

How SSHOC Meets the Needs of Researchers

An Interview with Agnieszka Szulinska



► Introductions

My name is Agnieszka Szulinska and I'm a digital editor in the Digital Humanities Centre at the Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences. My research is primarily in Polish digital editions – the correspondence of Skamander's poetry group, contemporary Polish drama, Eliza Orzeszkowa's early novels for example.

Technology plays a huge role in my work not only because we create digital output from research. Our workflow is also 100% remote nowadays.

► Challenges in SSH Research

Tools are difficult to find because they arrive and then dissipate, lacking a sustainable foundation. Precision and accuracy are also a problem. Did you know for example that Zotero saves all digital projects – editions, corpora, archives, repositories, parsers, online workshops, and so on – as websites or blog posts?

So we have low levels of findability but our needs are very specific and we have high expectations.

► What can I do with SSHOC tools & services?

From what I learned about the SSH Open Marketplace as a tester, it has some useful search filters and caters for specific sub-disciplines. A huge plus is the developers' openness to community input – which is why they recruited testers in the first place. I see myself using the Marketplace to locate versioning tools. As a contribution we will certainly upload our workflows about building hybrid digital editions – and help with developing a Polish language version!

► Wish list - SSHOC and EOSC

My wish for the SSH Open Marketplace and for the EOSC in general is to find more than simply a lifeless index or catalogue. Any tools must facilitate and foster dialogue and cooperation between the creators of these tools and potential users. I'm also looking for a multilingual approach - for instance, a listed entity might have a description in English but there will also be a description in the vernacular language of its creator!



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