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Outline

- Memory lane
- Portal content: http://digi.nrf.ac.za/
  - Digital Initiatives in South Africa
  - Heritage Repository (DSpace)
  - Harvesting service (DSpace)
  - Publications
  - Communities of Practice

Context

- In 2009, the Carnegie Corporation of New York provided the NRF with a grant for a digitisation project.
- Aim of the project would be to:

- Determine state of digitisation in South Africa
- Identify digitisation initiatives nationwide
- Establish a national portal / database
- Production of a digitisation manual, templates, standards and policies
- Establish a Digitisation & Preservation Center (technical support, training and knowledge sharing)

Memory lane

- CHELSA and NRF meeting
- 2008: Carnegie funded project for Digitisation
- 2009/2010 Stakeholder workshops
- 2011: ICADLA workshop at Wits
- 2012: Train-the trainer
- 2013: National Digitisation Forum Workshop
- 2014: SADI workshop

Historical Overview

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2008

- Meeting with all stake-holders
- Proposal submitted
- NRF Proposal approved and Contract negotiated

2009

- Conduct national audit of Digitisation Initiatives in SA
- Establishment of National Portal (http://digi.nrf.ac.za)

2010

- Published the Managing Digital Collections – SA Framework

2011

- Facilitate and host Train the Trainer
- Start with development of Training Modules
- Investigate space for Digitisation Center

2012

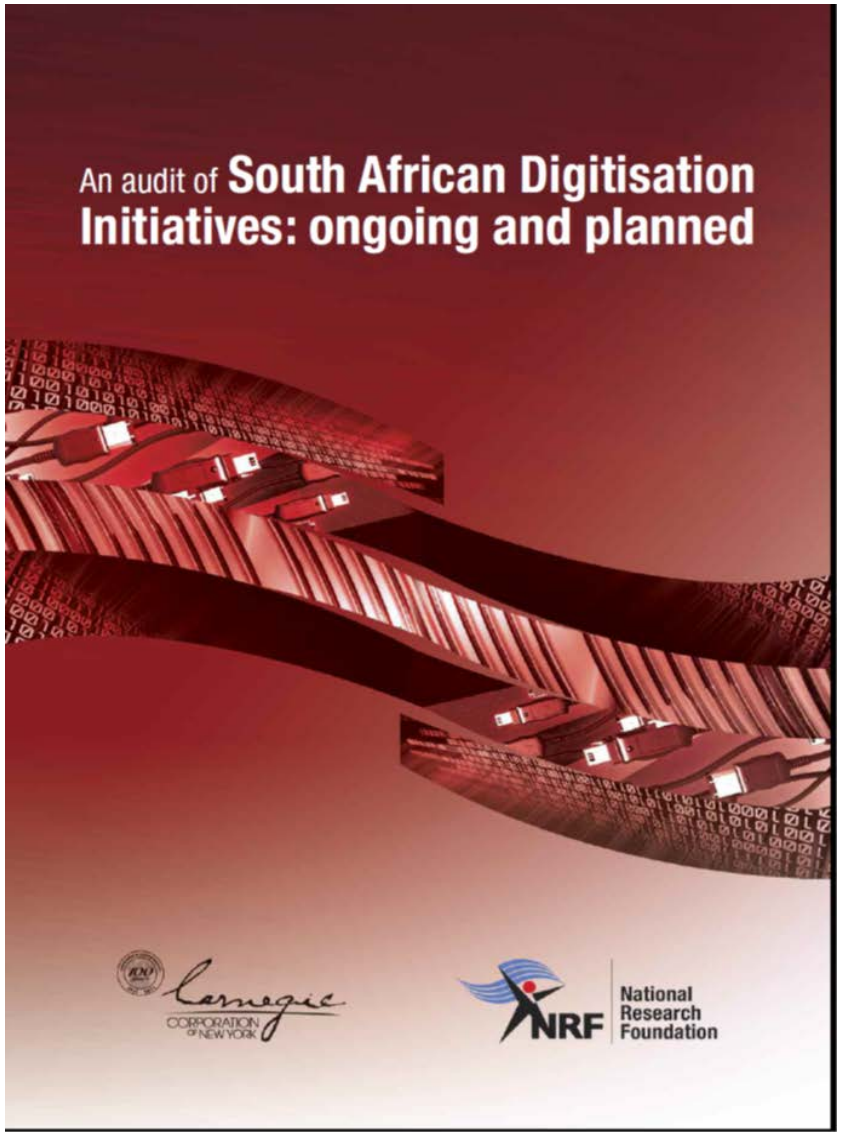
- National call for hosting of Digitisation Center
- Evaluation of proposals received & communicate outcome to CCNY
- Finalise Training Modules

2013

- Host for Carnegies / NRF Digitisation & Preservation Center appointed
- SLA for hosting
- Project deliverables and timelines agreed

SA Digitisation Initiatives – The Audit

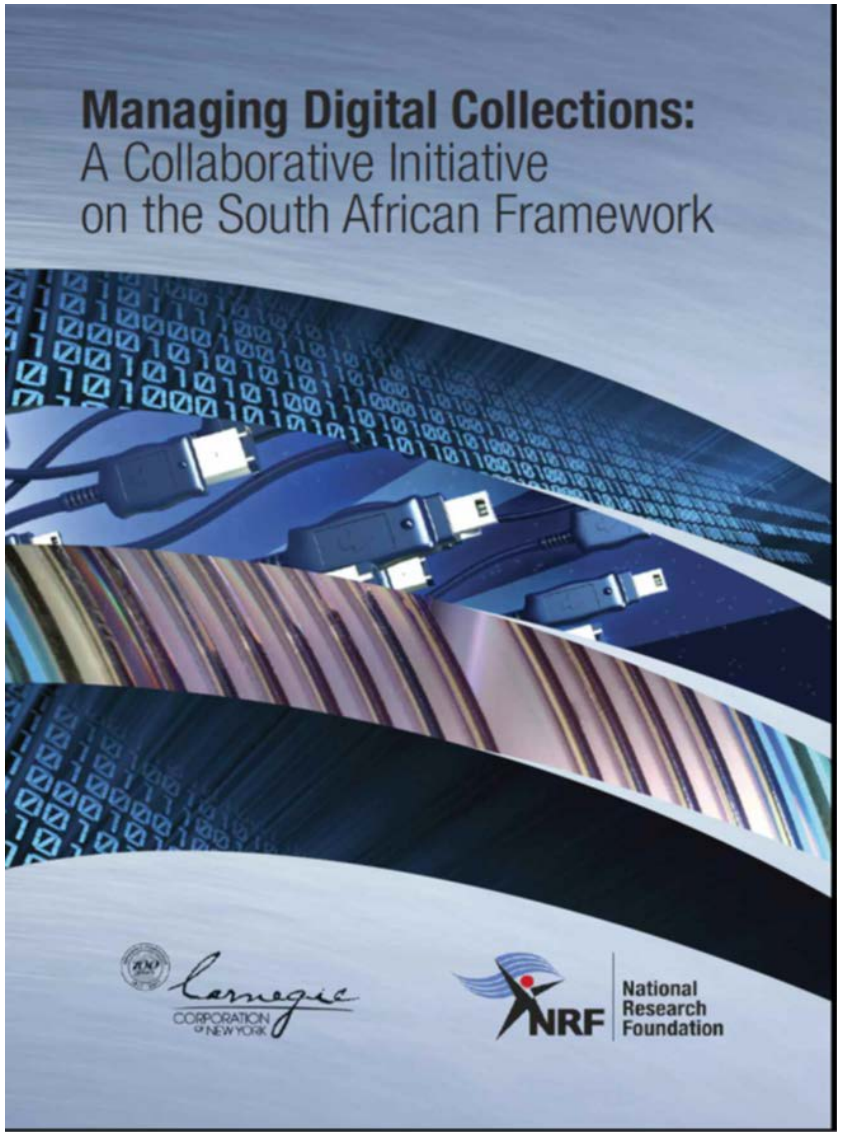
http://digi.nrf.ac.za/download/AuditReport.pdf



- Identify institutions / digitisation projects
- Determine priority areas / content
- Provide list of current / on-going projects
- Merits of digitisation center, its activities and governance structure
- Collect data & information for the establishment of a portal
- Identify levels of skills & expertise in digitisation (across institutions)
- Identify and establish digitisation needs and infrastructure requirements
- Generate a national database and hardcopy report

Managing Digital Collections: SA Framework

http://digi.nrf.ac.za/download/managing_digital_collections.pdf



OBJECTIVE:

To provide high-level principles for planning and managing the full digital collection life-cycle

National Portal

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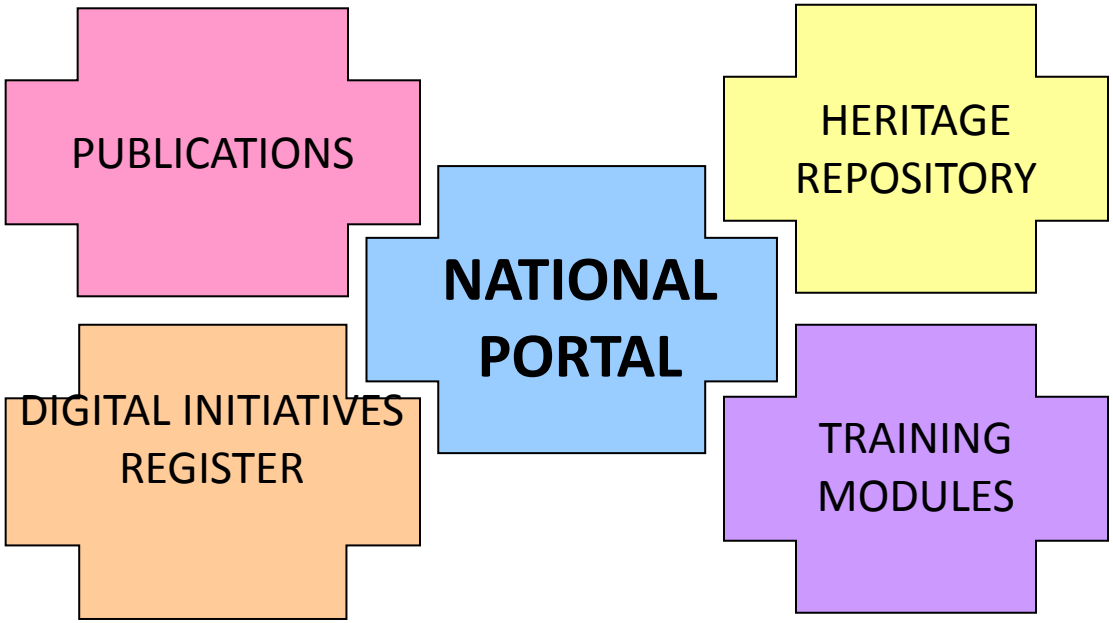

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Digitisation and Data Preservation Centre

Carnegie Corporation of New York



HERITAGE RESOURCES

Biodiversity and Natural Science History

- Veterinary Science
- Arnold Theiler
- National Zoological Gardens of South Africa

Political History

- Wits History Workshop Papers

This Digitisation and Digital Data Preservation Centre is a collaborative South African digitisation initiative. This centre is hosted at the NRF and will

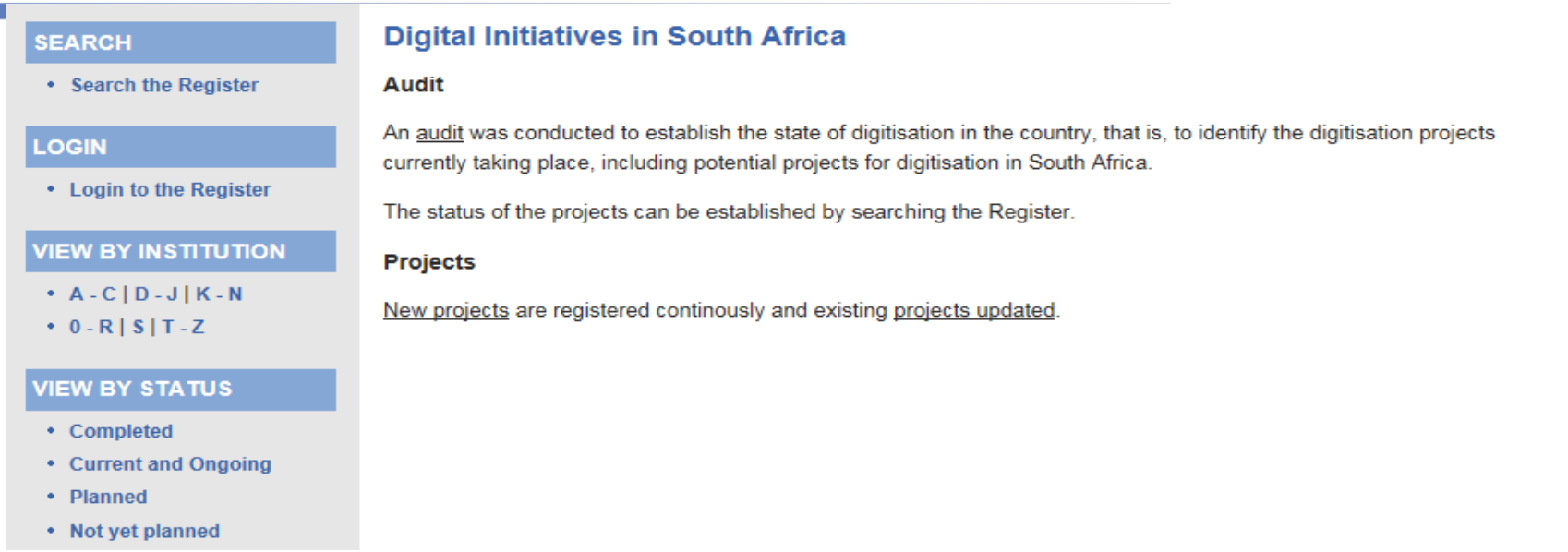
1. provide technical digitisation support, and services to those institutions that are not able to wholly or partially do it themselves;
2. provide or mobilise experts to conduct training and support for persons and institutions that would like to embark on digitisation and digital preservation exercise;
3. coordinate collaborative digitisation and digital data preservation initiatives among HEIs and as much as possible NGOs, and other organisations that are keen to collaborate and or provide digitisation support to others;
4. facilitate the sharing of knowledge through this portal

Latest news

Newly added to the National Zoological Gardens of South Africa collection



Digital Initiatives Register



Challenges

- An audit was conducted to establish the state of digitisation in the country, that is, to identify the digitisation projects currently taking place, including potential projects for digitisation in South Africa.
- Call for participation response

Harvester Controls

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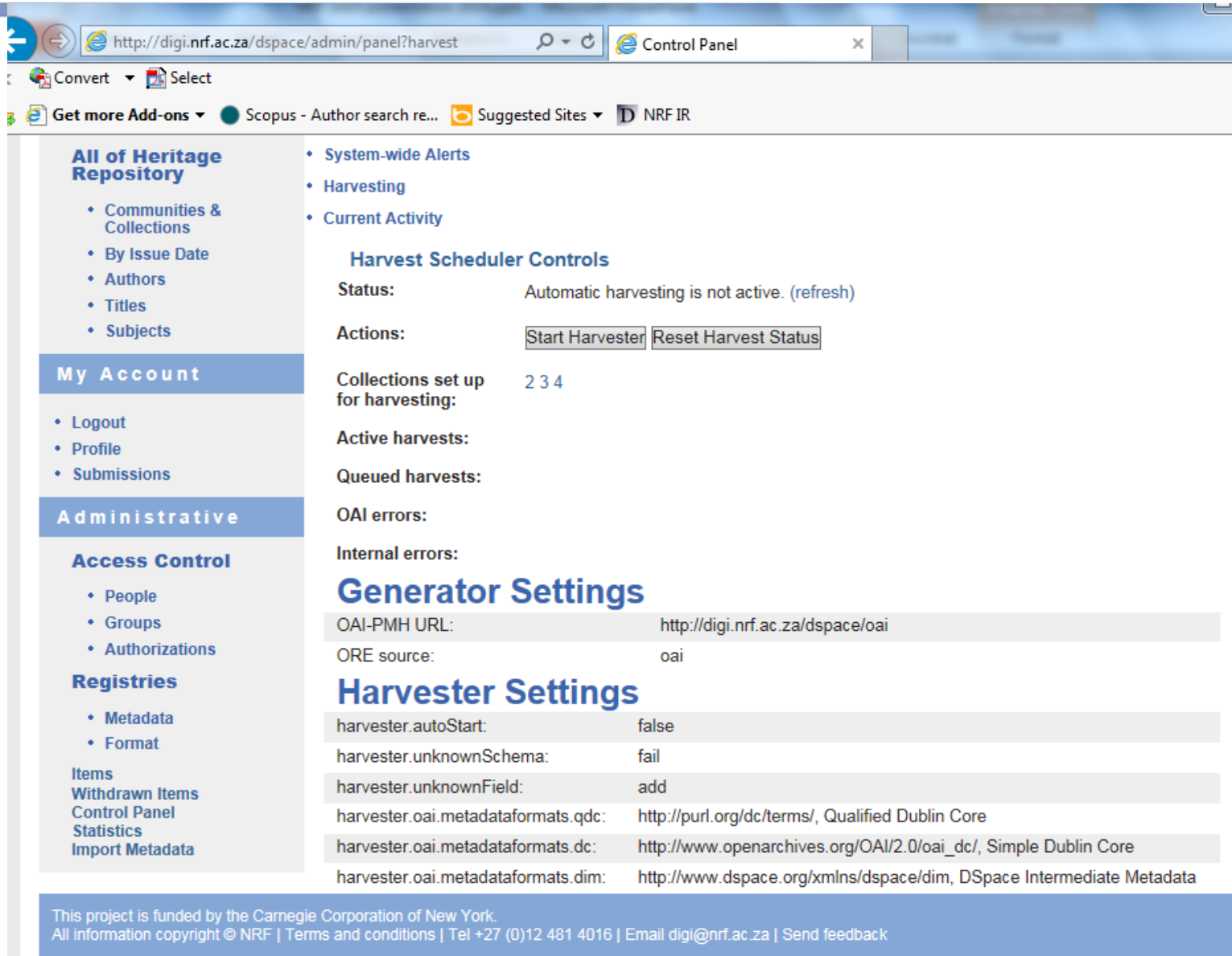

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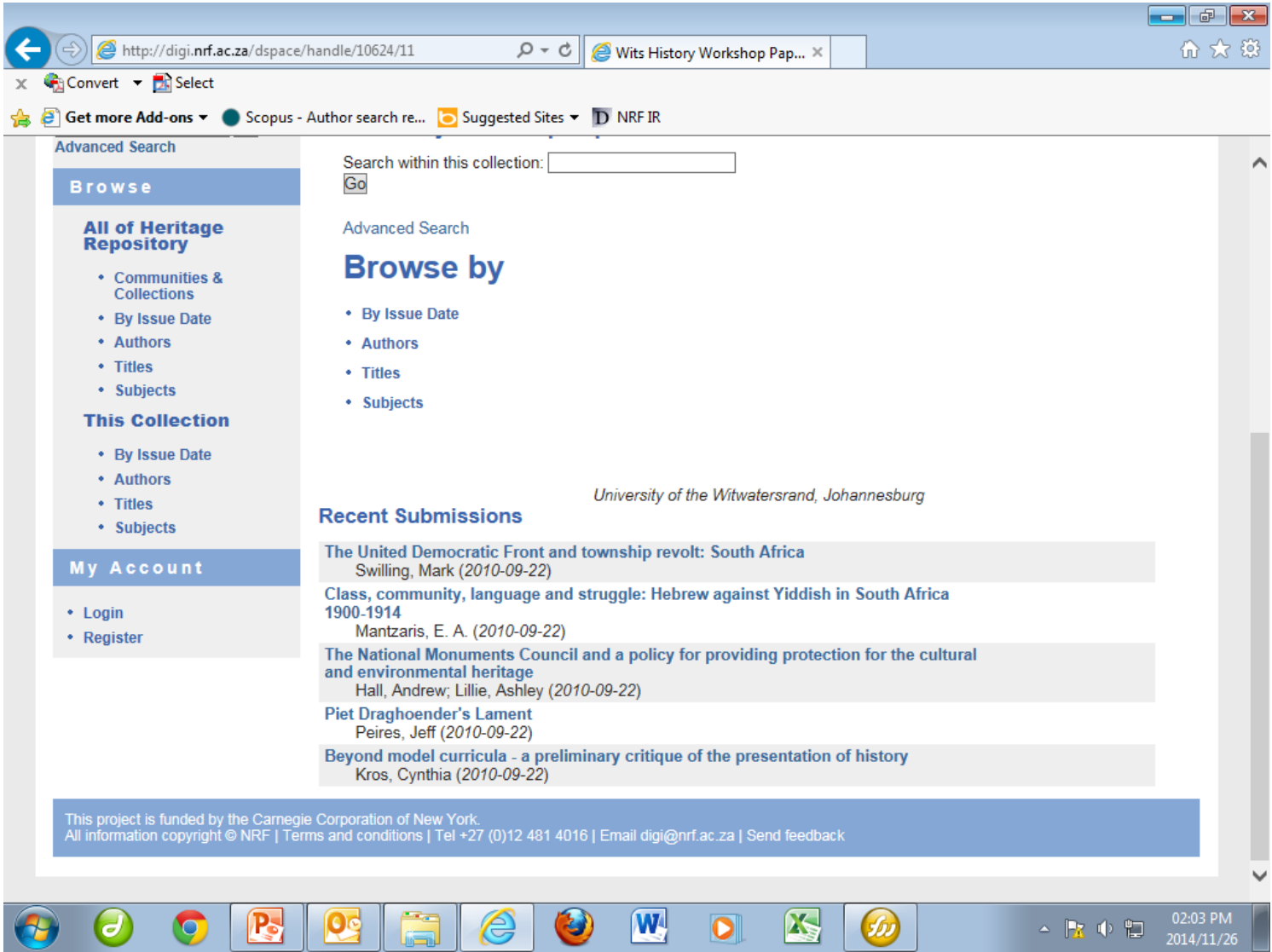

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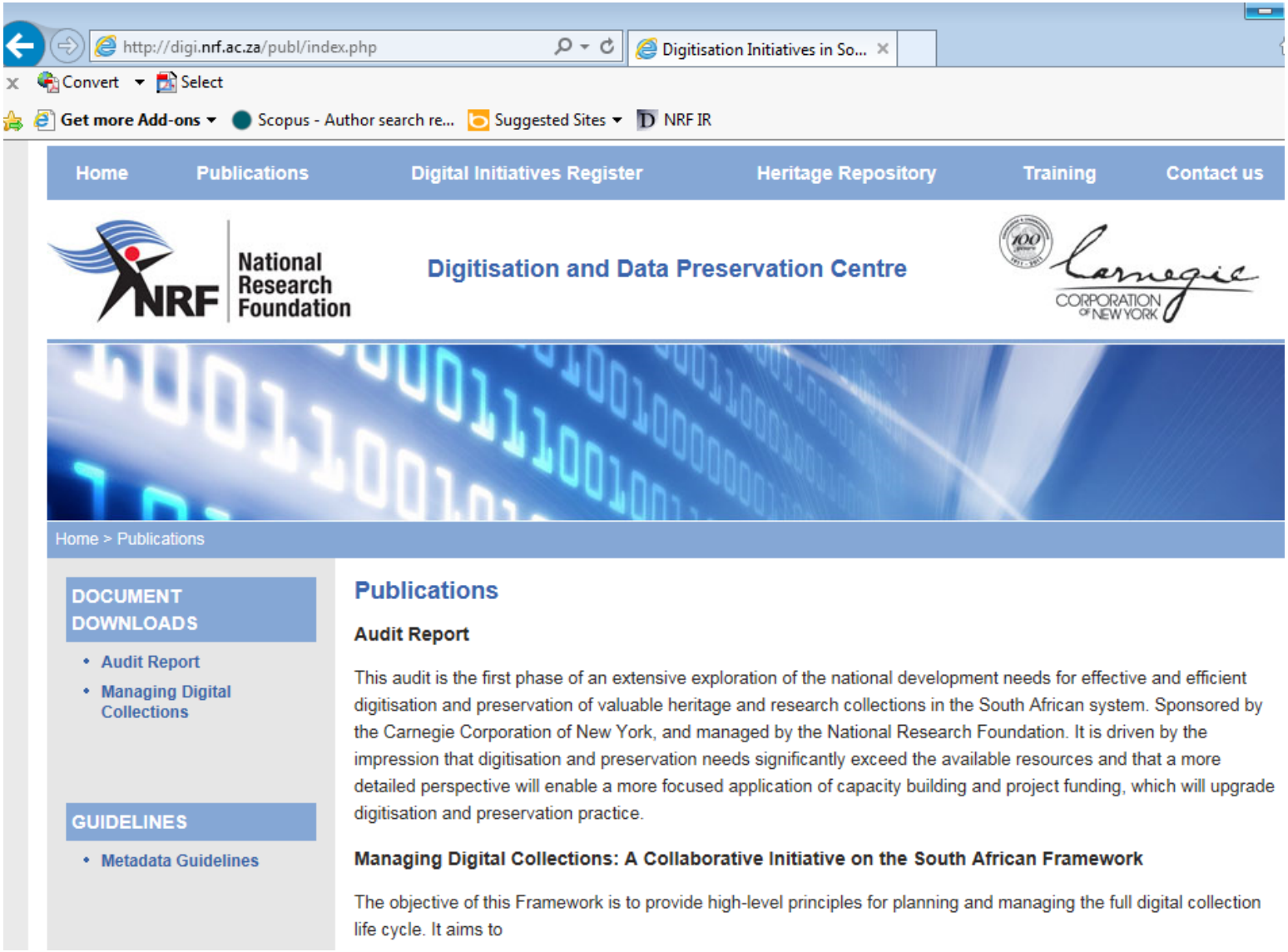

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