

Dutch Gemeentemuseum in Den Haag up to date with a DISC Library as Digital Archive

Den Haag, Netherlands 1st October 2005. The Dutch museum of the community Den Haag (Gemeentemuseum) is using a DISC optical library system for the storage of the major collection of images, such as high resolution photos of the total collection of the Museum. "We have today a collection of more than 130.000 production photos, registration images of our paintings and other items and other TIFF documents. The storage capacity per document or image varies from 10 to 70MB per image and demands huge digital storage capacity to save this for a long term period. We searched and discovered a reliable and affordable archive solution for long term" explained Mr. Henk Quast manager ICT of the museum.

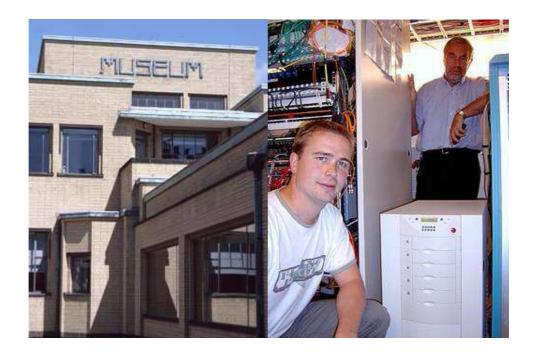
"In the past we stored all this information on hard disks and made every day a tape back-up of it. Due to the growing size we encountered a backup window problem to do this in the 24 hour we had during the day" explained Mr. Jeroen Heerings, system manager of the museum. The Dutch Gemeentemuseum uses the application Adlib which controls the collection of Photos and other digital documents. The DISC Library solution is controlled by the Point Jukebox Manager software which was delivered with the Library/Jukebox system.

The Library manager controls the DISC Library and works together with the Adlib "Search engine" Next to that the Library manager also allows to make extra copies of the media in the library which can be stored "off-line" in a safe place. Data is stored in a standardized file system on standardized DVD media, providing the ultimate long term security for data access. The Dutch Gemeentemuseum has selected a DISC NSM3000U upgradable DVD Library with a storage capacity up to 2.4TB. The number of discs in this Library can vary from 145 to max. 270 DVD-R media with 4.7 GB storage capacity. This capacity offers us enough space to store also our future expansion to videofiles, audiofiles, e-mail and our other mailarchives. The generated data from our Office related network infrastructure will also be stored on this Digital Archive of DISC. When we use the option to dual side media support we will be able to use double sided DVD media of 9.4GB each!

"The DISC Library offers us the functionality of a real Digital Archive and the network users can always access the information stored on it. A very interesting point of this solution is that the total cost of ownership is much lower than before" explained a smiling Mr.Henk Quast. The Gemeentemuseum in Den Haag offers a very interesting regular changing collection of artwork and paintings. At the moment they have the newest "Wonderkamers" in which visitors can do experiments on Audio and Video applications and watch other themes.



More information about the collections and other exhibitions are available under www.gemeentemuseum.nl and www.wonderkamers.nl you will find.



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