Building infrastructures for Web-based collaboration in humanities research networks

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**ARC Network for Early European Research**

- Funded 2004-2009: ARC Networks Programme
  - Enhance the scale and focus of research
  - Encourage more inter-disciplinary approaches
  - Facilitate collaborative & innovative approaches to planning & undertaking research
- 300+ individual participants; university & industry partners
- Programmes for Australian participants
  - Symposia, conferences, events
  - Collaborative grant programmes
  - Postgraduate/ECR programmes
- International linkages

**NEER’s Digital Strategy**

“The full use of innovative digital technologies, both to facilitate and promote communication between researchers and to develop and provide shared research resources”

(ARC Research Network application, 2004)
**Digital Initiatives**

- **Shared resources**
  - Commercial databases: ProQuest (EEBO), Brepols (5 databases)
  - Skills and training: Brepols internships
  - Electronic publication: Parergon/Muse
  - Heritage collections: access
  - Research repository: PioNEER

- **Communication**
  - Web site, e-mail lists
  - Collaborative working tools and workspaces: Confluence

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**PioNEER**

- NEER's digital repository of research outputs
- Representative and retrospective
- Beyond “publications” – other types of outputs and data

- DigiTool software
- Hosted by UWA Library
- Available second half of 2007

- Relationship to institutional repositories
- Relationship to Research Quality Framework
NEER Confluence

- Collaborative software
- Commercial Wiki product
- Hosted at UWA
- Communication, discussion, annotation, collaborative writing
- News and blogs
- Personal spaces & group spaces
- Searchable
- Security and access control
- Web-based
- “Extensible and interoperable”

Further information

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