

Minutes of the CEI-Meeting Munich March 3rd, 2007, 9³⁰-12³⁰

On the panel: Michael Margolin, Michael Gervers, Luciana Duranti, Gautier Poupeau, Georg Vogeler (Chair), Patrick Sahle, Valeria Leoni, Andreas Gniffke

In audience: Paul Bertrand, Ben Burkard, Arianna Ciula, Birgit Gilcher, Zsolt Hunyadi, Clemens Radl, Viviana Salardi, Jürgen Sarnowsky, Luigi Siciliano, Giovanni Tartaglione... et alii
quamplures

Report Georg Vogeler:

- Mission statements of the meeting in 2004: common understanding of „charter“, aiming at proposing appropriate changes to the TEI
- Work done in the last 3 years: little discussion on the preliminary list established at the last meeting; fresh discussion in preparation of the meeting, documented at http://www.cei.lmu.de/all_elements.php
- test-schema in use (<http://pcghw51.geschichte.uni-muenchen.de:8080/cocoon/cei/index.html>) with some xslt-tools and monasterium.net/editMOM

Relationship to TEI

As Luciana Duranti, Gautier Poupeau, and Georg Vogeler pointed out, the TEI has been developed by librarians and mostly philological scholars to encode printed books and critical editions.

Encoding of archival objects wasn't in the main focus of the TEI. There are three members of the TEI-Consortium at the meeting who might strengthen the needs of archival encoding: Luciana Duranti, Arianna Ciula, Gautier Poupeau. They agreed to report to the TEI Consortium/Council whether any specific needs of the archival community are not met by the TEI guidelines as they stand or being currently developed.

The meeting agreed that adding concepts and elements to the TEI to be used by diplomatists and archivists would be appreciated and that they would try to support any development in the TEI heading in this direction.

Nevertheless the main focus of the CEI-Working group would be the concept of the information to be encoded.

Language

Concerning the choice of language the meeting agreed to stay with the main international lingua franca of science, i.e. English. The known weakness of diplomatic terminology in English should be balanced by proposing new appropriate terms by the working group.

The meeting agreed to take the existing element list as a starting point for the building of the concept.

Concepts

Four models were discussed to structure the concept building process:

Georg Vogeler proposed two models: Global – Meta – Text; and “CEI – TEI”.

Patrick Sahle proposed during the conference a concept distinguishing between an abstract charter C_A , the charter at a material level C_M , the charter at a publication, representation level C_P and the transmedialized charter at a digital level C_D .

Gautier Poupeau proposed via CEI-L a concept distinguishing between information internal to the text, i.e. the text it self, elements of critical edition, of diplomatic discourse etc., and information external to the text, identifying and giving the context of a charter.

Feeling uncomfortable with all these proposed models the meeting agreed to a working concept proposed by Gautier Poupeau and completed together. It is composed by the following

aspects/facets:

- Global
- Legal
- Chronology
- Paleography
- Codicology
- Sigillography
- Diplomatic discourse
- Linguistic
- Prosopographic
- Topographic
- Philologic / critical edition
- Subject / events
- references
- archival collection

Facet “Chronology”

The meeting collected elements related to the chronology of the charter

Date (as global concept)

Resolved date

mode of normalisation

incomplete date

Date reconstructed

by known individuals

dateOrig

AD, Indication, pontificalDate, regnal year, Episcopal date

Regional / territorial

Calendar style

Way of calculating

Way of expressing

TransmissionDate

CopyDate

embeddingDate / insertDate

date of Authentication (e.g. new seal)

date of draft

date of issue / datum

juridical date / actum

date of annotation

date referrer

date range (terminus post quem, terminus ante quem)

certainty

circa, mode of normalization and calculation (cfr. Above)

How to continue the work

1. Continue Work with this list: collecting experiences from current work via the CEI-L, structured by the aspects we started with: Deadlines for proposing elements to be integrated in the list.
Results of work collected in <http://www.cei.lmu.de/taglibrary.html>
2. CEI-L is the instrument to exchange any kind of experiences and questions while encoding charters
3. The CAO-project (Andreas Gniffke), the AngloSaxon-Charters and Henry III-projects (Arianna Ciula) the CDLM project (Valeria Leoni) will make comments on the list about possible concepts/elements used in our projects and not covered by the current CEI-guideliens and – if resources suffice – try to map the schema/DTD they use to the list published as preparation to this meeting.
4. Anybody volunteering to start work with a use case / Guidelines (e.g. archival description, critical edition, retrodigitization) is encouraged to do that and get in contact with Georg Vogeler via g.vogeler@lrz.uni-muenchen.de