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THE BUSINESS IDEA

Hyperborea is an Italian SME based in Pisa. It has been founded in 1995 by high level professionals in both Computer Science and Humanities, with the aim of increasing the value of their respective competences.

The business idea is the valorisation of very different competences: on one hand the ICT know how, on the other hand competences related to the humanistic field, in particular to the archival knowledge.

The working method is based on the group work and on the interaction of different experiences and it has been improved during the time. The high quality of the products gives the company the necessary scaffolding to collaborate with many national institutions and with national and international companies; this working method is the system which is adopted by the company in facing every specific project.

The rapid growth of the company is the evidence of how the entrepreneurial model has been positively realized during the recent years.

THE PRODUCTS

There are several products, solutions and projects developed through the interaction between ICT and archival competences. The main products, adopted by many important Italian archives, are:

Arianna3: it is a software tool, used for historical and repository archives, which helps archivists describing, indexing and, at the same time, recording documentary material of historical interest.

AriannaWeb: AriannaWeb was born as a “solution web based” for the exploitation of documents preserved in depository or historical archives. It allows the publication on the web of archival descriptions, in textual form or with a link to the images related to the archival units

DIVENIRE: it is a project that has been developed by Hyperborea for the National Archives of Venice. It represents an integrated system for the consultation of the archival images and for the filing of documents: so it functionally supports the consultation of the cartographical material inside the archives

HYPERBOREA AT TRIESTE 2008

During 2008 Hyperborea attended for the first time, as one of the official sponsor, the 18° International Archival day that was been organized the 20 and the 21 of November in Trieste. During the meeting Arianna3 and AriannaWeb have been shown to the public. The project dedicated to the State Archives of Trieste has been illustrated, in particular, with regard to the on-line publication of “Franceschino Land Register” maps and material. The project was developed by Hyperborea with the use of AriannaWeb.

This conference was an important opportunity for presenting the company experience in an international context, getting in touch with many archivists from the Eastern Europe. Moreover, during the spring of 2009 Hyperborea with Metis System and M.I.D.A. Informatica officially visited several Montenegro’s Archives starting collaboration with “Notar”, the Centre for preservation and presentation of Kotor documentary heritage.

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On the occasion of the 19° International Archival Day, dedicated to the twentieth century archives, Hyperborea will present the first result of the collaboration with “Notar”: on one hand the translation of Arianna3 software interface from Italian to Montenegrin language, carried out by Snezana Pejovic; on the other hand the on-line publication, with the use of AriannaWeb, of the State Archives of Montenegro - Kotor Archives database stored with Arianna3 in Montenegrin version.