00 | Saving the Heritage: Conservation and digitization in times of war – the Ukrainian example
Johanna Fries Markiewicz (National Archives, Sweden)

11:30 | Modelling Preservation Options for Paper Collections: best practice
Cristina Duran Casablanca (Amsterdam City Archives)

12:00 | Discussion

12:30 | Coffee break

13:00 | Panel discussion
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Pamela Wright (NARA, U.S.A.),
Stefan Nellen (Swiss Federal Archives),
Cristina Duran Casablanca (Amsterdam City Archives),
Jürgen Vervoort (The National Archives, UK)

13:30 | Concluding discussion

14:00 | End of conference