

# South-Eastern European Network for Digitisation of Scientific and Cultural Heritage

## Borovets Declaration

We, members of the following organizations:

- Institute for Mathematics and Informatics, BAS, Bulgaria
- Institute for Bulgarian Language, BAS, Bulgaria
- Sofia University, Bulgaria
- Copenhagen University, Denmark
- University of Dublin, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
- Unitarian Archives and Library in Cluj/Kolozsvár, Romania
- Faculty of Mathematics Belgrade University, Serbia and Montenegro
- Mathematical Institute SANU, Serbia and Montenegro
- ARISTON company, Ukraine

have participated in the symposium on Digital Preservation of Cultural Heritage within the frameworks of the International Congress MASSEE'2003, held in Borovets, Bulgaria. We have conducted fruitful discussions concerning the modern technologies and ongoing work in the field of digitisation of cultural artefacts and the problems faced by countries in the South-Eastern Europe.

For the future development of digitisation of scientific and cultural heritage in South-Eastern Europe, we hereby agree on and declare the following:

1. We are convinced that we face common problems and share common scientific and cultural heritage. The knowledge and experience of single institutions from our countries should not stay isolated. It is of great importance to take measures for increase of the communication and exchange of technological expertise, standards and practical skills within the region, taking into account the experience of colleagues outside the region.
2. Additional effort should be made to respond to the Action Plan envisaged in the Lund Principles of the European Union ([http://www.cordis.lu/ist/ka3/digicult/lund\\_principles.htm](http://www.cordis.lu/ist/ka3/digicult/lund_principles.htm)).
3. In this meeting, we agreed that we should seek means of support for the following basic kinds of work of the network:
  - To mobilise the human and material resources existing in the region;
  - To disseminate scientific information as well as the results of research;
  - To facilitate communication between centres having similar scientific interest.
4. The next Meeting shall be held in Belgrade in the May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The constitution of a body representing the network will be presented for agreement there.

We, the persons here undernamed, agree on the text of this declaration moved at the meetinf od the signatories in Borovets, Republic of Bulgaria, on this 17th day of September 2003.

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