



# Getty Vocabularies in Switzerland

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# Overview

- Initial Project: Digitale Diathek Vocabulary Service
- Next step: Swiss Art Research Infrastructure (SARI)
- Project goals
- What has been happening lately
- Expectations from the ITWG 2017

# Digitale Diathek Vocabulary Service (since 2011)

- Vocabulary Service based on Getty Vocabularies as core of the international Digitale Diathek Network (developed/hosted by ETH Zurich)
  - First project phase generated an addition of 3'700 subjects to TGN and ULAN from several, specialized institutional partners
  - During the last two years there have been systematic expansions
    - The gta Archives contributed 800 new person and corporate bodies entries and expanded 2'800 previous entries
    - The lexicon of Swiss architects generated 2'600 new entries
    - The lexicon on art in Switzerland was added to the reference data server containing more than 16'000 artists
    - Approx. 21'000 subjects from the gta Archives are currently being edited and prepared for injection (persons, corporate bodies)
- **all great, BUT the software behind the current setup is proprietary and makes it very hard to update the Getty data as well as to contribute to it**

## Next step: Swiss Art Research Infrastructure (SARI)

- An entire new research infrastructure has been proposed in January 2014 in order to overcome the current short-comings:
  - Swiss Art Research Infrastructure (SARI)
  - As part of the Swiss Roadmap of Research Infrastructures of National Relevance (2017-2020)
  - Final decision on funding in the first half of 2017
  - Official project start in July 2017
  - Internal setup phase until end of September 2017
  - We will start working on our vocabulary services coming fall 2017
- Murtha Baca has presented an early concept paper on SARI back at the 2015 ITWG meeting

# SARI – Goals

- SARI's goals in general terms are:
  - Providing a comprehensible framework for digital art history research
  - Connecting data of both specialized research institution and holdings
  - Based on a RDF data architecture and a Linked Open Data Network
- SARI's goals in terms of Vocabularies are:
  - Providing established, yet extendable multi-lingual vocabularies
  - Providing access to all Getty vocabularies (AAT, ULAN, TGN and if possible CONA)
  - Contribution of own reference data (relevant for Switzerland/Europe) and feed back into existing vocabularies (where applicable)
  - Translation of the Getty AAT in German, French and Italian (where not yet available)

# SARI – What has been happening lately

- Setup phase started in June 2017 (and is still in progress)
  - Establishing project structure
  - Reaching out to stakeholders, advisory partners, technology providers
- First decisions on technology have been taken:
  - RDF as data architecture
  - Linked Open Data as network layer
  - CIDOC-CRM as conceptual layer
  - IIIF to access digital assets
- First prototypes in development (starting now)
  - Art History slide archive being setup in ResearchSpace
  - gta Archives model in cooperation with FORTH-ICS
- Since the official project launch we attended lots of different conferences to get up to speed with current developments
  - eg. iiif, LOD, ResearchSpace, CIDOC-CRM

# Expectations from ITWG 2017 – why we are here

- AAT-Translation project:
  - Learn more about successful translation workflows at large scale
    - what design / organization of work-packages is advisable?
    - what technical frameworks are being used successfully?
  - Identifying possible cooperations with partners
  - Discussing goals and work-packages
- Others fields of interest
  - Usage of the Getty vocabularies in the context of RDF and CIDOC-CRM
  - Experiences with RDF based vocabulary control systems (like for example VocBench)



# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

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