TEI By Example

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The Centre for Scholarly Editing and Document Studies (CTB) of the Royal Academy of Dutch Language and Literature, the Centre for Computing in the Humanities (CCH) of King’s College London, and the Department of Information Studies of University College London, are pleased to announce that funding has been secured to develop the online resource ‘TEI by Example’. Featuring freely available online tutorials walking individuals through the different stages in marking up a document in TEI (Text Encoding Initiative), these online tutorials will provide examples for users of all levels. Examples will be provided of different document types, with varying degrees in the granularity of markup, to provide a useful teaching and reference aid for those involved in the marking up of texts.

If the digital humanities community wants to promote the TEI markup framework as a serious candidate for dedicated courses in the booming curricula on digital humanities, humanities computing, digital culture, or humanities informatics, to name just a few of the labels this archipelago of disciplines gets, then there is an urgent need for an on-line TEI course by example which is less generic than the two tutorials published on the TEI website (A Gentle Introduction to XML and TEI Lite: An introduction to Text Encoding for Interchange) and more general than the 29 guides to local practice on that site.

Likewise, the availability of a software toolkit for teaching text encoding would support the potential trainers to take up the challenge to teach TEI on several occasions.

The project results will be relevant to the trainers of TEI, the students of TEI, the text encoding, and the humanities computing community in general.

In order to support multilingualism in the text encoding community, the created on-line tutorial will be considered for translation into a number of languages. The translations proper, however, are outside the scope of this project.

Development of the tutorials started in January 2006, and a sneak preview was put online in Spring 2009.

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