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CURRENT POSITIONS

Director of Digital Archives
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EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER EXPERIENCES (up to 10 bullet points)

Education:
- University of Tartu, 2000, Business Administration and IT, BSc
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Estonian national certification as an archivist

Career:
- Project manager at Regio Ltd, 2000-2001, geographical information systems related projects
- Internal auditor of the National Archives of Estonia, 2001-2007
- Director of Digital Archives of the National Archives of Estonia, since 2008
- Member of Board of Open Preservation Foundation (OPF), since 2014

PUBLICATION

One publication in English (not mentioning articles in Estonian here):

- "Helping Archivists to Receive Records From ERMS Into the Digital Archive Using Semi-Automated Adjustable Software", Trieste conference, Atlanti 2012, no.22.

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PRESENTATION

Electronic public records in the fully digital society of Estonia

Abstract

Estonia is a small and flexible country of 1.3 million people which is fully digital in the everyday operations of the government. Digital procedures were started to be implemented since 2001 with the introduction of the official digital signature which is equal to paper signatures. Nowadays, Estonian government officials sign almost all and citizens sign most of the official documents digitally, where the only real exception is communication with foreign countries. In this situation, where electronic records management systems and digital documents are a big part of the society, management of the digitally born and also digitized documents both in state institutions and the national archives are an important everyday task and an ongoing challenge. There are several interesting questions of how to preserve the digital signature for long-term, which file formats to use, how to deal with business systems which keep their information in databases, how to provide access to documents when delivered to the digital archives etc., and this presentation shows the Estonian ways of solving them.