

1. INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM DIGITIZATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions of the First International symposium Digitization of Cultural Heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. First International symposium Digitization of Cultural Heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina was held from 21st to 23rd of April, 2008 in Sarajevo, and concerned culture, sociology legal and economic, as well as technical and technological aspects concerning this subject.
2. Based on 34 papers that were presented, it can be concluded that this area in Bosnia and Herzegovina already has some recognisable results, which present completely acceptable grounds for more systematic approach, and more intense work that will follow.
3. Based on that, forming a Center for Digitization of Cultural Heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina is proposed. This institution would present a strategic advising body, with main goal to coordinate all activities in all aspects of this area, comparing them with similar actions conducted in Europe and abroad, and present actions towards government institutions. For the coordinator of this activity, the Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Sarajevo is proposed, represented in this area by prof Narcis Behlilovic.
4. Concerning geographical, culture, historical and economical connections between countries that have evolved after breaking up of Yugoslavia, participants from Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia have agreed to intensify their future cooperation in this area, and to make more active actions within UNESCO, European Union and SEEDI (South Eastern European Digitization Initiative), when it comes to digitization of cultural heritage. Special attention will be payed on joining European initiatives in this area, because they are open for all European countries, and they have significant resources for further promotion. Coordinator of this activity should be Slovenia, represented by dipl.ing Edvard Sternad.
5. During following period of time, constant development in this area should be active in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as encouragement for wider social interest. Print and electronic media should have a significant role in this, as well as adequate agencies for executive authorities (authorized ministries on all levels of executive government). Institutions that consider culture issues in professional or amateur way, as well as members of University community, have initial role in education of society in general, in which way the society would better understand issues related to this area which would result in these issues becoming a part of everyday life.
6. Concerning that in modern societies, data that are not available on the Internet, are almost not existing ones, social community must be able to see that all activities mentioned in this document have additional economic significance. Reason for this is the fact that these activities are direct stimulation, not only for culture and education, but for the tourism, connecting people from different cultures and for advertising new economy activities.
7. In following 12 months, under sponsorship of BH Telecom d.d. Sarajevo and Faculty of Electrical Engineering of University of Sarajevo, forming of Strategy for Development of Digitization of Cultural Heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina should be initiated, according to agenda i2010 of European Union and EDL project (European Digital Library Project).
8. In April 2010 the Second International symposium Digitization of Cultural Heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be organized. During this symposium, the current realization of tasks and actions identified in this document will be looked into, and plans for some following activities for this area will be formed.

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