SNAC July 2020 Newsletter

From the Operations Committee

Announcements
Director, Daniel Pitti (dpitti@virginia.edu)

We welcome New York University Libraries as a new member!

The Maryland Institute of Technology in the Humanities in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the Wisconsin Historical Society submitted a proposal entitled "Broadcasting Audiovisual Data" to the National Endowment for the Humanities. If successful, this project will use SNAC to bring together public broadcasting audio-visual resources with the records that document the production of the resources.

SNAC Stats

The following includes some general statistical information about SNAC's research portal. The Operations Committee began providing this information in March of this year, and plans to continue to do so on a monthly basis.

As of reporting time (June 25, 2020), there were 3,735,817 identity constellations and 2,091,288 resource descriptions in SNAC. In the past month, SNAC had over 46,800 users and referred over 4,000 visitors to holding institutions sites.

Working Group Updates

Communications:
Faith Charlton, Chair (faithc@princeton.edu)

Past SNAC Cooperative monthly newsletters are now available on the SNAC website for anyone to access as part of an ongoing effort to revise and add content to the About section of the SNAC website. Information regarding members, those interested in joining the Cooperative, and information about serving as a volunteer SNAC editor of, has also been added to the About section.

The Working Group shared the results of the SNAC Newsletter survey with the Operations Committee. Thanks again to everyone who participated! One key piece of feedback we received from respondents is that members would like to see stories from institutions on how they are

integrating SNAC into their practices. We hope to be able to start generating this content in the newsletter and/or perhaps via a different platform in the near future.

We would love to add more members to our group! If you're interested in joining, please email faithc@princeton.edu.

Developer's Update:
Joseph Glass, Lead Developer (jhg2v@virginia.edu)

This month we're rolling out an update to Source and Citation to make citations more user friendly. The "Source Name" field is being removed in favor of the "Citation" field, and editors will be able to search and select Citations directly instead of needing to search by Source Names. Various small improvements to the user interface have also been made. Finally, we are in the process of removing auto-generated sources from the original data ingest and migrating them to the Revision History, to clarify the difference between machine-gathered information and human-made citations.
A new and improved Reviewer dashboard is under development to help organize the increasing number of edits in SNAC.

SNACSchool and the NARA Liaisons Team:
Jerry Simmons (jerry.simmons@nara.gov) and Dina Herbert (dina.herbert@nara.gov), Co-chairs

NARA's SNAC Liaisons Team presented another "National Archives-only" SNACSchool on June 10th, which welcomed 19 new editors from several NARA branches and presidential libraries.

Due to several planned updates to SNAC, Jerry and Dina decided to cancel the June 24th session as well as the training on July 15th. We do, however, have the following dates planned:

August 5
September 23

Email [Dina](mailto:dina.herbert@nara.gov) to reserve a spot. Classes are limited to 25 students.

Technology Infrastructure:
Alex Duryee (alexanderduryee@nypl.org) and Iris Lee (ilee@amnh.org), Co-chairs

TIWG will meet with representatives from ArchivesSpace this month to provide feedback on the Agents module redesign, with an eye towards future SNAC integration and EAC-CPF editing capabilities. We are particularly interested in how TIWG can provide feedback to ArchivesSpace that would be helpful in their development.

Editorial Standards:
Susan Pyzynski, Chair (pyzynski@fas.harvard.edu)

Minutes to the June meeting can be found here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ghzlrhTZOOtGcnzC-jzO8e0t0qgDlevF3e4haOjhmWg/edit
We are working on a policy for Plantations as corporate bodies, continuing the Data Dictionary work, and giving feedback to Daniel regarding the replacing of the Nationality element with a new Place Relations.
Our next meeting will be Monday, July 13 at 3:00PM ET

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