

DEVENTit gains European tender Atlantis as basis for the Collection Registration System of Naturalis

Bunschoten, November 9, 2009. DEVENTit has been given the European tender for the realization of a Collection Registration System (CRS) on behalf of the National Museum of Natural History Naturalis at Leiden in the Netherlands. This means that DEVENTit will develop a completely new information system that will replace existing systems and databases of Naturalis. The initial concept of this information system consists of the Atlantis framework that will be extended and adjusted. The emphasis of this information system will be on flexibility in the use of data structures, responding to widely accepted standards for registration and exchange and the application of new technologies for indexations and searching.

“Participating a European tender is not common for a company like DEVENTit.”, drs. Ing. P. van Diermen states, director of DEVENTit BV. “Often the “big guys” on this market run off with the assignments, because they have specialized tender departments and also the necessary financial resources and experience with this kind of tracks. In this case we nevertheless were of the opinion that we should participate. On the one hand because of the fact that our Atlantis package connected very well to the desires and requirements which have been made to the CRS and on the other hand to measure ourselves to well-established internal and foreign parties as far as supplying software solutions for collection management is concerned.”

The fact that DEVENTit will develop this solution is good news with regard to the development of Atlantis. Naturalis is an acknowledged institute, as well within our borders as abroad, with a collection belonging to the world top 10. The Collection Registration System is very significant to them and that’s why high demands are postulated to the level of flexibility and possibilities of exchange and cooperation. The current features of Atlantis in these areas will improve considerably by the realization of this system. With the realization of the CRS of Naturalis, a strong foundation is set for a new, completely webbased, solution for collection management in Botanic Gardens.

Developments and projects that were set in motion already for further development of the Atlantis platform will be accomplished accelerated due to this. With this one should think of the use of a flexible data model, generic scheduled input, a multilingual thesaurus environment as a principle to describe, structure and validate information and the support of divergent protocols and description and exchange standards.

About Naturalis

The National Museum of Natural History Naturalis owns a large collection of insects, invertebrates, vertebrated animals, fossils, stones and minerals, gems and objects in an educational collection. The collection is the result of collecting for ages and of the Dutch merchant spirit. In the exhibition rooms only a fraction of the total collection is displayed, approximately 10.000 examples. Most of the collection items of the museum – altogether about 12 million objects – are stored in the collection tower. Among other things Naturalis has a Nature Information Centre, picture library, photo gallery and book shop. Furthermore it’s possible to visit several exhibitions.

About DEVENTit BV

DEVENTit BV is an innovative softwarehouse with software products for building, managing and putting available of multimedial collections. DEVENTit has a specialization in software solutions for Botanic Gardens. For these areas also the Thematis® Botanic Portal (<http://www.thematis.nl/botanicportal>) has been developed. This is a covering search machine which makes several data bases of various organizations integral public through the Internet. For more information notice: <http://www.deventit.nl>.