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WG2 People and Networks
Workshop on Biographical Linked Data
and Prosopography

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Agenda

- Introduction of Participants
- Goals of the Workshop
- Programme

Short Introduction of Participants

- Who are you?
- Where do you come from?
- Why are you here?

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Goals of the Workshop 1: Research Questions

- For what research purposes are we aggregating epistolary and biographical data?
- How could Linked Data help in Digital Humanities research?

Goals of the Workshop 2: Topics

- What prosopographical data models to use in RRL; are the foundations secure?
- How we are going to fill that data model with data? When to do it manually, semi-automatically, and automatically?
- What content will be used for populating the data model?
- What are the biographical and prosopographical reference sources most relevant for researching the Republic of Letters?
- Which of these reference sources are available for open access on the Web? Can all of these be provided to the users of the cataloging systems?
- How to select and prioritize the most valuable sources?

- To which of these resources might our infrastructure wish to add new entries., e.g. new people records for VIAF or Getty ULAN, or new names forms for CERL?
- From which of these resources might we wish to extract data automatically and how?
- How would we go about negotiating collaborations of this kind with external dataset publishers, regarding using and enriching the data?

Goals of the Workshop 3: Next Steps

- Network member project presentations
- Next steps in WG2
- Steps towards a Horizon 2020 project

Programme

Time	Presentation
09:00-09:10	Opening of the Workshop Eero Hyvönen: Goals and Contents of the Workshop
09:10-10:40	Aims and Research Questions (chair Eero Hyvönen) N.N. and Howard Hotson: Conceptual fundamentals of the EMLO prosopographical data model Robin Buning: Prosopographical Research Questions Thomas Wallnig: Historiographical Research Questions and Preparations for the Warsaw conference Discussion
10:40-11:10	Coffee Break
11:10-12:30	The EMLO Data Model: Is it fit for use? (chair Thomas Wallnig) Jetze Touber and Mikkel Jensen: Using the EMLO prosopographical data model, means for data input Martin Hadley: Visualizing Prosopographical Data based on Correspondences Discussion, next steps towards releasing the data model
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Towards Linked Data (chair Arno Bosse) Eetu Mäkelä: EMLO as a Linked Data Service Jouni Tuominen: Dynamic Ontology Service for Historical Persons and Places Based on Crowdsourcing Antske Fokkens: Lessons Learned from BiographyNet Discussion, defining an infrastructure for prosopographical research
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:00	Future Prospects, Topics, and Partners (chair Howard Hotson) Sandra Toffolo: Prosopography in Network Free space for presentations suggested by WG2 members. Propose e.g. your own research topic and data for discussion and pilot applications. Discussion
16:00-17:00	Discussion: Future Steps for WG2 and Horizon 2020 (chair Howard Hotson) Next steps regarding research questions, data model, tools, and partners. Assignment of tasks and deadlines for WG2 and Horizon 2020.
	Dinner

