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Digital Initiatives Advisory Group
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Current Charge :

To monitor the activities of shared resource initiatives having digital components and to keep the VRA membership informed.

Accomplishments:

DIAG is preparing for the launch of our web site which will provide an organized mechanism for informing the membership about digital projects, initiatives, and practices of interest to the profession and to provide access to resources for the membership to incorporate digital technologies into professional practice.

Specifically, we will be providing a set of profession-related resources to support the needs of visual resources professionals for the digital era. Relevant topics extend beyond imaging standards to include workflow, collection development strategies, and metadata used for delivery and archiving of digital files. Resources to be developed include lists of definitions and tools, as well as digital projects and information on project management, best practices and collaborative practices. As well, current topics of interest, such as updates on ARTstor, will be covered and summaries of relevant listserv discussions will be provided.

DIAG will be sponsoring a session at the VRA Conference in Portland titled: Issues in Technology: Partnering to Integrate Digital Management Applications and Digital Resources. The session will address various issues to help the VRC manager understand and navigate the landscape presented by digital management systems and digital resources by defining the various types of systems, offering criteria for selecting systems, and explaining how the pieces can work together with available resources. The necessity of partnerships will be discussed. In addition to an overview of the issues, real-life experiences will be offered as examples. The speakers will be:
Macie Hall, Johns Hopkins University (Navigating the Landscape)
Ann Woodward, Johns Hopkins University (ARTstor at JHU)
Thornton Staples, University of Virginia (Using FEDORA at UVA)
David Ball, Sheffield Hallam University (Teaching Visual Database Analysis Skills - a new role for the Visual Resources Professional?)

We have added one member to DIAG in the last year, Christina Updike.

Goals:

We will be working on launching and further developing our web presence in the coming year.

List of Committee/Chapter/Task Force Members (cite names and titles only):

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Respectfully submitted,
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