

e-Diss.ch: collecting and archiving online theses at the Swiss National Library

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Abstract

e-Diss.ch is a pilot project undertaken in collaboration with the Swiss university libraries as part of the e-Helvetica Project at the Swiss National Library (NL). The mission of the NL is to collect and archive all Swiss publications, both printed and electronic. The objective of the e-Helvetica Project is to fulfill this mission for electronic publications. The goal of the e-Diss.ch pilot project is to set up a collection of all Swiss online theses and to preserve them in the Digital Archive of the NL. In collaboration with several Swiss university libraries we designed and tested a shared workflow for collecting, cataloguing, archiving and dissemination of those online theses. Standards are used to ingest the publications into the Digital Archive of the NL (webform, OAI-PMH), to describe the publications in the catalogue of the NL (XMetaDiss, MARC) and to identify the publications within the Digital Archive of the NL (URN on the basis of NBN). Furthermore a policy for attribution of URN-NBN in the whole Swiss academic domain is being carried out. This paper will give some general information of the e-Helvetica Project and how we are building up our Digital Archive at the NL. The approach chosen for collecting, cataloguing and dissemination the online theses will be highlighted as well as our co-operation with the Swiss university libraries and other partners involved.

For further information on the e-Helvetica Project (in German and French), see: <http://www.e-helvetica.ch>