

EOS International Case Study

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Searches for Solutions

EOS.Web provides Carnegie with automated, easy interface for historic information



The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace was established in 1910 as a non-partisan organization furthering the cause of international peace. With a staff of leading experts from around the globe, the organization is home to over 10,000 items, with additional e-journals, e-documents, databases, and an archival collection stretching back to the 1950s.

Headed by Terezia Matus, the library in the Washington, DC office houses the majority of the collection for the Carnegie Endowment. Faced with the prospect of manually entering their catalog into a DBText program that would no longer be updated by Inmagic, Ms. Matus opted to search for a new solution for the Carnegie Endowment Library. "DBText was incredibly cumbersome and lacked the flexibility and user-friendly interface that EOS offers," stated Ms. Matus. "With no further upgrades coming, I knew we needed a solution that would allow our library staff spend more time on expansion of a variety and quality of library services and less on cataloging." Her wish list for Carnegie's next solution included the ability to handle photos, e-journals, and the soon-to-

How does a non-profit organization cope with the demands of maintaining a library?

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace faced the prospect of attempting to maintain a cataloging system with limited automation and no prospect of updates to the program. Thus was born the Carnegie Endowment's search for a replacement for their DBText legacy system.

Carnegie needed a complete ILS solution that could manage not only their standard cataloging needs, but also also all library management functions and future projects, such as e-archives, e-books, or organizational knowledge management functions. Their DBText system was no match for the growing needs of the Carnegie Endowment or their new EOS.Web solution.

be digitized documents the Endowment

intends to create from the archives.

The EOS.Web solution the Carnegie Endowment selected met their need to provide access to their collection for their whole staff, including oversees offices in Beirut, Moscow, Brussels and Beijing. With the Web OPAC, Ms. Matus can now provide Carnegie's staff with a full view into their collection securely, without concerns about distance or security.

The ability to automatically download records from OCLC, the Library of Congress, and other databases will eventually allow the library staff additional time necessary to tackle the more complex projects EOS.Web was selected to facilitate. "We will eventually begin the larger project of digitizing Carnegie Endowment's extensive archival materials. The EOS.Web solution was selected specifically because it will allow us to catalog and maintain this historic collection, regardless of format, with a single system," said Ms. Matus. "We selected EOS. Web knowing that the growth of the library's collection demanded a solution capable of handling far more than the traditional library materials."

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