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# The Challenges of Generating Digital Map Libraries for Historical Research

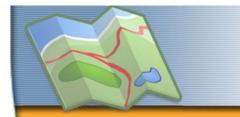
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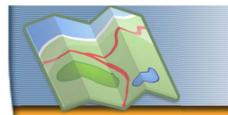


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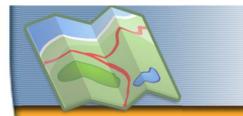
#### MOTIVATION

- Internet is and will be the powerful tool which gives way to different online communication options on geographical approaches.
- Historians and documentary experts need to access remotely to every existing information, that can be compiled in a single place to facilitate the access and comparison.
- They have established a number of well-defined international standards ISO 23950 (Z39.50) and OAI.



#### MOTIVATION

- Nevertheless, not many cooperative projects have been set off so far by a group of map libraries to simultaneously and remotely access several historical cartographic funds:
  - Tools allow remote access to a GI repository from a single Website
  - Access to information and the comparison of some documents located in different servers
  - Cataloguing and visualization Web tools
- Digital Map Library (DML) supported by the Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) guidelines.

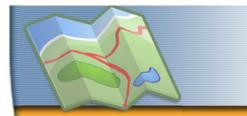


#### THE SDI FRAMEWORK

- SDI combine distributed data and services by an interoperable way to be used in traditional GIS or in geoportals within various geoprocessing and utility stages
- Geoportals provide tools to visualize, explore and download information, in addition to search.
- Geographical browsing functionalities are essential to "play with maps".
- Based on data harmonization, compatibility and interoperability of the systems
- Several players take part

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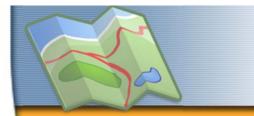
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**Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) Services** 

- Commercial options and OpenSource for their implementation
- OGC specifications applied to the cartographic heritage field:

WMS – Web Map Service WFS – Web Feature Service CSW – Catalogue Service on the Web

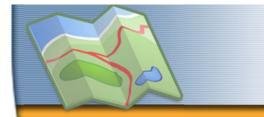
 Geographic Metadata: make data identifiable, understandable and readily shared by users on the long term (ISO 19115, Dublin Core, Spanish Metadata Core Profile)



#### THE SDI FRAMEWORK

**Geographic Information Policies and Agreements** 

- To share information, and to coordinate and monitor the processes
  - So far SDIGER. Now the INSPIRE Directive
- Paying attention to the necessary spatial information for environmental policies and in other sectors
- A national SDI covering the three levels (national, regional & local) is needed



#### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DML

#### Policies and Data Sharing Schema

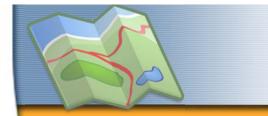
- INSPIRE is a good case in point for high level community policies among environmental and GI authorities to follow and carry out cooperation agreements between libraries and archives
- However, the cartographic heritage is not to be included within the thematic information layers defined in INSPIRE (Annex 3)... WHY???

Because some special remarks make it difficult...



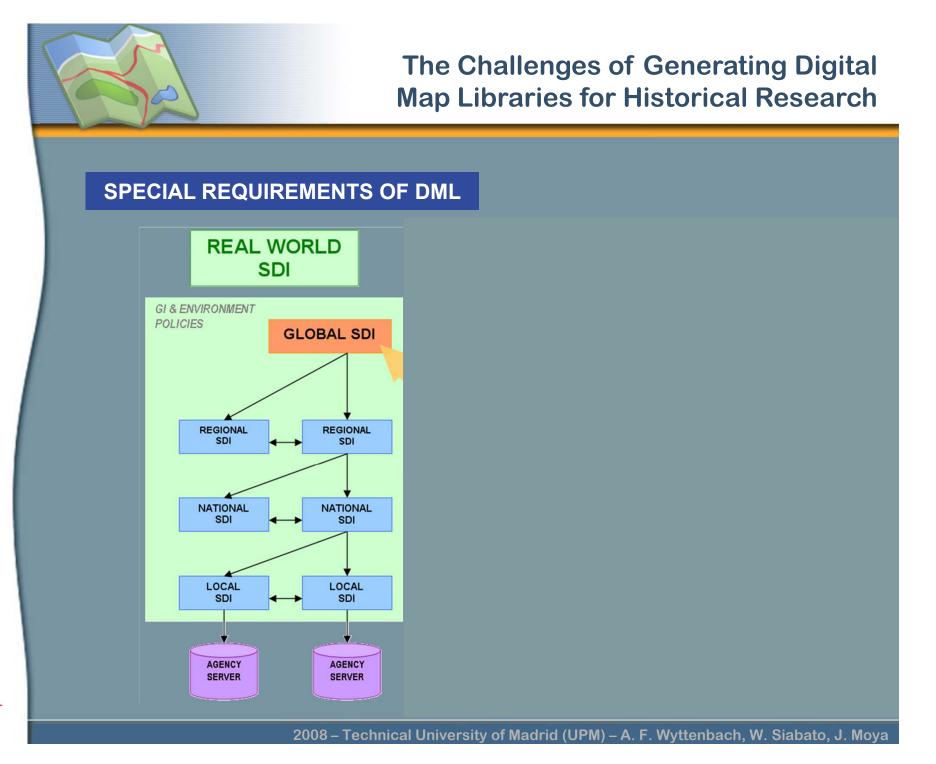
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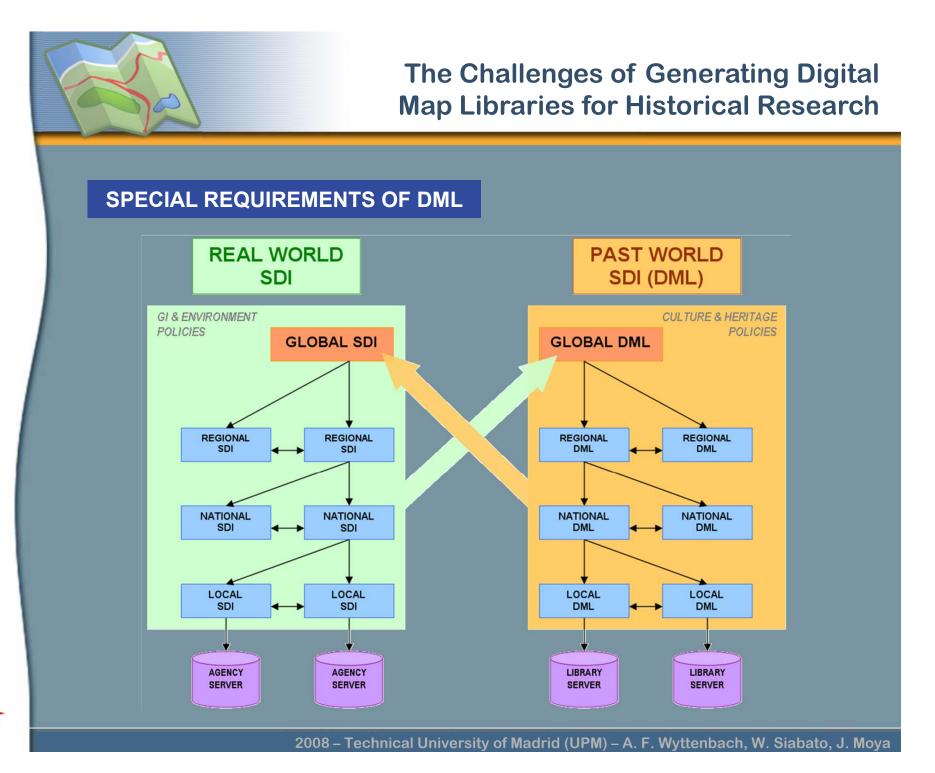
- The policies operating in the environmental -GI scope among the various European and world agencies are clearly different from the ones operating in the cultural- heritage scope
  - the latter is more restrictive as property rights
  - people involved are quite different



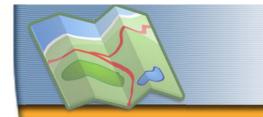
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- Different hierarchical levels of the traditional SDI umbrella, the impossibility of harmonization with the cartographic heritage appears evident
  - map collections in a local library represent GI of any part of the world
  - there will always be documents of a geographic region distributed throughout the map libraries of the world
  - the entire information should be offered in spite of its repetition
  - any local DML will offer its data through a world browser
  - both local and global DMLs need to be supported by a world SDI giving them modern GI coverage



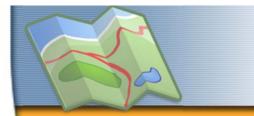


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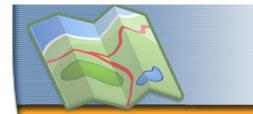
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- The strategy to follow consists of creating DMLs in a local environment
- Interoperability provided by the standards and metadata should always be taken into account
- From there, to work up links with other map libraries or to group all of them in a wider distributed information system
- Local DMLs will nourish the higher levels until the last link of the pyramid is achieved –the world DML
- The need for global GI to browser in all the existing funds of a particular geographic region



#### **CONSIDERATIONS IN DML**

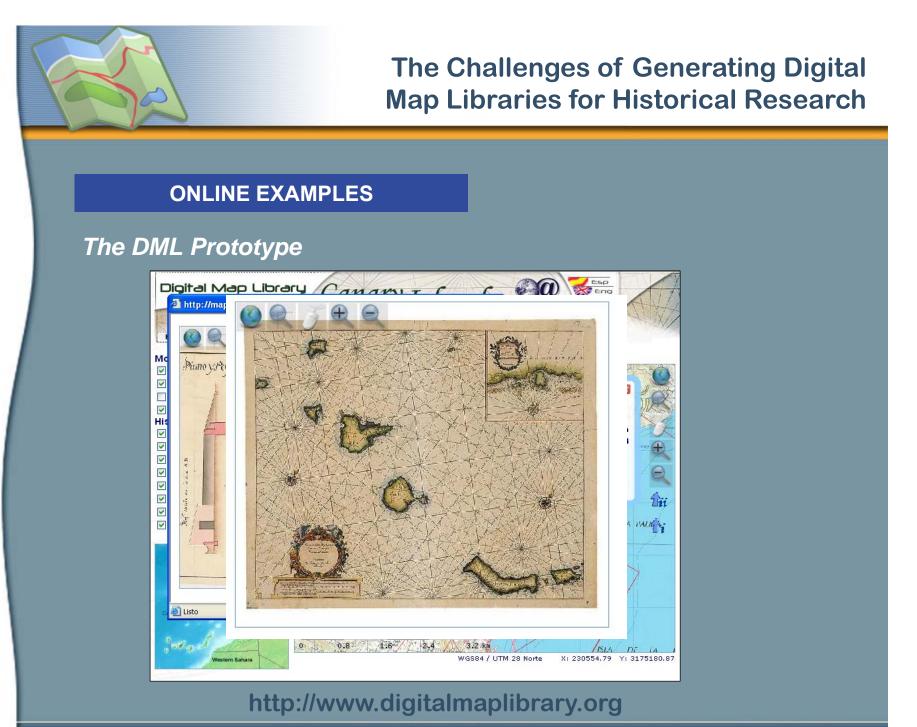
- Basic similarities between the global reality of a SDI as a distributed Geoportal and a DML: Standards and services.
- Specific technological and policy considerations :
  - generic bibliographic metadata schemas
  - georeference process: bounding box
  - Additional historical information
- Usability and users play an important role when dealing with DML interface design.

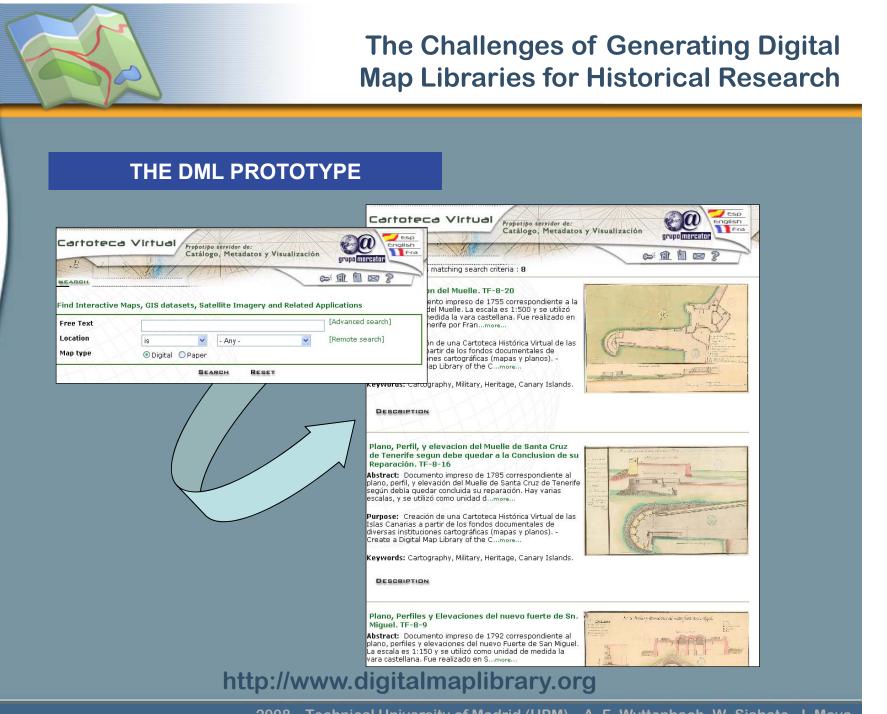


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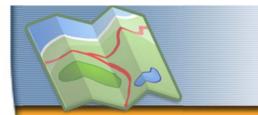
#### The DML Prototype

- The DML of the Canary Islands is a Internet portal with access to a Map Server and a Catalogue containing the historical maps and plans of the Canary Islands.
- DML services in a local SDI prototype. Visualization and query tools were used from standardized OGC Services.
- Methodology:
  - Digitization & Georeferencing,
  - Metadata creation & cataloguing,
  - Map Server & Web interface configuration





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#### THE DIGMAP PROJECT

- DIGMAP stands for "Discovering our Past World with Digitised Historical Maps", but it could stand also for "digging on maps"!
- Project co-funded by the EC eContentplus Programme. It started in October 2006 for being developed in 2 years. So... we are finishing. <sup>(i)</sup>

#### Partners

- Instituto Superior Técnico IST (Portugal)
- Technical University of Madrid UPM (Spain)
- National Library of Portugal BN (Portugal)
- Royal Library of Belgium KBR (Belgium)
- Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze BncF (Italy)
- National Library of Estonia NLE (Estonia)
- Bulgarian Academy of Sciences IMI (Bulgaria)

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  - Cartography
    - UPM (Spain)
  - <u>– Libraries</u>
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    - KBR (Belgium)
    - BncF (Italy)
    - NLE (Estonia)
  - Dissemination
    - IMI (Bulgaria)

- Multilingualism
  - Partners languages
    - Bulgarian
    - Dutch
    - Estonian
    - French
    - Italian
    - Portuguese
    - Spanish
  - English
  - Other European languages to be also considered:
    - German, Russian, ...



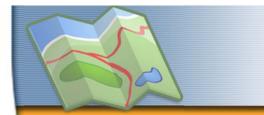
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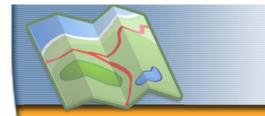
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- DIGMAP explores environments for browsing and searching by human users, as well as services for interoperability with external information systems
- Comprises techniques for the automatic extraction of metadata from images of digitized maps, digitized books and Websites, gathering of metadata from remote services, etc.
- The software solutions that have been produced are able to be reused in other digital libraries, for standalone services, or as components integrated with other libraries. (Integration – Complete integration through servers)
- The information architecture follows open data models, namely those already defined by the OGC.



#### THE DIGMAP PROJECT

- The first year we produced a service prototype.
- Relevant standards and technology were used in the first DIGMAP Service Prototype and consecutives:
  - Descriptive metadata: mainly UNIMARC, MARC21 and Dublin Core
  - Geographical Information: ISO 19000 family of standards
  - Thesauri: ISO 5964 Guidelines for Multilingual Thesauri
  - Core Technology: Web-Services, Ajax, RDF, XML Schemas, etc.
- DIGMAP towards the goal of becoming the main international information source and reference service for old maps and related bibliography.



#### THE DIGMAP PROJECT

DIGMAP has produced...

- A new international open service for resource discovery: "International Catalogue of Digitized Ancient Maps"
- Two new international professional services: "European Multilingual Geographic Thesaurus"; "International Authority Database of Maps Engravers, Editors and Printers"
- A new reusable open-source technology for digital libraries of digitised maps (catalogue management, thesauri management, features extraction from images, metadata transformation, search and retrieval, interoperability, etc.)



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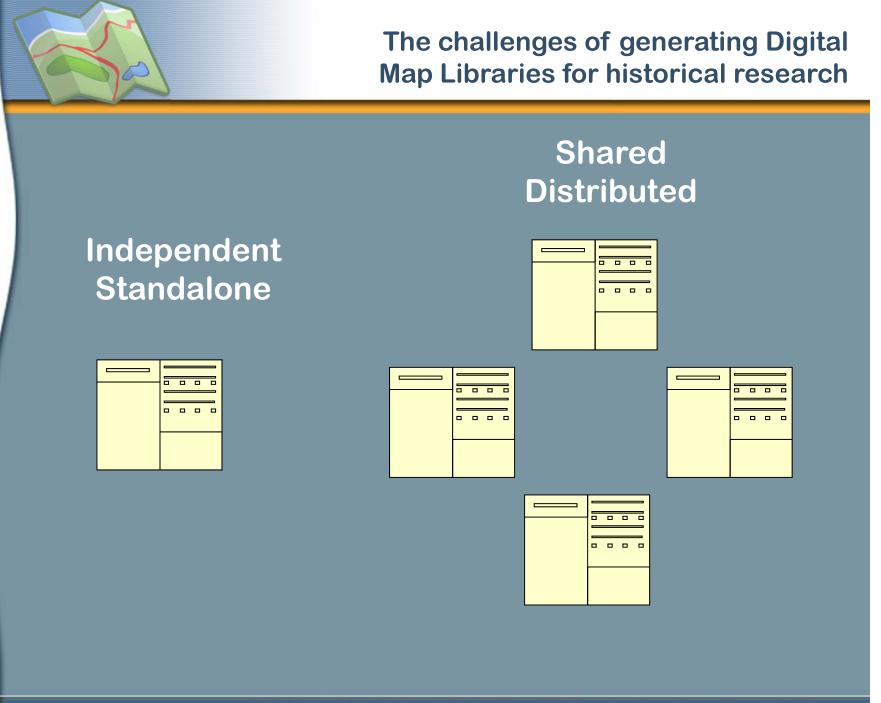
DIGMAP will promote...

- The development of European collaborative networks for reference, description, cataloguing, indexing and classification of ancient maps.
- Innovative ways to integrate/interoperate with TEL The European Library



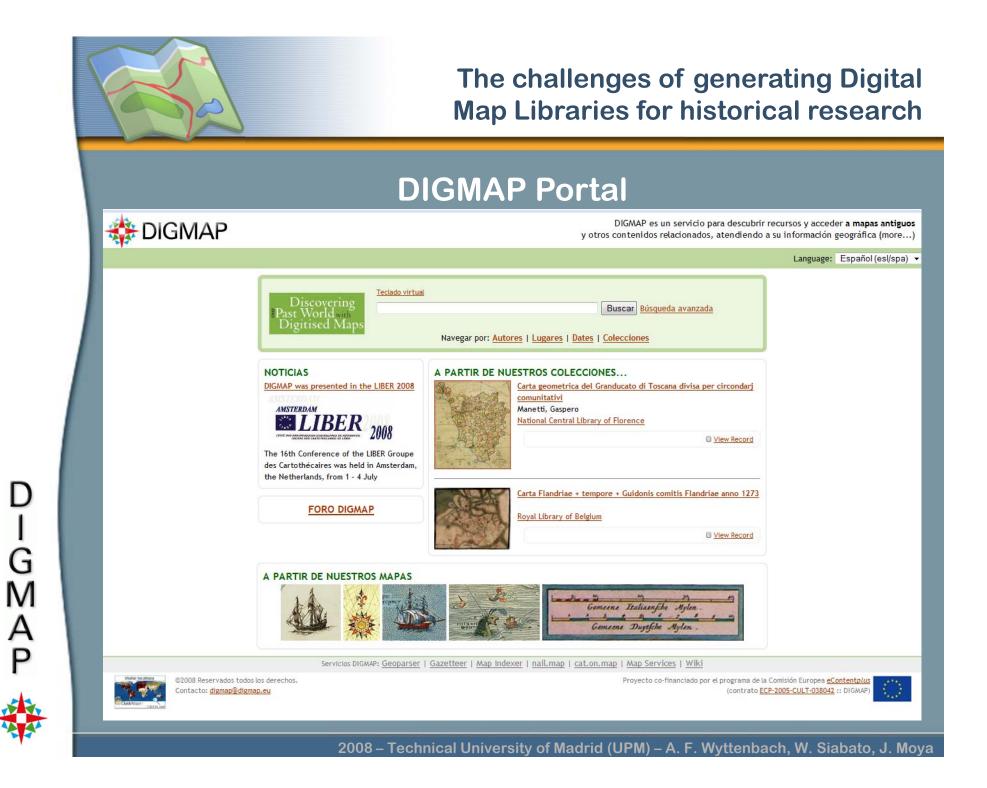
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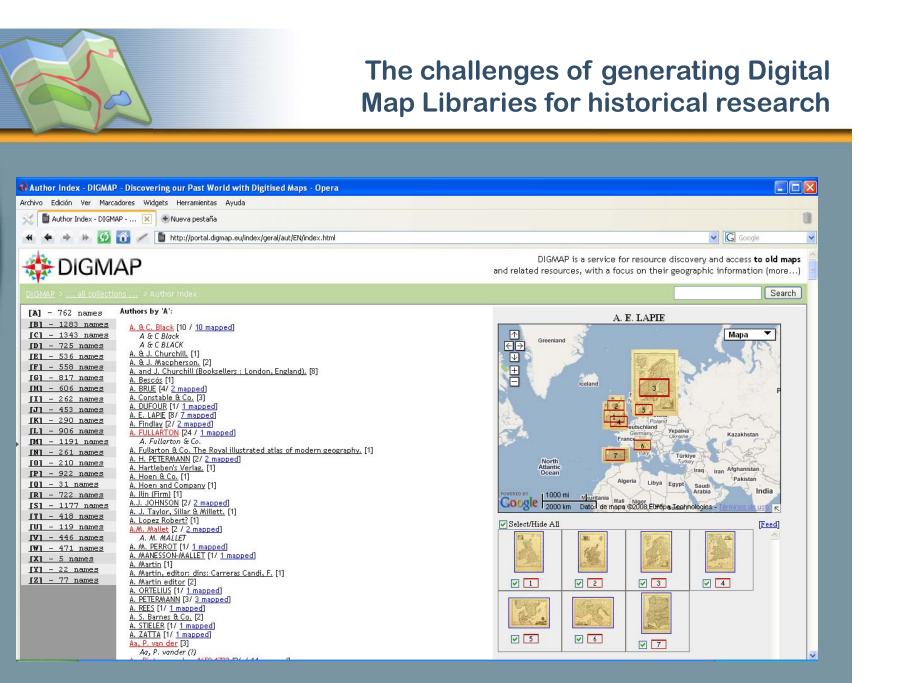
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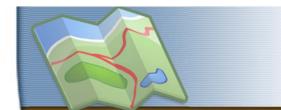


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## **Geoparser service**

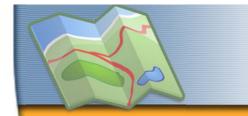


#### **DIGMAP Text Mining Services**

This service can parse textual documents and recognize named entities in the text. Geographical entities are disambiguated into the corresponding identifiers in the <u>DIGMAP gazetteer</u>. A set of supporting text mining services is also provided, such as language recognition.

This page provides a simple form for testing the service. Users can provide textual sentences, and the service will reply with an XML document containing the geoparsing results. Separate pages provide more advanced examples, showing how to use the <u>geoparser as an XML Web service</u>, or presenting a <u>time-map exploration interface</u> for geoparsed RSS feeds.

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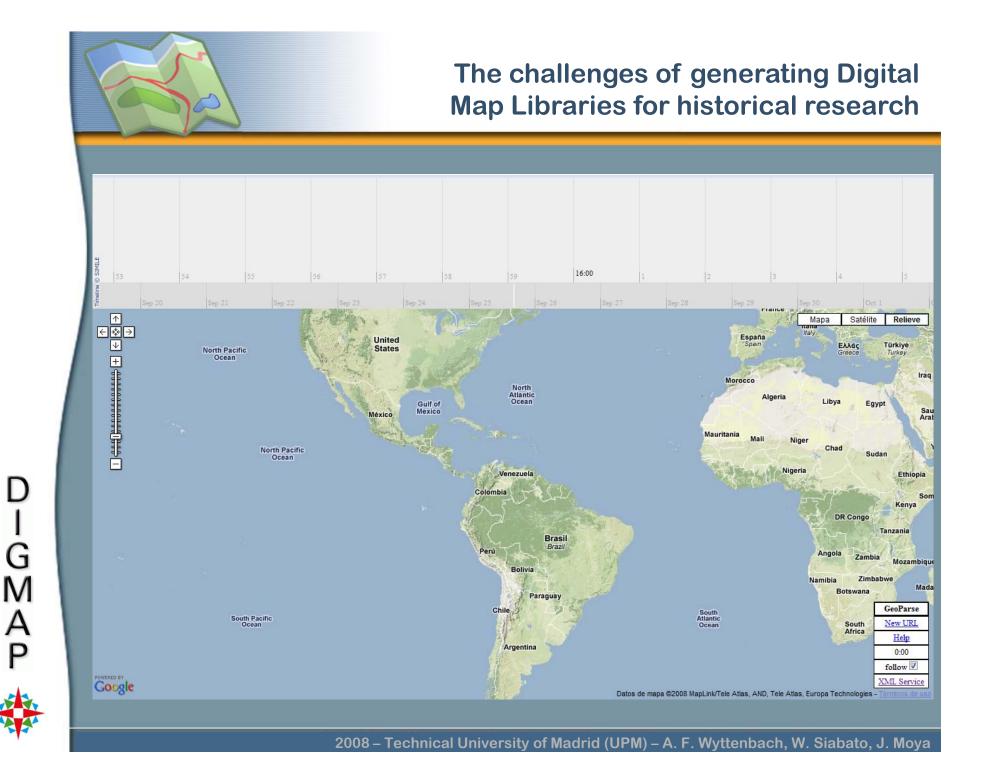
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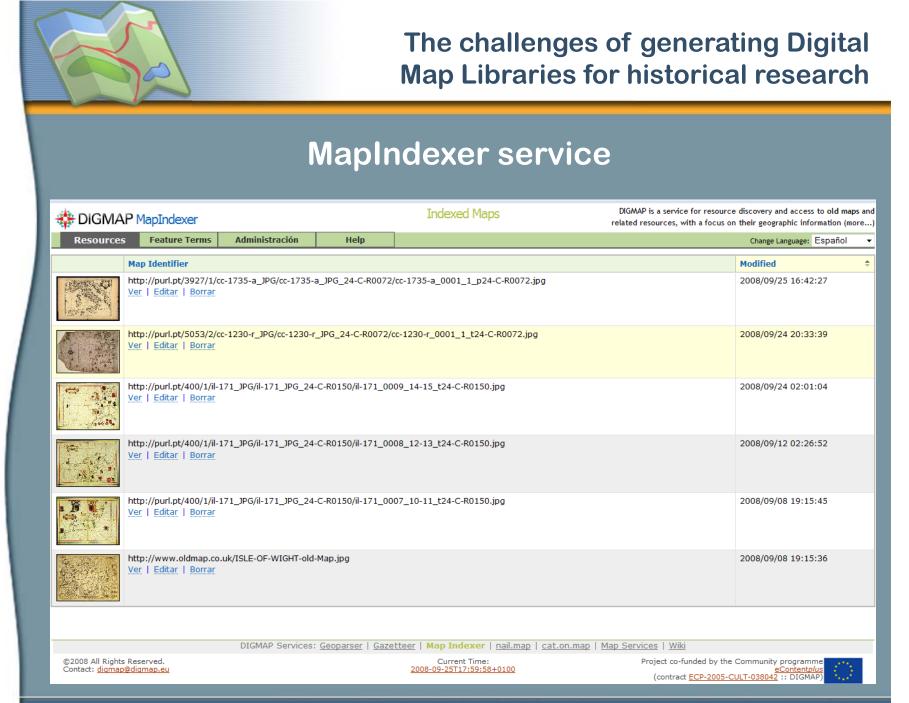
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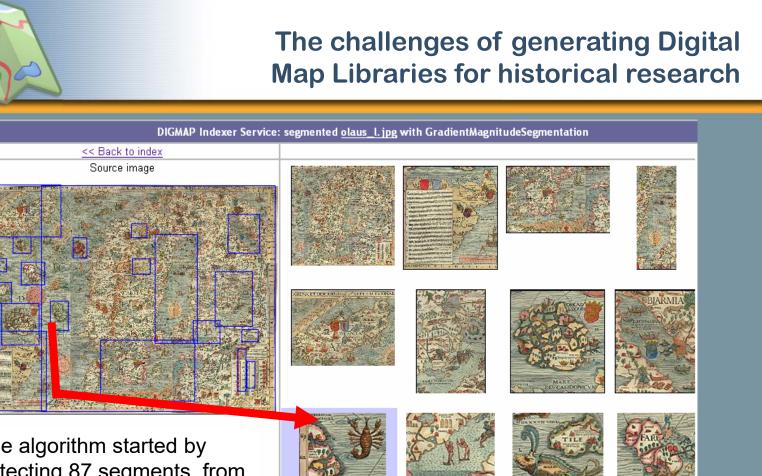


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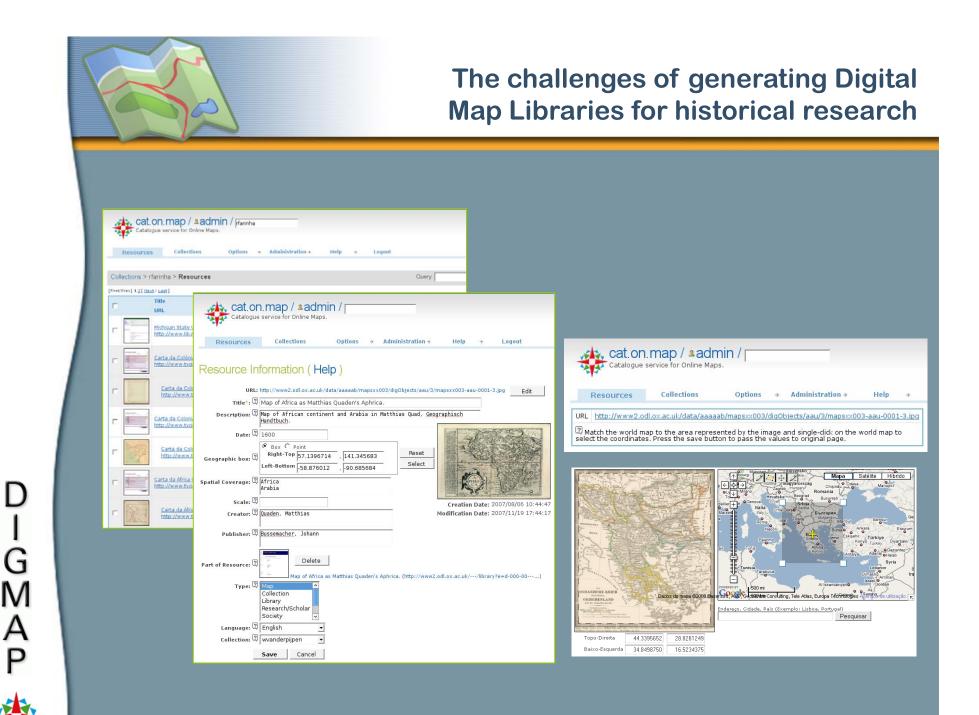
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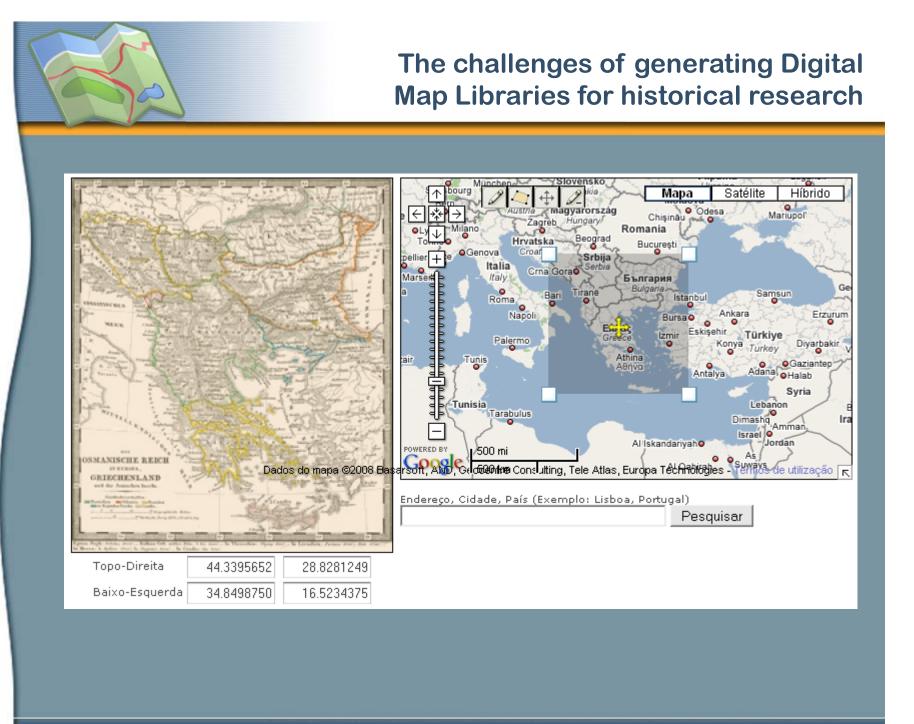
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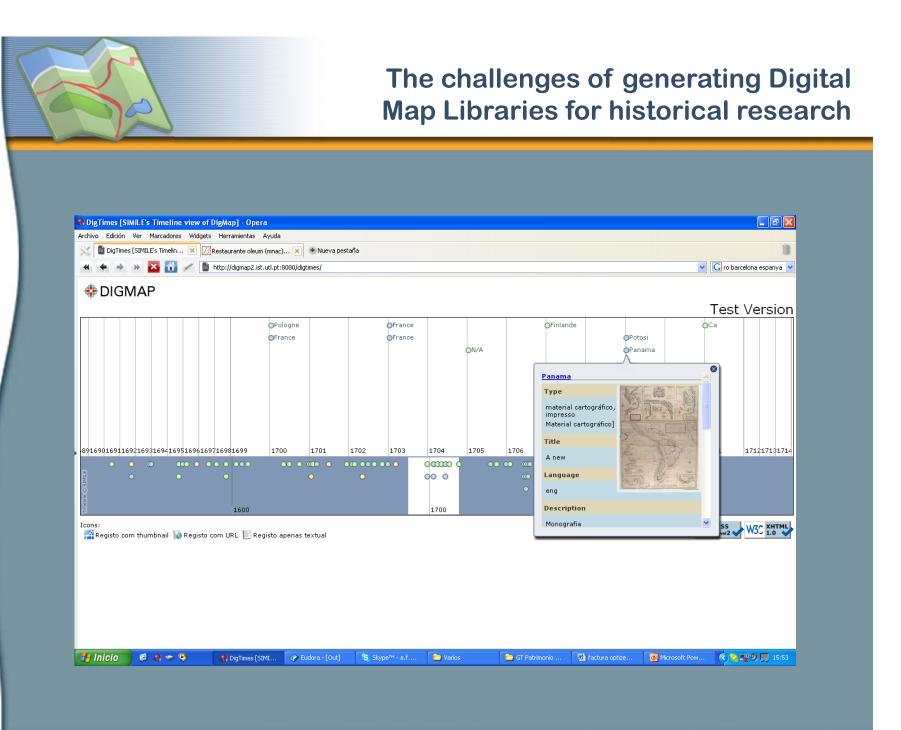
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37 OAI-PMH servers (**55 collections**) identified worldwide (excluding TEL members)



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