

Report from Panel Session R1 (Sep 26th, 2001)

"Future of Multimedia services in CARNet"

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After brief introduction by Panel chair about CARNet MoD & TV projects and perspective of development of multimedia services in CARNet (creation and functioning of CARNet MoD/TV server and MoD production) all participants gave a short introduction about their interests in multimedia and what they've been up to regarding multimedia production and services in their institutions.

Anamarija Soric gave a quick intro to CARNet TV project, currently in planning phase, outlining it's position in multimedia scene and applications (handling and organizing production).

Also, a presentation of functioning of CARNet MoD/TV server was given and principles of adding users' content to the server, demonstrating the openness of the system.

Next step was trying to identify basic areas where multimedia services can be implemented and what solutions are required. Quickly few basic applications were identified: need for complete solution for multimedia-rich courses (Interactive electronic course materials); coverage of various events and making content about institutions themselves.

Most of the discussion afterwards was about legal and rights management issues, and possibilities of a one basic agreement between Academic community and HRT (Croatian Radio Television) about using their content in non-profit and educational purposes. Such agreement would enable academic community to use digital form of various reports made for and by HTV. Further expanding this issue would be possibility of storing and serving educational content from CARNet MoD/TV server (or have HTV to digitalize and post this type of content themselves).

Conclusion was that this should be well thought about and then step to HTV should be done with having a clear picture in our minds what and how we want, and what can we offer.

Next issue was thinking and talking about production capabilities and possibilities within academic community. After identifying that there aren't any existing production systems within academic community and that competence pool is quite shallow (or empty), it becomes necessary to create also educational content about multimedia (video) production. Again, HTV and its knowledge pool (which is rich in editing, but not in digital technologies) is seen as a possible partner in these activities.

Panel was closed with some concluding remarks about need for building up competence and knowledge base for multimedia (in cooperation with more-or-less everyone involved in production) and need for generating and getting content for academic community.

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