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- ❖ To enhance intellectual access to the manuscript collection through creation and dissemination of online descriptions and digital surrogates
- ❖ To compile a database of bibliographic and codicological data to support further research

Project Overview

- ❖ Online catalogue
- ❖ *AMREMM (Descriptive Cataloging of Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern Manuscripts)*
(+ Witkam & Gacek)
- ❖ Supervised “crowdsourcing” of descriptive data supported by digitization

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“The plot thickens...”

Overcoming Challenges

❖ Ingest delays + manuscripts that would not be digitized?

A: Productive physical examination workflow!

❖ Meager response to “crowdsourcing” approach?

(i.e. 234 contributions, but only 8 manuscripts catalogued)

A: Skilled work of local staff!

Lessons Learned

- ❖ Limit the “crowdsourcing” scope?
(i.e. fewer descriptive elements or fewer manuscripts)
- ❖ Solicit remote contributions early & often
via distributed model
- ❖ Source a “local crowd” of emerging scholars
- ❖ Consider other database models for more
sophisticated search possibilities

Conclusion

- ❖ Value of iterative, collaborative, digitally supported, scholar-engaging cataloguing approaches
- ❖ Value of mechanisms for inviting commentary / feedback on catalogue data
- ❖ Value of user studies for digitized manuscripts

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This guide, along with the descriptive content it addresses, is an outcome of the recent "Collaboration in Cataloging: Islamic Manuscripts at Michigan" project via which full cataloging of the entire collection was completed.

"In December 2008, the Library was awarded a CLIR-sponsored, Mello-funded "Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives" grant to support the cataloging of its Islamic Manuscripts Collection. Our four-year project, "Collaboration in Cataloging: Islamic Manuscripts at Michigan," endeavored to engage established and emerging scholars by involving them in the cataloging process - training, examination, description, and generation of searchable metadata...."

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