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Development within the last year

This part should only be handled in a very short time, since most points used to be announced by email. So here comes just a summary:

- The most important innovation on the website was the rearrangement of the link section conducted by Elisabeth Wagner. The old collection with just a few links and long comments was replaced by a structured list now containing more than 210 direct references in 15 categories. It is therefore now probably the most comprehensive and detailed link list concerning Maya culture in the entire world wide web.
- As every year, the website promoted several events. Most important were naturally the ones Wayeb is or was involved in, the 7th European Maya Conference in London and the 2nd Symposium of the Belgian Society of Americanists in Brussels. Others are e.g. the Maya Meetings in Austin, the International Congress of Americanists in Santiago de Chile or the Mesa Redonda de Estudios de Genero in Mexico City as well as several exhibitions.
- The information concerning field-schools were further completed and several news were added to the archive.
- Geneviève Le Fort provided further data for the Who's who section, now several European countries are represented with information on their museums, organizations and institutions dealing with Maya culture. Further personal files were added.
- A news ticker was installed in the start page and gives an account on the recent innovations of the website.
- To give the Wayeb Resources section a start, which was created in the last year, Sven Gronemeyer added an online correlation program and two others for download.

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Current projects

Of course, all previous developments and projects from the last year are carried up to know and into the future. Several ideas have arisen since the last website report:

- Geneviève Le Fort proposed a sitemap. Sven Gronemeyer is currently working on several designs for such an index either using a static or a dynamic model.
- A new, more tremendous intro page was also suggested. Marcus Kuhnert announced to work out some designs. A recent idea thought of integrating the main menu entries into the start page.
- Elisabeth Wagner once created a museum list for a publication containing around 150 museums concerning Maya culture all around the world. While she is currently searching together hyperlinks, Sven Gronemeyer is working to present this list in the Who's Who section and for those with an internet presence in the link list as well.
- Sven Gronemeyer is now in possession of Adobe Acrobat which allows not only to read but to generate portable documents files (PDF). They could replace all Word documents of the website in order for a better ability to display them in the browser.

- Also by using Adobe we can now display all ethnohistorical sources Christian Prager provided. Since he was doubtful concerning the ability of printing and copying of contents from the full text, the security options Adobe allows now avoid this problem.

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Proposals for the website

Those proposals already presented with the last report keep their validity, if they are not yet implemented into the structure of the website, and are still left for discussion. The latest suggestions are already running as current projects.

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Internal Regulations

Though the Website Working Group is already a well functioning team, the present Internal Regulations may eventually not be sufficient for the work of the group. Sven Gronemeyer therefore asked the President to work out a version that could replace the current §13 of the IR or be attached as an annex. The proposal he worked out is at issue.

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Payment

Since Sven Gronemeyer does most of the website maintenance from his private internet connection, he gave the Tresory an invoice for the last two years and calculated an amount of 25 € per year based on the average connection time and actual connection rates.