

Good morning.

And of course - even if winter has really hit The Netherlands - I would like to express a warm welcome to all of you, participating in the Workshop Digital Preservation: Technology & Policy.

I would like to express a special welcome to our keynote speakers: Neil Beagrie and Jeff Rothenberg.

The involvement of all of you in the workshop means a lot to the KB and to me personal.

It is nice to see and work with so many old friends again.

But also because digital preservation is not a simple matter.

In the first place it is not a matter that can be dealt with by individual institutions or a single country or a single ICT company.

So digital preservation really is a general and also an international issue.

And looking at the impact of ICT on society and our personal live, digital preservation no doubt is one of the major topics of this century.

In the second place digital preservation is a complex issue for which a solution will not evolve on its own and by chance.

Digital preservation will not happen by a snap of the fingers.

So it is important to co-operate closely, to share ideas on possible solutions and on experiences gained from experiments and from practice.

With this workshop, the KB intends to create an opportunity to exchange the latest, practical information about the issue of digital preservation.

But also we would like to discuss the strategies followed by our institutions and countries to gain digital preservation in practice.

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