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ABOUT LOTTE

Lotte is Preservation Researcher at the National Archives of the Netherlands. She holds a MA in Archival and Information Studies. As a preservation researcher, her focus is on how we can ensure that digital files are preserved for many years to come.

ABOUT NANETH

The National Archives of the Netherlands (founded in 1802) holds collections from the Dutch central government and material from associated private institutions and individuals. Their collection consists of 142 kilometres of handwritten and printed documents, about 300,000 maps and drawings, about 15 million photographs, and over 1.2 petabytes of digital files.

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WHAT IS OPF MEMBERSHIP TO YOU?

As members of the Open Preservation Foundation's community, we are able to stay up to date with the most recent challenges that are being faced within digital preservation. For instance, our work greatly benefits from the open source tools that are provided and updated by the OPF, such as JHOVE and veraPDF. By supporting OPF, we are helping to ensure work in this space can be carried out by OPF. For me, being a member also means being part of a great community of like minded individuals with a deep interest in digital preservation. It allows individuals to exchange ideas through working groups, blogs and the webinars that are being hosted by the OPF. The collaboration with other members is something I value thoroughly and helps us to work on improving the field of digital preservation every single day.

HOW DOES OPF BEST HELP YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ADDRESS YOUR PRIORITIES?

When I took my first steps in digital preservation as an intern at the National Archives of the Netherlands, my assignment was to research the significant properties of spreadsheets with a focus on stakeholders in the Netherlands. This also meant that I was fortunate enough to become a part of the Open Preservation Foundations' Archives Interest Group.

Besides bringing together groups of individuals and organisations interested in digital preservation, the OPF also offers applicable tools that we make use of in our regular activities at the National Archives of the Netherlands. Additionally, as a Preservation Researcher, the OPF's function of identifying which issues are faced by the broader community provides valuable insights into the practices of preservation professionals outside of my own organisation.

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