

Minutes of co-ordinating and technical committee meeting 29th June 2012

Attendees:

Vinita Damodaran (VD)
Richard Gartner (RG)
Alan Lester (AL)
Kate Showers (KS)
George Adamson (GA)
Dominic Kniveton (DK)
Anna Winterbottom (AW)

Apologies:

Deepak Kumar (abroad)
Rob Iliffe (abroad)
Mark Elvin (unable to attend for personal reasons)
Rob Allan (unable to attend as preparing for visit to China)

Meeting commenced 13:00

VD introduced the network. The purpose of the network is to bring together holding institutions in the UK and India and academics at several Universities working on the environmental/botanical history of the Indian Ocean world, including JNU, Sussex, ANU and elsewhere. The ultimate goal is the digitisation of archival information on the Indian Ocean world. The aim of network is to produce a technical roadmap towards a digitisation project. The purpose of the committee meeting is to discuss how to create the roadmap.

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digitisation can be put forward by the technical committee, who will be more aware of the possibilities.

The following subject areas were put forward:

What is the subject matter of your research?

What is your geographical area of research?

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Which archival materials have you worked with?

Which archives do you plan to work with?

Are you aware of archives that you have not been able to access? If yes, please list.

With these data would you like to be able to? Make a quantitative manipulation, do a text search and browse, view a facsimile of the original, other

What are your data needs beyond the collections that you have mentioned?

KS suggested that archivists should answer the questions based on the needs of their users.

Survey Monkey was suggested by RG as the online platform for the questionnaire.

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The aims of the network meetings at Sussex and Delhi were agreed as being: to create a wider dialogue between those looking to use