Summary
PrestoSpace User Group Feedback Meeting
Amsterdam, 11 October 2005

More than sixty people from across Europe participated in the meeting held in the Felix Meritis building on an unusually warm, sunny fall day in Amsterdam. It was a very full agenda and included presentations on project developments, more user survey input and demonstration and poster/demo sessions in the afternoon.

PrestoSpace Work Area Leaders updated members on the first tangible results of the project after 18 months of development work with powerpoint presentations in the morning followed by poster and demo sessions in the afternoon where attendees were able to see some of the results firsthand. Jean-Hugues Chenot and Andrea Bernicchia presented two Preservation Work Area posters: on the 78rpm contactless disc player and Prefactis: The Preservation Factory Information system. Georg Thallinger demonstrated visual and audio restoration modules at work and Giovanna Fossati from the Nederlands Film Museum gave a presentation on the digital restoration of the silent film “Beyond the Rocks”. Ant Miller demonstrated SAM’s current website containing tools for storage and project management. David Jordan presented DVD training “One inch videotape” (soon online) and Matthew Addis gave a SAM poster session on the current proposed cost model. Walter Allasia demonstrated a prototype of the publication platform for the MAD work area.

Additional target user information was shared from two different surveys, the second PrestoSpace user survey on budget and preservation planning (Beth Delaney) and a TAPE project survey (Yola de Lusenet). The session also covered how the two survey results compare with PrestoSpace’s first User Survey. The full report on these results can be delivered by contacting Beth Delaney (if you’re an User Group member).

Daniel Teruggi talked about the evolution of the PrestoSpace Factory Model and presented four different models for its development. This produced some interesting discussion among attendees. Preliminary ideas on the upcoming usability testing were presented by Christoph Bauer and members were encouraged to contact Beth Delaney if interested in participating in 2006. Lastly, the annual report on European Preservation Status was presented by Adam Lee. [Year 2005 report deliverable will be available later here. Year 2004 report available here].

All an all it was a good meeting with lots of food for thought!

Nota: Powerpoint presentations are available to user group members. Please contact Beth Delaney