

**APPENDIX 3:**



**Digital Projects Sub-committee  
2006 Report of activities**

1. Committee membership:

- a. Members whose current terms are ending: Brad Schaffner (Harvard) and Eileen Llona (Washington)
- b. New member joining: Erik Zitser (Duke)
- c. Continuing members: Miranda Remnek (Illinois, co-chair), Kevin Hawkins (Michigan), Michael Brewer (Arizona), Andy Spencer (Wisconsin, co-chair)

2. Status of wiki and Inventory:

**a. Digital Slavist educational wiki**

[\(http://digitalslavist.xwiki.com/xwiki/bin/view/Main/\)](http://digitalslavist.xwiki.com/xwiki/bin/view/Main/)

This new initiative has been in development since last fall, when it emerged in discussion with East European colleagues that a clearing-house is needed for broad-based digital information in the Slavic field. As the digital world expands, Slavic specialists attend conferences to learn about new applications, but then sometimes find themselves without strong local support. The wiki is therefore intended to provide introductory content on a variety of digital applications in a user-friendly environment. A number of scholars and librarians, including some leading experts from Eastern Europe, have already registered, and we hope to make this a rich community effort. The Digital Projects FAQ prepared by the subcommittee has also been integrated into the wiki.

**b. Inventory of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Digital Projects**

[\(http://www.library.uiuc.edu/spx/inventory/index.htm\)](http://www.library.uiuc.edu/spx/inventory/index.htm)

This project has been underway since 2003. As time and resources permit, we are registering substantive digital projects in the SEEE area, and now have a total of over 470 records for projects and collections. We have spent time developing the interface, with searches possible in different scripts and different areas of focus (subject, chronological, etc). According to statistics gathered recently, the Inventory and its various pages were accessed over 25,000 times last year, so it is clearly being used. We have also been working to make the inventory an OAI data provider, so that its records can be harvested for incorporation in aggregated search services. The records have been now been harvested by OAIster, the leading OAI service provider at Michigan, and should appear in OAIster searches by Mid-November.

Key points: (1) heavy use; (2) OAI compliant/being harvested by OAIster

3. Programs and conference presentations:

- a.. One member of the sub-committee (Spencer) presented a paper on Slavic digital projects in the U.S. at the COSEELIS (Council for Slavonic and East European Libraries and Information Services) conference at Henley-on-Thames, UK. (April 5, 2006)

b. Several subcommittee members contributed to the *Fisher Forum on Book Arts, Culture and Media in Russia, Eastern Europe and Eurasia: From Print to Digital* and held at the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, June 17-18, 2006 (organized by Remnek, papers presented by Hawkins, Spencer)

c. Two members of the subcommittee (Hawkins, Remnek) participated in the conference on *Modern Informational Technologies and Written Heritage: From Ancient Manuscripts to Electronic Texts* in Izhevsk, Russia (July 13-15, 2006), and presented the first Text Encoding Initiative workshop in Russia (July 15-16, 2006). Remnek also presented the first plenary presentation entitled: “Promoting the TEI in scholarly communities: OAI harvesting, digital repositories.”

d. One member of the sub-committee (Schaffner) presented a paper on a Slavic digital project at the “Globalization, Digitization, Access, and Preservation of Cultural Heritage” conference in Sofia, Bulgaria (Nov. 9, 2006)

e. AAASS (Washington DC, Nov. 2006):

The Digital Projects Sub-committee sponsored the “**Creating, Discovering and Archiving Digital Research Collections: Issues for Scholars**” panel on which three sub-committee members served (Remnek, Llona and Spencer)

Two sub-committee members also served on the “**Why Digitize? A Discussion on New Digital Projects and Their Impact on Research**” panel (Schaffner and Spencer)

f. Future programs: *Digital Text Workshop 2007* at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/spx/slw-dtw/DTW2007.htm>) and possibly proposing a panel or digital pre-conference workshop for next year’s AAASS.

4. Vendor relations: In 2005 the Digital Projects sub-committee conducted a survey ranking proposed candidates for digitization by Eastview. The result was that *Vestnik Evropy* was recommended to Eastview. During 2006 Eastview has undertaken the digitization of this journal.