

National Collaboration – Roadmap for Preserving Estonian Cultural Heritage

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The Estonian Ministry of Education and Research in cooperation with the Estonian Academy of Sciences launched a process of compiling the Estonian roadmap of research infrastructure in 2010. One of the infrastructures which is being developed is the Estonian e-Repository and Conservation of Collections. The Estonian e-Repository is an integrated e-environment created for long-term preservation and availability of digitized resources of the Estonian memory institutions: libraries, archives and museums; raising digitization capability and ensuring the preservation of memory institutions' collections. The goal of this collective infrastructure is to provide access to various resources through a single internet gateway.

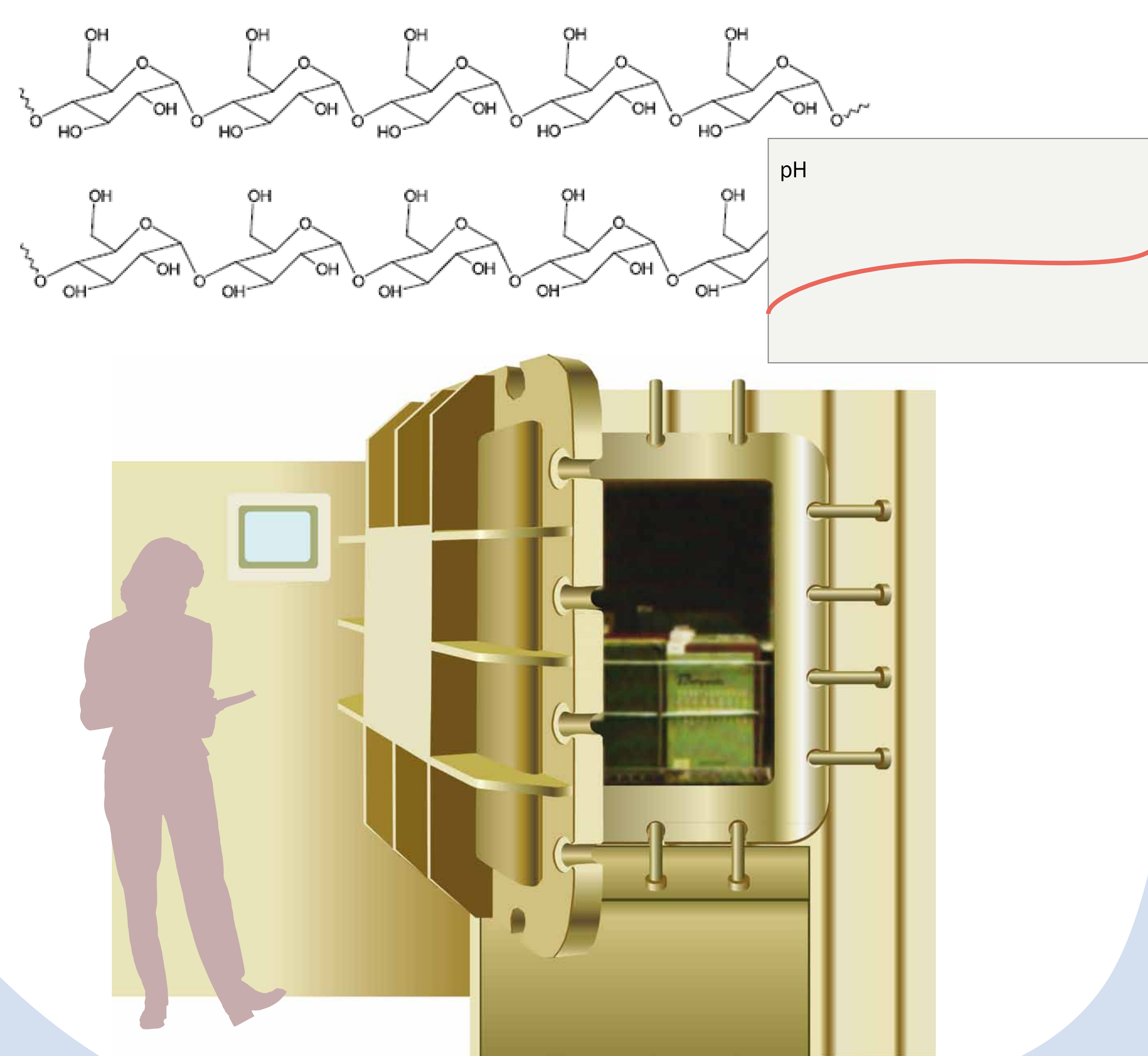
1 Memory institutions – cultural heritage

Each memory institution is evaluating its own collections' importance as Estonian cultural heritage.



2 Mass neutralization

Prior to digitalization, books will be neutralized through mass neutralization.



6 Return of the originals

Physical cultural heritage will be returned to their original memory institution.



Ideal model

Six partners of this infrastructure each play a role in various phases of the preservation, digitalization and making materials available.

3 Digitalization

Books, audio and video files will be digitized.



5 National open access e-portal

All materials will be made available through national open access e-portal



4 Long-term preservation

Digitized materials are sent for long-term preservation



The circle is complete!

All parts of the decentralized infrastructure are set to be fully developed by August 2015. Currently, the infrastructure is developed partially.