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Metadata as Semantic Palimpsests

The case of PHAIIDRA@unipd

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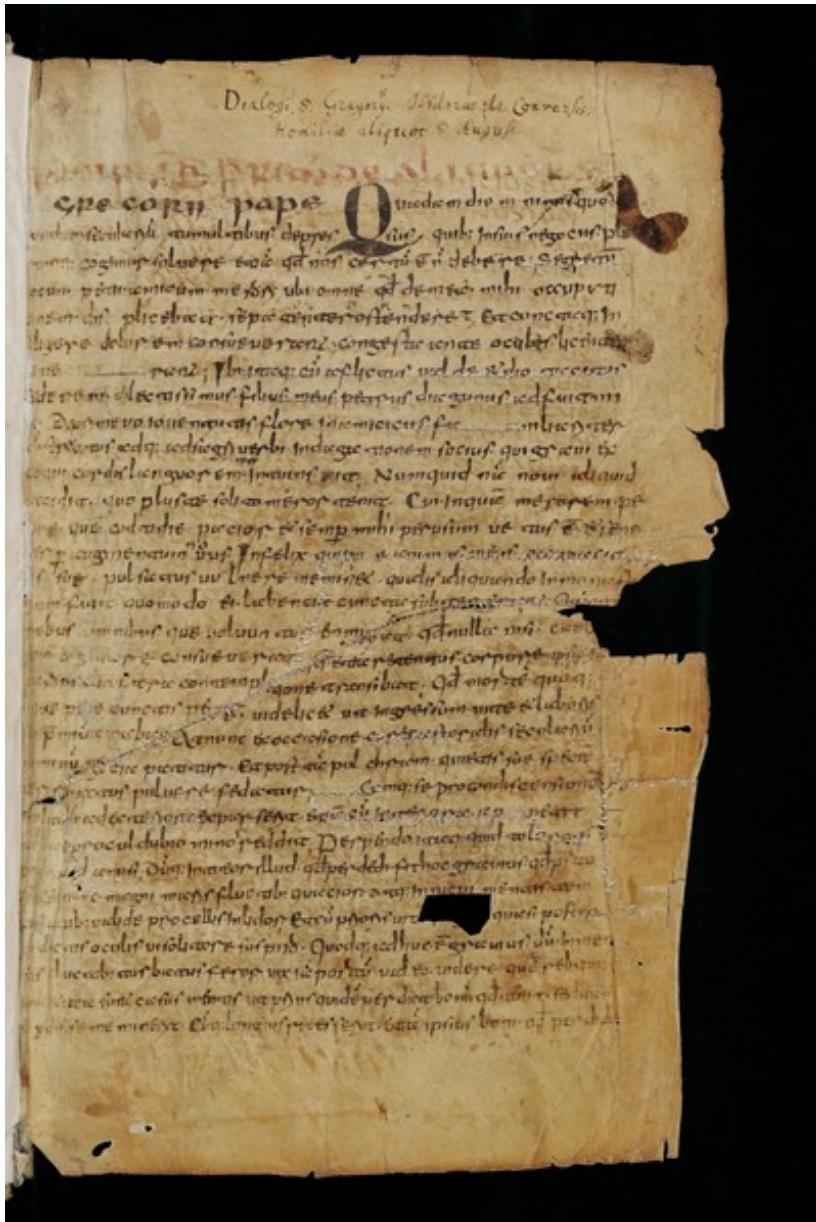
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Originally the term referred to a type of medieval manuscript in which new text was written over previous text that had been partly erased

Latin *palimpsestū(m)*, from Greek *palímpsēstos* scraped again, from *pálin* + *psân* to rub, scrape

Metadata as semantic palimpsests: why?

In the context of this presentation, palimpsest is the metaphorical key to a conceptual model of a data schema (place) meant as a multilayered structure which emphasizes the coexistence of multiple data models (and visions)



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Identity card

PHAIDRA stands for Permanent Hosting, Archiving and Indexing of Digital Resources and Assets

It is the platform of the University Library System of Padova for the **long-term archiving** of digital objects and collections

Designed and developed by the **University of Vienna** beginning in 2008 based on the digital architecture of the Fedora open source system, Phaidra was adopted by the University of Padova in 2010

[**https://phaidra.cab.unipd.it/**](https://phaidra.cab.unipd.it/)

PHAIDRA@unipd, Cultural heritage objects and collections

Phaidra currently hosts a vast range
of over 390,000 digital objects

including antiquarian books, manuscripts,
photographs, wall charts, maps,
learning objects, films,
archival material and museum objects,

informing the **heterogeneous richness**
of the University's digital collections
of cultural heritage

Featured collections



Antonio De Toni,
geologist and sol-
dier of the Great
War



La biblioteca di
Giovanni Marsili
(1727–1795)



Totus Livius –
Manoscritti liviani
digitalizzati



Works of Alfonso
de Pietri-Tonelli



Posters of the Ital-
ian Social Republic
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Documents from
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tova Benavides col-
lection



The Asiago Astro-
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tory



Theatre of the
world
Rare books and
works in the public
domain from the
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Electronic Library
of Linguistics and
Philology



Models of bridges
in the Regia Scuola
di applicazione per
gli ingegneri



The Eighteenth
Century in Padua



The IUAV Image Ar-
chive



Geologists Portrait
Collection



Bookplates from
the historic "V.
Pinai" medical li-
brary



Scientific
wallcharts at the
Botanical Museum



The Clandestine
Press Collection at
CASREC



Special collections:
old and rare books
of Ca' Foscari



Enrico Bernardi Ar-
chive



University Ca' Fos-
cari Venezia
1868–1950



Illustrated herbals
from Padua's
Botanical Garden
Library



Scientific
wallcharts



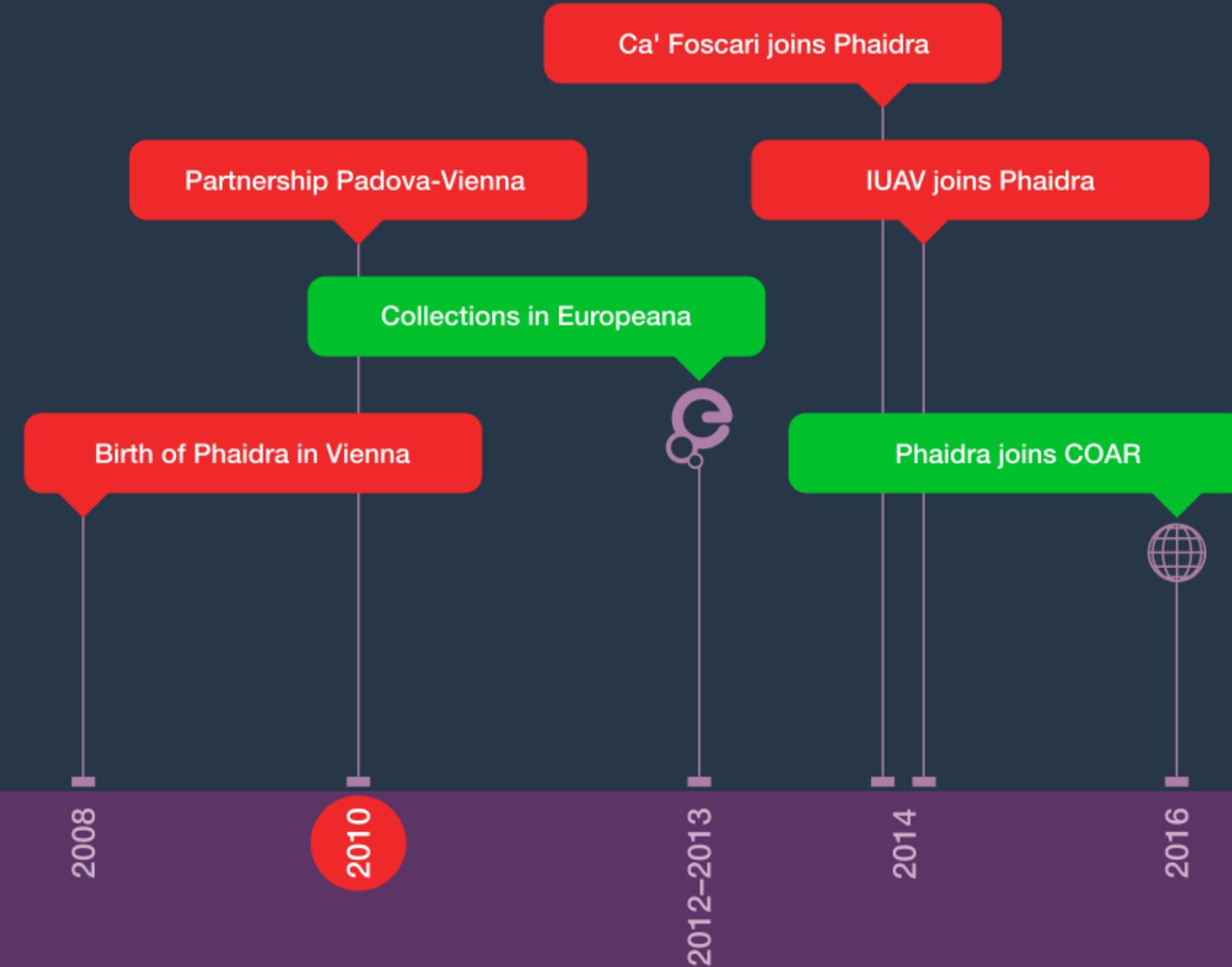
Botanists Portrait
Collection



Photographic ar-
chive of CASREC



All collections



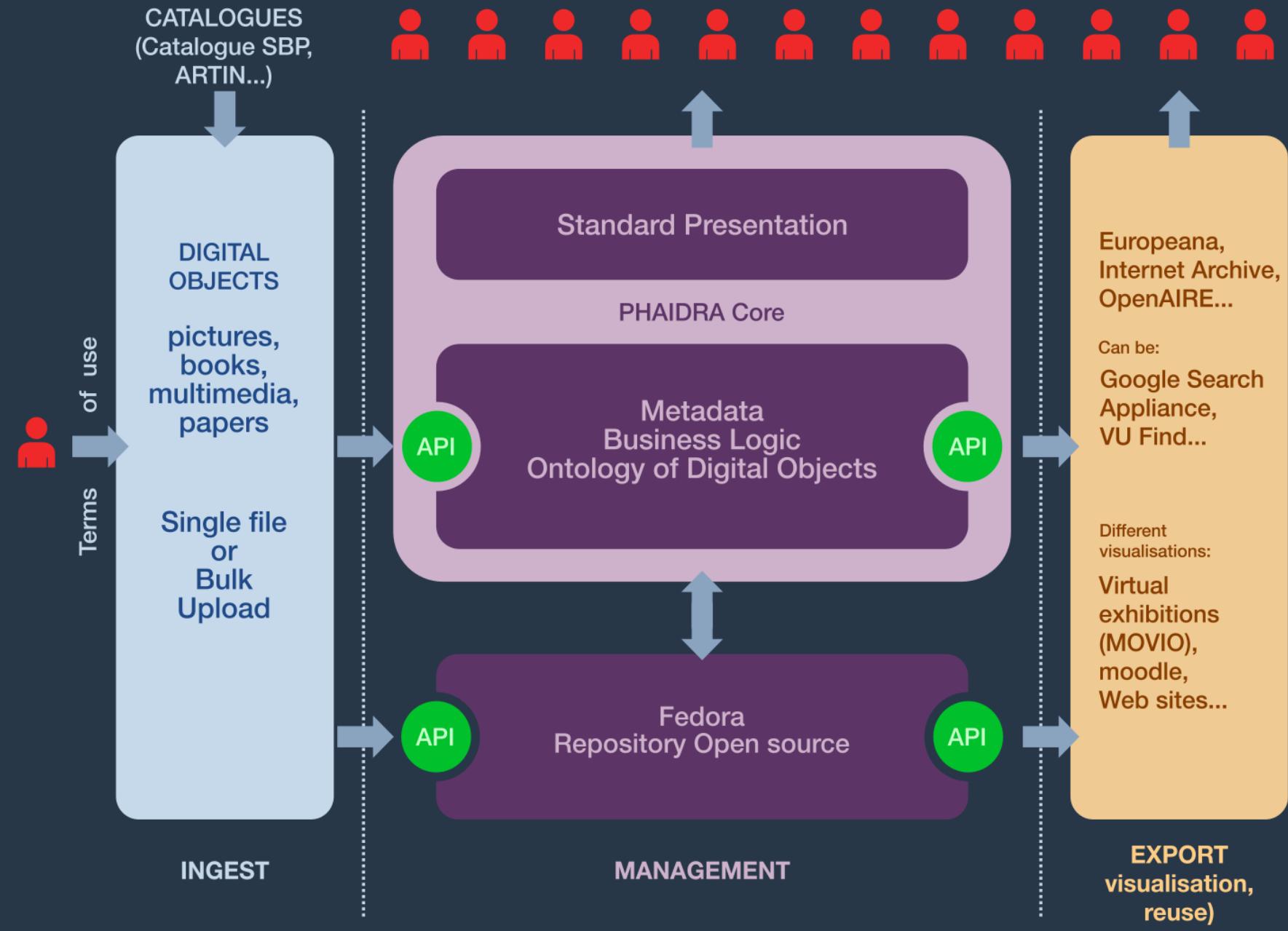
Discrete features

data heterogeneity in terms of kind of data content as well as of data provenance coming from departments and research centres, archives and museums as well as from libraries' digitisation projects

data aggregation by acting as an attraction for other cultural heritage institutions of the region, PHайдра@unipd has a function of institutional

data aggregator, that is an organisation that collects and aggregates, creates and administers metadata from multiple content providers, serving as

data service through its Portal and Web-API, as well as **data provider** by exposing data through the OAI-PMH Protocol



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The data model and the reasons for a revision urge

The expansion of this aggregative and meta-aggregative function of heterogeneous metadata from similarly heterogeneous origins has raised the urgent need for a critical analysis of the foundational data model of Phaidra, both from the point of view of its mapping and conversion into the Dublin Core metadata scheme (Dublin Core Metadata Element Set 1.1) aimed at its publication in the OAI-PMH Phaidra data provider, as well as the visualisation and presentation of data in the Phaidra web interface

**PHAIDRA@unipd,
The data model and the reasons for a
revision urge**

The crucial issue was how to model, expose, and visualise data heterogeneity without losing the intrinsic richness of data sources

making heterogeneity interoperable preserving and exploiting metadata quality and display



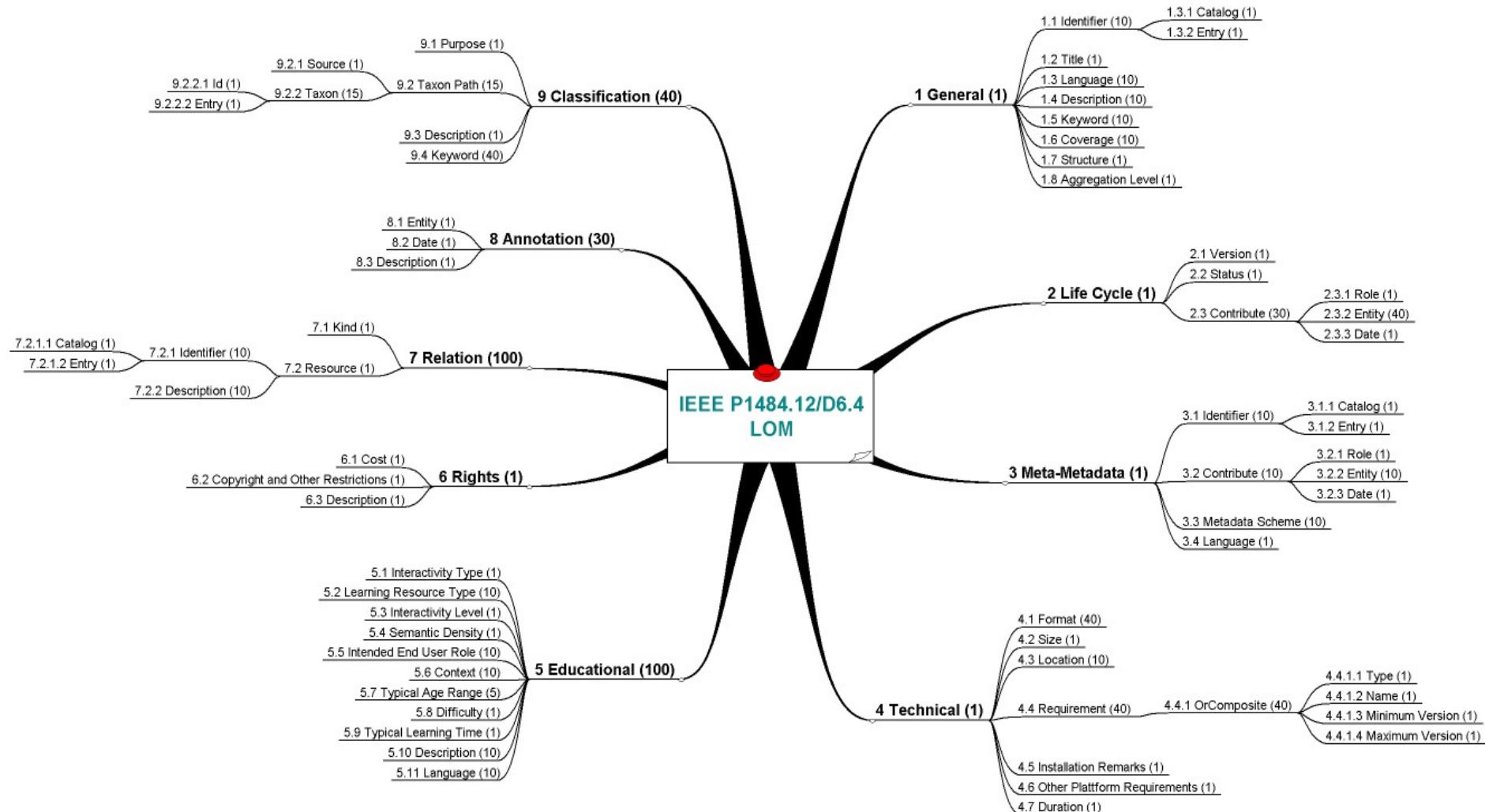
PHAIDRA@unipd, **UWmetadata data model**

Universität Wien metadata, abridged to UWmetadata, is the the foundational data model of Phaidra

It informs the design of Phaidra metadata, both in terms of representation of the values as well as the description of the contents

It is an example of application profile being the result of the expansion of the IEEE Learning Object Metadata (LOM) standard (IEEE 1484.12.1 – 2002) and the combination of elements of different metadata namespaces

LOM schema is a data model used to describe learning objects or digital resources for educational purposes such as learning supports



Overview of LOM draft 6.4

The numbers in parenthesis show the multiplicity of the element.
 Numbers greater than 1 indicate the smallest permitted maximum of entries an implementation must allow. This mind map was prepared by Thomas Herrmann, Teleteach GmbH, Germany. Please send any comments to th@teleteach.de

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UWmetadata: a LOM application profile**

UWmetadata	Explanation
Contextual allegation	This category defines the physical description of primary data
Provenience	This category defines the provenance of primary data
Digital Book	This category describes the bibliographic information of digital books

UWmetadata extends the LOM schema with further additional top level categories aiming to represent primary data stored in Phaidra (Contextual allegation and Provenience respectively), digital books (Digital book), and electronic thesis (eThesis, not implemented at PHAIDRA@unipd.it)

PHAIDRA@unipd, UWmetadata data model

```
<ns0:uwmetadata xmlns:ns0="http://phaidra.univie.ac.at/XML/metadata/V1.0" xmlns:ns1="http://phaidra.univie.ac.at/XML/metadata/1.1">
  <ns1:general>
    <ns1:identifier>o:404705</ns1:identifier>
    <ns1:title language="la">Amorum emblemata, figuris aeneis incisa studio Othonis Vaeni Batauo-Lugdunensis</ns1:title>
    <ns1:language>la</ns1:language>
    <ns1:language>it</ns1:language>
    <ns1:language>fr</ns1:language>
    <ns1:description language="it">Antverpiae : Venalia apud Auctorem, 1608 (Typis Henrici Suingenii)</ns1:description>
    <ns1:keyword language="it">Marsili; Biblioteca Universitaria Padova</ns1:keyword>
    <ns1:coverage language="it">Anversa</ns1:coverage>
    <ns1:coverage language="it">1608</ns1:coverage>
    <ns2:irdata>no</ns2:irdata>
    <ns2:identifiers>
      <ns2:resource>1552151</ns2:resource>
      <ns2:identifier>BALE012307</ns2:identifier>
    </ns2:identifiers>
    <ns2:identifiers>
      <ns2:resource>1552151</ns2:resource>
      <ns2:identifier>001983851</ns2:identifier>
    </ns2:identifiers>
  </ns1:general>
  <ns1:lifecycle>
  <ns1:technical>
  <ns1:rights>
  <ns1:classification>
  <ns1:organization>
  <ns9:histkult>
  <ns10:provenience>
  <ns12:digitalbook>
</ns0:uwmetadata>
```

UWmetadata structures the metadata in accordance with a hierarchy of elements defined in nine top-level categories, containing groups of attributes in a tree structure

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**UWmetadata2Dublin Core:
crosswalk activities**

Aimed to establish an inter-schema correspondence of elements, the syntax and semantics of the two schemas involved, adopting a relative translation mode, namely trying to map each source element into at least one of the target elements, in order to avoid as much as possible any loss of information recorded in the source schema

Es.: Title → many-to-one:

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UWmetadata2Dublin Core:
crosswalk activities

Title → many-to-one:

```
<ns1:general>
  <ns1:title language="en">Title</ns1:title>
  <ns2:subtitle language="en">Subtitle</ns2:subtitle>
  <ns2:alt_title language="fre">Alternative title
  </ns2:alt_title>
</ns1:general>

<dc:title xml:lang="en">ns1:title. ns2:subtitle</dc:title>

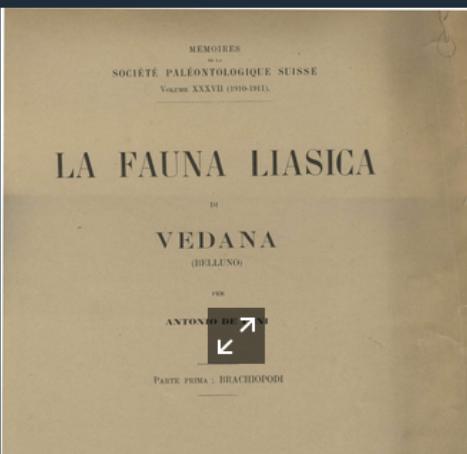
Alternative title
<dcterms:alternative>ns2:alt_title</dcterms:alternative>

<mods:titleInfo type="alternative" displayLabel="">
  <mods:title>ns2:alt_title</mods:title>
</mods:titleInfo>
```

```
<ns1:general>
<ns1:title language="it">La fauna liasica di Vedana
(Belluno)</ns1:title>
<ns2:subtitle language="it">Pt. 1, Brachiopidi</ns2:subtitle>
</ns1:general>
```

```
<dc:title xml:lang="ita">La fauna liasica di Vedana
(Belluno). Pt. 1, Brachiopidi</dc:title>
```

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La fauna liasica di Vedana (Belluno). Pt. 1, Brachiopodi



Description

Description of the liassic fauna with brachiopods, lamellibranchs and crinoids (limestone with Entrochus), with determination of the various genera, in a limestone of the Cima di Vedana (Sospirolo).

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Antonio De Toni (1889-1915),
geologo e soldato della Grande Guerra

THIS OBJECT REFERS TO FOLLOWING OBJECTS (1)



UWmetadata2Dublin Core, Working with entities: Actors

The authorial entity → *Person*, *Institution* has been defined from the point of view of the intellectual level of contribution in the creation of Phaidra CHO → *Creator*, *Contributor*, and role → *Phaidra Roles Vocabulary*, as well as from that of the mode and form of data value recorded in the source elements

In the context of PHAIDRA_DC profile, the elements *Creator*, *Contributor* define entities who are responsible for making or for making contributions to the resource, both born-digital and digitised

By the updated version 1.1 2018, the UWmetadata actor elements embedded also specific subelements to host the international standards codes for author identification such as from ORCID, VIAF, ISNI, LCNAF... etc.

UWmetadata2Dublin Core, Working with entities: Actors

```
<ns1:lifecycle>
  <ns1:contribute seq="0">
    <ns1:role>1552095</ns1:role>
    <ns1:entity seq="0">
      <ns3:firstname>Otto</ns3:firstname>
      <ns3:lastname>van Veen</ns3:lastname>
      <ns3:type>person</ns3:type>
    </ns1:entity>
  </ns1:contribute>
</ns1:lifecycle>
```

Phaidra Roles
Vocabulary → **Author**

Phaidra entity
Type → **Person**

```
<dc:creator>van Veen, Otto</dc:creator>
```

People
van Veen, Otto (Author)

```
<ns1:lifecycle>
  <ns1:contribute seq="">
    <ns1:role>PHAIDRA role code for Creator,
Contributor, person</ns1:role>
    <ns1:entity seq="">
      <ns3:firstname>Firstname</ns3:firstname>
      <ns3:lastname>Lastname</ns3:lastname>
      <ns3:type>person</ns3:type>
    </ns1:entity>
    <ns1:date>Date expressed as YYYY</ns1:date>
  </ns1:contribute>
</ns1:lifecycle>

<dc:creator>ns3:firstname, ns3:lastname</dc:creator>
<dc:creator>van Veen, Otto</dc:creator>

<dc:contributor>
  ns3:firstname, ns3:lastname (ns1:role) <dc:contributor>
    <dc:contributor>Bol, Cornelis (Engraver)</dc:contributor>
```

People

Lastname, Firstname (Role)
van Veen, Otto (Author)
Bol, Cornelis (Engraver)

```
<ns1:lifecycle>
  <ns1:contribute seq="">
    <ns1:role>PHAIDRA role code for Creator, Contributor, institution</ns1:role>
    <ns1:entity seq="">
      <ns3:institution>Institution</ns3:institution>
      <ns3:type>institution</ns3:type>
    </ns1:entity>
    <ns1:date>Date expressed as YYYY</ns1:date>
  </ns1:contribute>
</ns1:lifecycle>

  <dc:creator>n3:institution</dc:creator>
  <dc:creator>Germania : Wehrmacht : Propaganda Staffel</dc:creator>

  <dc:contributor>ns3:institution(ns1:role)</dc:contributor>
  <dc:contributor>Biblioteca dell'Orto Botanico di Padova (Former owner)</dc:contributor>
```

People

Institution (Role)

Germania : Wehrmacht : Propaganda Staffel (Author)

Biblioteca dell'Orto Botanico (Former Owner)

UWmetadata2Dublin Core, Working with entities: Actors

UWmetadata	Dublin Core	Label	Visualised as	Comments
LifeCycle				
Role				
Person, Institution				
	dc:creator dc:contributor dc:publisher	People Publisher	Surname, Name (Role) Institution (Role)	dc:creator IF role ISA Author dc:publisher IF role ISA Publisher dc:contributor IF role ISA role different from Author or Publisher
Provenience → discouraged				
Role				
Person, Institution				
	dc:creator dc:contributor dc:publisher	People Publisher	Surname, Name (Role) Institution (Role)	dc:creator IF role ISA Author dc:publisher IF role ISA Publisher dc:contributor IF role ISA role different from Author or Publisher
Digital Book → Bibliographic Data in PHAIDRA@unipd.it				
Publisher	dc:publisher	Publisher		



UWmetadata2Dublin Core, Working with entities: Date

In the context of PHAIDRA_DC profile, the Date element `<dc:date>` translates a temporal event related to the lifecycle of the resource, certain or inferred, in terms of the date of publication (`dateIssued`) or creation (`Created`), which can be expressed either in exact form or as a time interval, open or closed, according to the formats that conform to the ISO 8601 Date and time format standard

UWmetadata2Dublin Core, Working with entities: Date

UWmetadata sources

- 1. sub-element <ns1:date> of Contribute
<ns1:contribute> in Lifecycle <ns1:lifecycle>**
- 2. sub-elements <ns10:
date_from><ns10:date_to> of Contribute
<ns10:contribute> in Provenience <ns10:provenience>**
- 3. the element <ns12:releaseyear> in Digitalbook
<ns12:digitalbook>**

Encoding of the Date element <dc:date> not only translates the values of heterogeneous source elements, but also if, and only if, there are the predetermined conditions as follows:

UWmetadata2Dublin Core, Working with entities: Date

1. <ns12:releaseyear> of <ns12:digitalbook>. IF <ns12:releaseyear> is not filled, then:
2. <ns1:date> of <ns1:contribute> in <ns1:lifecycle> with role equal to Publisher OR with Printer. If these elements are not populated, then:
3. the first occurrence <ns1:date> of <ns1:contribute> in <ns1:lifecycle> with role Author, whether the entity is a person or an institution. If these elements are not populated, then:
4. the first occurrence of <ns1:date> of <ns1:contribute> of <ns1:lifecycle> if the value of <ns1:role> has different code than Publisher, and from Printer to code Author of the digitisation, whether the entity is a person or an institution

UWmetadata2Dublin Core, Working with entities: Date

If the conditions 1-4 are not met, then they take the values of the sub-elements Date of Contribute in Provenience, which can represent an uncertain or inferred date of the resource, according to the following modes and forms:

- 5a) <ns10: date_from> and <ns10: date_to> in <ns10:provenience>, where the two dates are equivalent if precise dates are being attributed (eg .: 1950)
- 5b) <ns10: date_from> and <ns10: date_to> in <ns10:provenience>, where the two dates differ if it intends to assign a set interval of dates (eg .: 1950-1960)
- 5c) <ns10: date_from> in <ns10:provenience> if an open date interval (eg .: 1950-) are being attributed.

If the conditions set out in paragraphs 1-5 are not met, the element <dc:date> is omitted

UWmetadata2Dublin Core, Working with entities: Date

DC_Target	<p><dc:date>ns12:releaseyear</dc:date></p> <p>If not then: <dc:date>ns1:date</dc:date> → <i>as expressed by conditions 2) and 3)</i></p> <p>If not then: <dc:date>ns10:date_from=ns10:date_to</dc:date> → <i>as expressed by conditions 5a)</i></p> <p>If not then: <dc:date>ns10:date_from-ns10:date_to</dc:date> → <i>as expressed by conditions 5b)</i></p> <p>If not then: <dc:date>ns10:date_from-</dc:date> → <i>as expressed by conditions 5c)</i></p>
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Example	Date 1822 1820-1830 1822-
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MODS2Dublin Core, Working with entities: Date

The conversion to <dc:date> of sub-elements

<ns10:date_from><ns10:date_to> from [Contribute](#) in [Provenience](#) was introduced in version 1.1 2018 of PHAIDRA_DC profile, on the basis of the encoding example of [Metadata Object Description Schema \(MODS\) temporal sub-elements](#), in order to permit the allocation of uncertain or inferred dating to the described resource

MODS provides granular and distinctive representation about the temporalisation of the resource by hosting in the upper element <originInfo> the sub-elements specific to each type of dating: <dateIssued>, <dateCreated>, <dateValid>, <dateModified>, <copyrightDate>, <dateOther>, partially also represented by qualified terms of the Dublin Core vocabulary

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Heterotopias, heterochronies

The inter-schema translation of temporal elements is a luminous example of the attempt to represent the **heterochronies** – this kind of “**heterotopias** of indefinitely accumulating time” echoing the words of Michel Foucault referring to museums and libraries, which, in a certain sense, can also be informed by Phaidra cultural heritage objects

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Some remarks in the margins

The work that has been done provided evidence of the identified solutions and their outcomes, aimed on the one hand at the distinctive valorisation of the dual analogue-digital identity of the Phaidra cultural heritage object, highlighting its profile from

the authorial point of view
(people → Who)

the physical-digital materiality of the work being described
(works → What)

the space-time dimension
(Where and When)

the traceability of the provenance

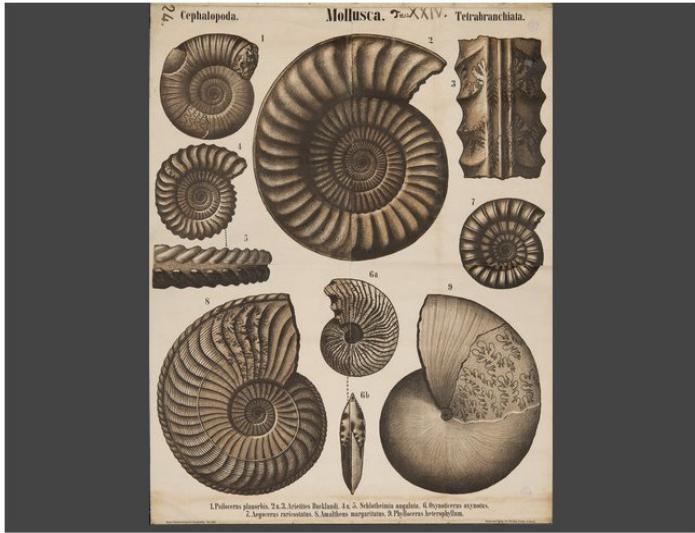
Phaidra@unipd.it,

Some remarks in the margins

Aiming, on the other hand, at metadata reuse as a visual function and for accessibility to content, used in the conception of the new graphic design of the web interface, which is being done in order to encourage discovery, even serendipitously, of the content found in Phaidra by digital researchers and browsers:

<http://phaidra.cab.unipd/static/campi-di-phaidra.pdf>

Discovering PHAIDRA@unipd, post data model revision



OBJECT LINKS

- [View in browser](#)
- [Download](#)
- [Dublin Core](#)
- [University of Vienna Metadata](#)
- [EXIF Viewer](#)

BOOKMARK

- [Add to new bookmark list](#)
- [Add to pitture anatomicia](#)
- [Add to ex libris](#)

Mollusca. Cephalopoda. Tetrabranchiata



Description

Tavola 24

La tavola parietale contiene 10 figure con didascalia

People

Zittel, Karl Alfred (Author)
Castelli, Stefano (Digitiser)
Michelon, Nicola (Digitiser)

Location/Time

Cassel, [1879-1901]

Format

image/jpeg (1.29 MB)
wallchart (height: 142 cm, width: 111 cm)

Subject

- Paleontologia, Molluschi, Cefalopodi, Tavola didattica

Object languages: Latin

Sources

- Biblioteca di Geoscienze. Cassettiera TVP

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Contact institution or person: [Università di Padova - Biblioteca di Geoscienze](#)

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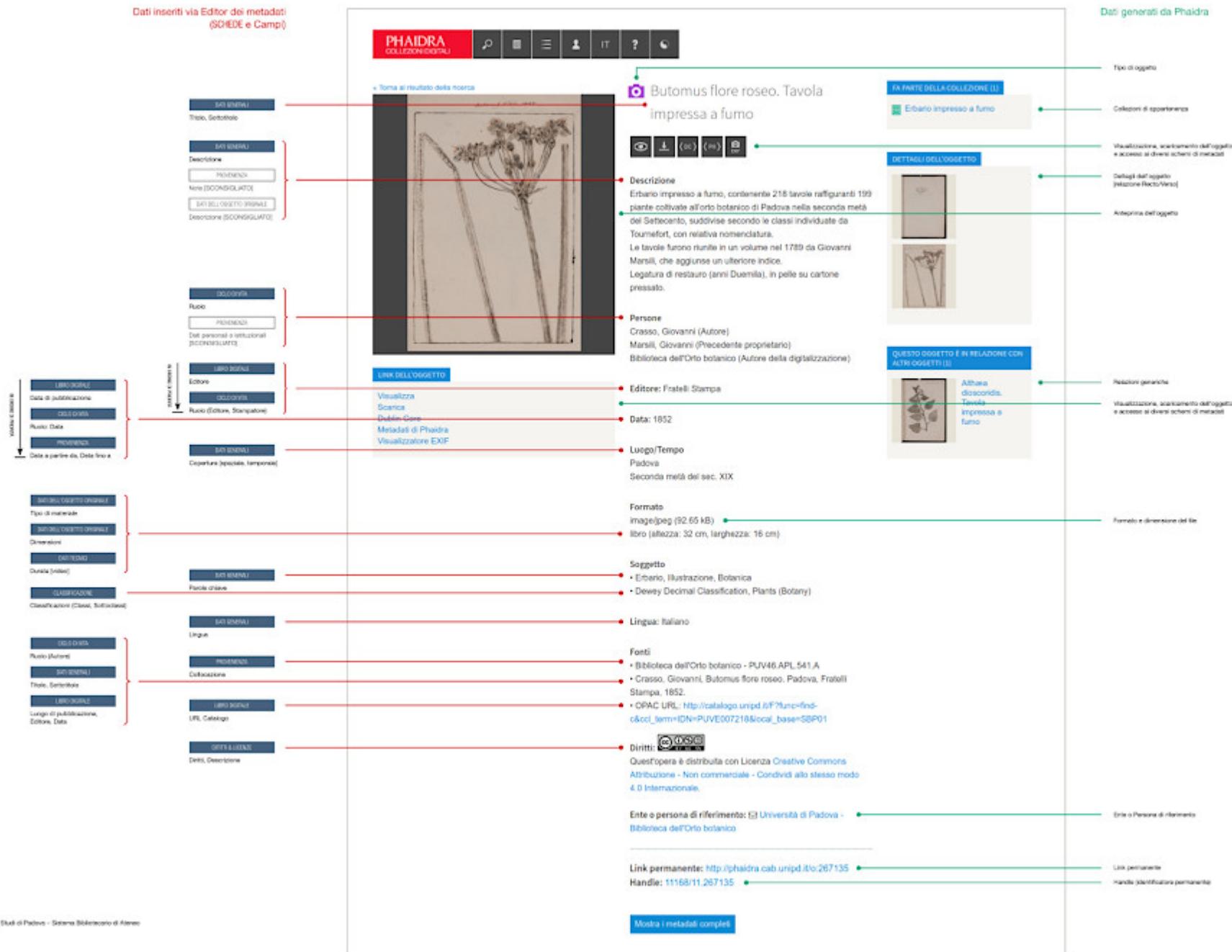
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[Palaeontologische Wandtafeln](#)

[Show full metadata](#)

PHAIDRA – DALL'EDITOR DEI METADATI ALLA VISUALIZZAZIONE WEB



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Some remarks in the margins

The mapping and conversion of UWmetadata to Dublin Core has enhanced precision in the representation of data and information content of Phaidra by disclosing and formalising its core elements

It also encouraged reflection in evolutionary terms of its ontological structure, outlining where possible the classes of Persons, Works, Space, and Time

It has clarified and characterized the different levels and the interdependence of the dimensional combination of physically and digitally of the information content conveyed by the Phaidra CH object

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Some remarks in the margins

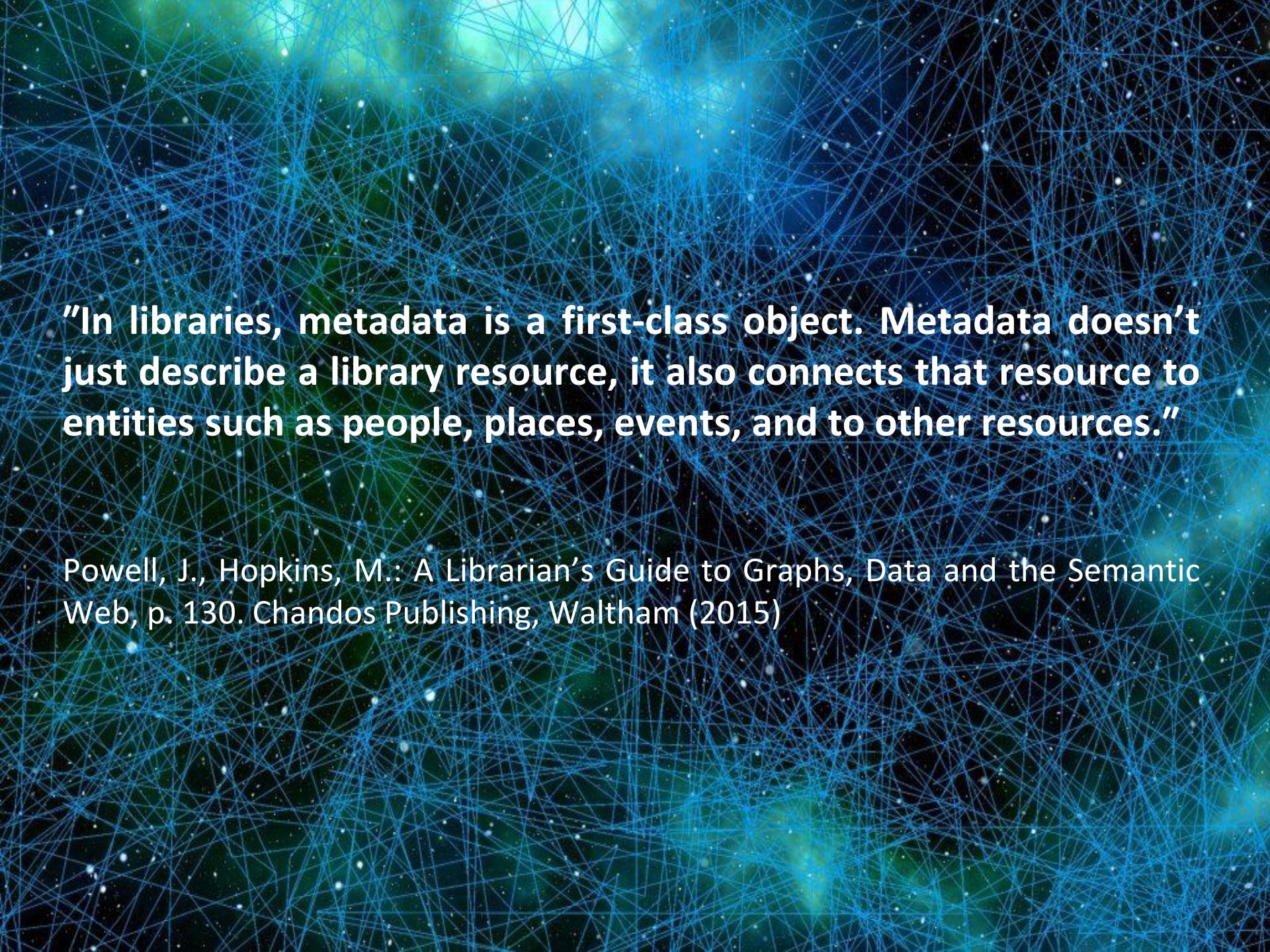
It has, in particular, made it possible to experience and evaluate the vital importance of standards, the adoption of which creates interoperability, leading to the decontextualisation of data from the scope of their original creation, accelerating their exposure and potential for reuse in different contexts and by different services, with the valorisation and development of the informative and cognitive value of which they are a memorial device

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Some remarks in the margins

It has helped to strengthen the methodological attitude for a correct reading of the data, or of reading of the data as “semantic palimpsests” given the stratified and permanent coexistence of heterogeneous data models, and their evolutionary and generative function in terms of schema, structure, profile, model, in aggregate form and as corpora of data, stressing the knowledge that each mapping activity is an inter-data conceptual negotiation which implies, more than anything else, a mutual understanding and compromise





"In libraries, metadata is a first-class object. Metadata doesn't just describe a library resource, it also connects that resource to entities such as people, places, events, and to other resources."

Powell, J., Hopkins, M.: A Librarian's Guide to Graphs, Data and the Semantic Web, p. 130. Chandos Publishing, Waltham (2015)

Interoperability and interlinking, The Classification Server



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Classification Categories

GENERAL ONLINE CLASSIFICATIONS

[AGROVOC - Multilingual agricultural thesaurus](#)
[Eurovoc - EU's multilingual thesaurus](#)
[STW Thesaurus for Economics](#)
[UNESCO Thesaurus](#)

GENERAL LOCAL CLASSIFICATIONS

[COAR Resource Type Vocabulary v1.1](#)
[GND Subject Categories](#)
[ÖFOS 2012 \(Juli 2015\)](#)
[STW Thesaurus for Economics](#)
[UNESCO Thesaurus](#)

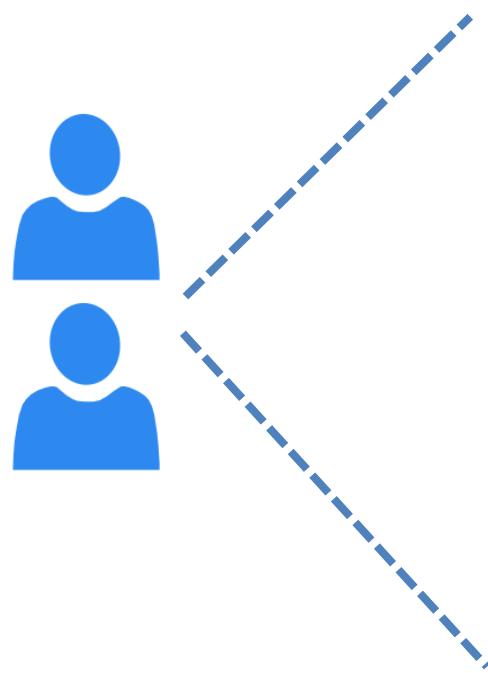
GENERAL LOCAL CLASSIFICATIONS FROM PHAIDRA

[ACM 1998 - The ACM Computing Classification System \[1998 Version\]](#)
[Basisklassifikation](#)
[BIC Standard Subject Categories](#)
[BIC Standard Subject Qualifiers](#)
[Dewey Decimal Classification](#)
[ÖFOS 2002](#)
[Physics and Astronomy Classification Scheme](#)

PHAIDRA'S LOCAL CLASSIFICATIONS

[Phaidra's controlled vocabularies](#)
[Phaidra's custom classifications](#)

Interoperability and interlinking, Enhanced usability



Metadata editor for Object <http://phaidratest.cab.unipd.it/o:338578>

Save as template

GENERAL LIFECYCLE TECHNICAL DATA RIGHTS & LICENCES CLASSIFICATION ASSOCIATIO

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Phaidra Upload Date*: 04.10.2017 - 09:28:47

Peer Reviewed: No

Contribute + X ↴

Role*: Author

Personal or Institutional Data* +

This screenshot shows the Phaidra Metadata editor interface for an object. At the top, there's a 'Save as template' button. Below it, tabs for 'GENERAL', 'LIFECYCLE' (which is selected), 'TECHNICAL DATA', 'RIGHTS & LICENCES', 'CLASSIFICATION', and 'ASSOCIATION' are visible. Under 'BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA', there's a thumbnail image of a manuscript page with handwritten text and diagrams. Below the image, the 'Phaidra Upload Date' is listed as 04.10.2017 - 09:28:47. There are dropdown menus for 'Peer Reviewed' (set to 'No') and 'Role' (set to 'Author'). A 'Contribute' button with a '+' sign and a red 'X' is also present. At the bottom, there's a link for 'Personal or Institutional Data' with a '+' sign.

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Advanced Search

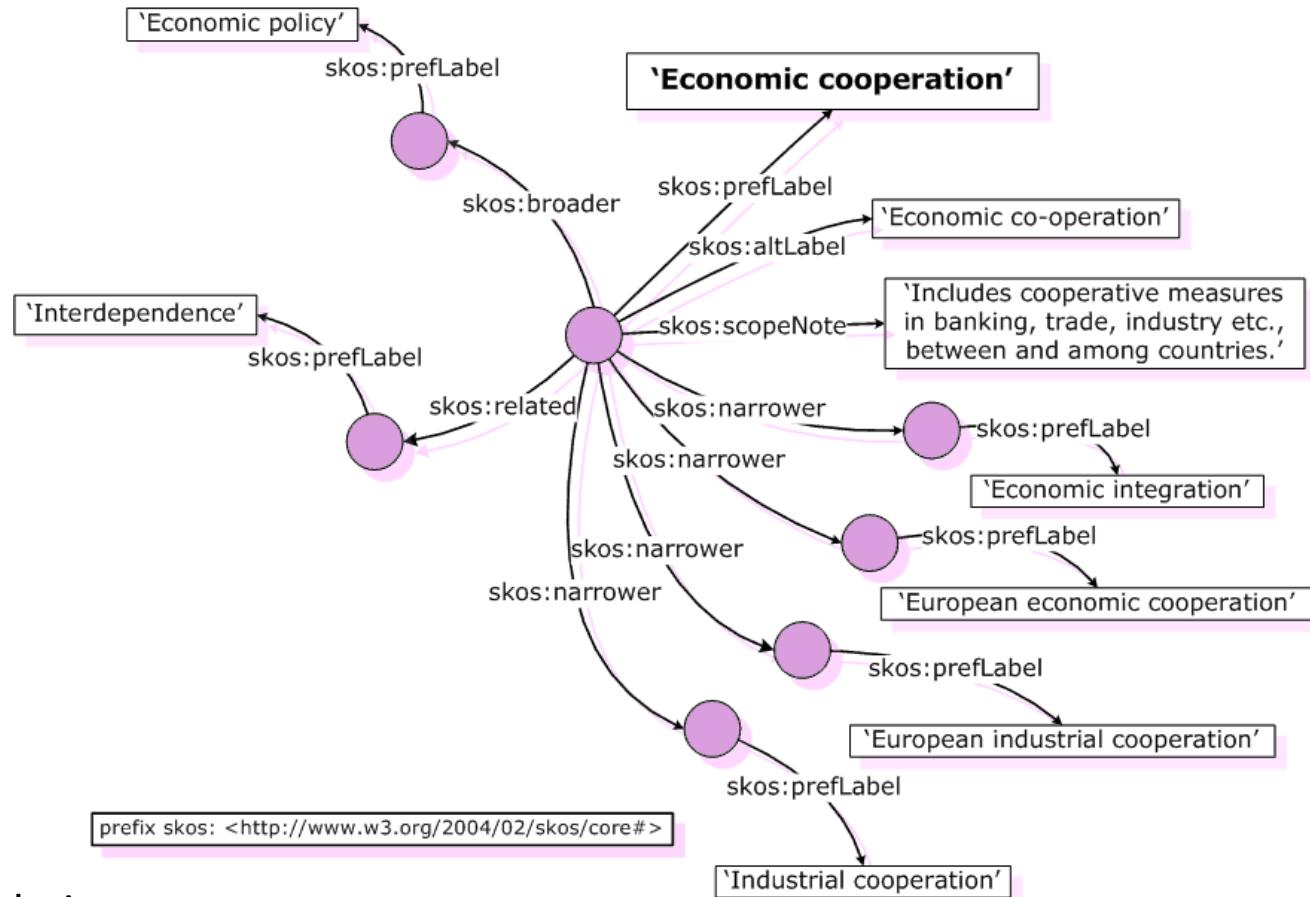
Search through all available fields contains further "and"-connection + further "or"-connection +

Coverage
Institutional Repository
Identifiers
Resource Identifier
Lifecycle
Version
Status
Peer Reviewed
Contribute
Role
Entity / Personal data
Firstname

This screenshot shows the Phaidra Advanced Search interface. At the top, the 'PHAIDRA DIGITAL COLLECTIONS' logo is visible along with various navigation icons. The main area is titled 'Advanced Search'. It includes a search bar with dropdown menus for 'Search through all available fields' and 'contains', and buttons for 'further "and"-connection' (+) and 'further "or"-connection' (+). A sidebar on the left lists search categories: 'Coverage', 'Institutional Repository', 'Identifiers' (in red), 'Resource Identifier', 'Lifecycle' (in red), 'Version', 'Status', 'Peer Reviewed', 'Contribute' (in red), 'Role' (highlighted in blue), and 'Entity / Personal data' (in red). Under 'Role', the 'Role' category is listed. Below the sidebar, there's a field for 'Firstname'.

Interoperability and interlinking,

SKOS data model



SKOS W3C Recommendation:

<https://www.w3.org/TR/skos-reference/>

SKOS W3C Working Group Note:

<https://www.w3.org/TR/skos-primer/>

Interoperability and interlinking, From data silos to a global network

SKOS allows to:

- render concepts machine-readable and publishable in the Web
- link and integrate different KOS and their inherent concepts (also in multiple languages)
- easily reference and reuse concepts in resource descriptions in a Semantic Web context

Interoperability and interlinking,

PHAIDRA local vocabularies

Phaidra archival system currently hosts two locally-implemented list of descriptors:

1) Phaidra Type of Material Vocabulary

which relates to the **material** of the resource

e.g. Drawing, Letter, Manuscript, Painting, Periodical

2) Phaidra Roles Vocabulary

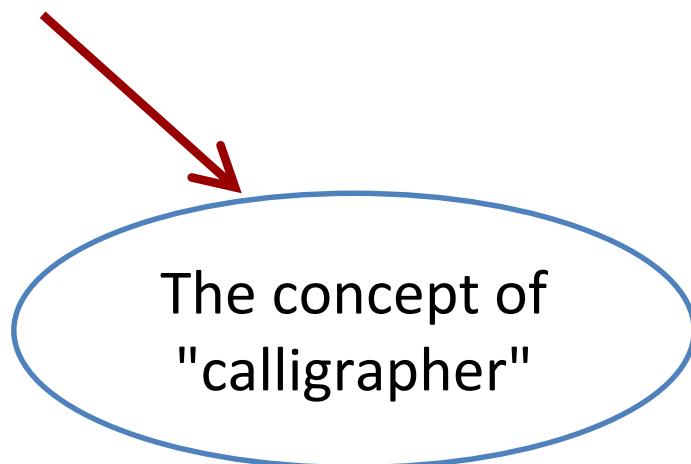
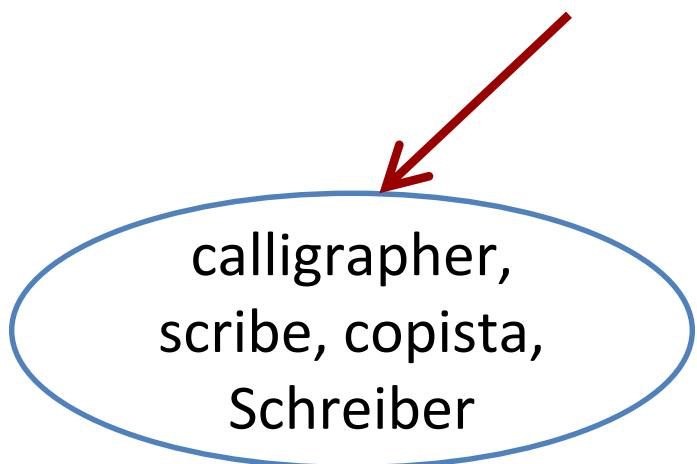
which relates to the **role of the entities** contributing to the creation of the resource

e.g. Architect, Calligrapher, Cartographer, Illustrator, Musician

Interoperability and interlinking, Experimenting with SKOS data model

- Data interoperability:

"term" vs **"concept"**



Interoperability and interlinking, Experimenting with SKOS data model

Concept "calligrapher" in Phaidra Roles Vocabulary:

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<skos:Concept rdf:about="http://phaidra.org/vocabularies/roles/calligrapher">
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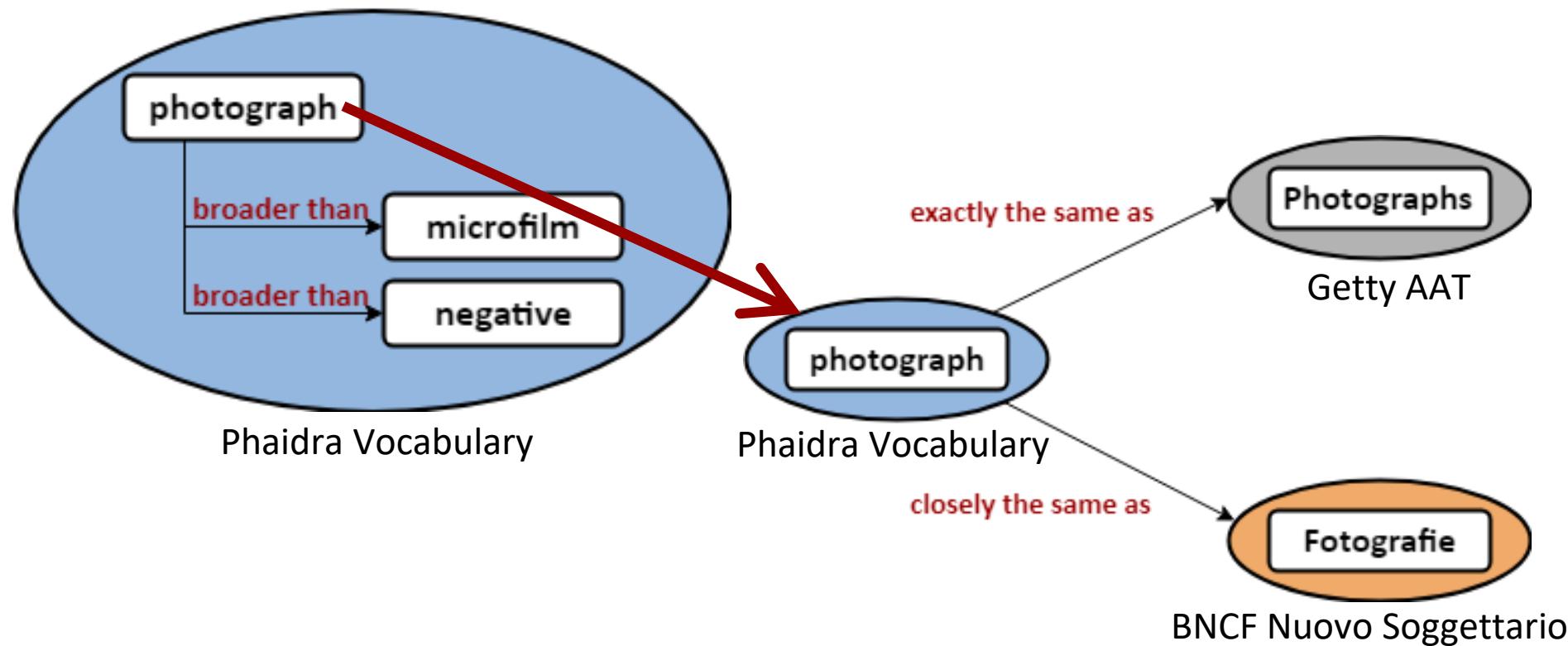
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Interoperability and interlinking, Experimenting with SKOS data model

- Data association and interlinking:

semantic relations
in a **single KOS** and between **different KOS**



Interoperability and interlinking, Experimenting with SKOS data model

Concept "photograph" in Phaidra Type of Material Vocabulary:

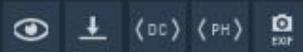
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Search results



P. A. Micheli - recto



Description

Botanico: Micheli, Pietro Antonio (1679-1737).

Prefetto dell'Orto botanico di Firenze, fondatore della Società botanica fiorentina.

Titolo ed estremi cronologici (1679; 1737) manoscritti sul recto, dove compaiono anche le note: Foto Squinabol 1899; Racc. Benv. [Raccolta Benvenisti].

Montata su cartoncino 105 x 63 mm.

1 fotografia : aristotipo ; 86 x 56 mm.

Vai alla scheda bibliografica: http://catalogo.unipd.it/F?func=find-c&ccl_term=IDN=PUV1101258

People

Squinabol, Senofonte (Author)

Stabilimento fotografico L. Caporelli (Author)

Pier Antonio Micheli



Description

Botanico: Micheli, Pier Antonio (1679-1737).

Prefetto dell'Orto botanico di Firenze, fondatore della Società botanica fiorentina.

Titolo riportato sul negativo su vetro.

1 negativo su vetro : negativo ; 119 x 89 mm.

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People

Non identificato (Author)

Location/Time

[dopo il 1871]

Format

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Photographs, Dr. Henry R. Butler Jr., undated

Collection: Auburn Avenue Research Library Historic African American Education Collections
Title: Photographs, Dr. Henry R. Butler Jr., undated
Publisher: Box 7, Folder 13, Selena Sloan Butler papers, Archives Division, Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture and History, Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System.
Date of Original: 1886/1893
Subject: African American physicians
Portraits
Butler, Henry Rutherford, 1899-1988
Location: United States, Georgia, Fulton County, Atlanta, 33.7489954, -84.3879824
Medium: Photographs
Type: StillImage



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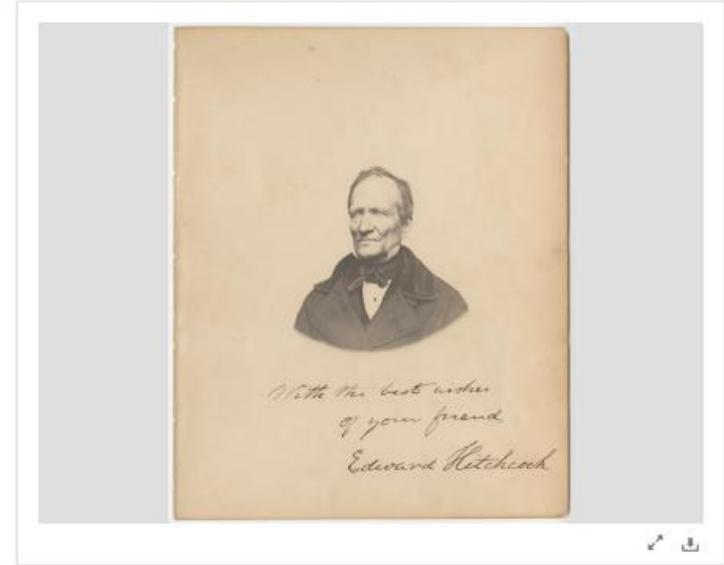
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Date: 1899

Amherst College Digital Collections

Edward Hitchcock, portrait, facing left, circa 1860
[Amherst College Digital Collections > Archives & Special Collections](#)



Title: Edward Hitchcock, portrait, facing left, circa 1860
Dates: 1860
Abstract: A head and shoulders photograph of Edward Hitchcock, facing left, signed by Hitchcock. This photograph was used in the Amherst College 1860 and 1861 Class Albums.
Physical Description: 1 photograph ; sheet 21 x 17 cm
Languages: English
Genre: Photographs

Future data visions

Both the working groups of Phaidra are currently involved in outlining a new foundational data model represented in RDF triples.

By the potential use of an arbitrary number of external vocabularies and ontologies, along with the possibility of RDF graphs to be extended with new nodes and new relationship types effortlessly, this new semantics-embedding model would be much more flexible, extendable to every future needs as well as highly interoperable.

In these terms, the forthcoming achievement of such a framework might thus exactly represent the most effective means to disclose the associative potential of metadata that was quoted at the opening slide of the second part of this presentation.

Resource URI: La Resistenza italiana (time period)



Objects which have it as their **subject**



Related **places** (geolocations)



Objects created in this period

Related **persons**



Historical events temporally located in this period



Thank you!

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