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Report about activities 2004

After the establishment of the website in the last year, all contents have been maintained and some new ones added. Eight Wayeb Notes were submitted. Thanks to the investigations of Elli Wagner, a lot of new links from all fields, especially e-texts, could be added. New publications from Anton Saurwein were also announced. A convenient observation is the increase of institutions, museums, etc. contacting us to notify us about changes of broken links, new information, and the like. The cumulative perception of the Wayeb website is also demonstrated by the inquiry of FAMSI for a collaboration of sharing news. The most important task of the website was again the promotion of the European Maya Conference.

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Statistics

To judge better the acceptance of the website contents and to establish user profiles, a software has been used to analyse all log files from the launch on July 28, 2003 up to December 1, 2004. The figures reveal an impressive and sometimes surprising number of site calls. More than 560.000 times, site objects have been requested. The website has been visited nearly 46.000 times, 20.000 times by different users/computers. An average of 260 page views occur every day. In 2004, the number of page views and visits has approximately tripled, though the timeframe is only twice than 2003.

Within the website, we can establish a ranking of the top ten pages viewed: Wayeb main page, Resources main page, This Year's EMC page, EMC main page, E-Texts page, Wayeb Notes main page, News main page, Landa's Relación, Conferences main page, and Research in Europe main page, all with more than 2000 page views. It is also noteworthy to see that, except No. 15, all Wayeb Notes have been viewed more than 250 times, the front-runners are Nos. 7 and 9 with nearly 700. Many more interesting observations could be made, but you might wonder where all the new members are, when the membership form has been downloaded 280 times!?

Since our log files do not distinguish between countries but only between IPs, other ways have to be found in order to see where our visitors come from. You can achieve this partially by analysing which search engines were leading to the website. Front runners here are Google Mexico, followed by Spain, Germany, Peru and France. You can also observe that users found 240 times the Wayeb link on Mesoweb. It is also possible to analyse which search terms were typed in. "Wayeb" is of course the most prominent one. And every member, speaker, and tutor surely has searched his/her name on the website. And just to demonstrate that you should be careful leaving traces in the internet, I suggest that more members should log on into the Baytaah section.

Finally, the average visitor uses IE 4.0, WIN 98, and accept Cookies, Java-Scripts and Applets. Big Brother is watching you!

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Change of Provider

As it was already discussed during the last General Assembly, we are on the watch-out for a new provider instead of Invidia. I remind you of the problems with the transfer and the never heard of again SSL certificate. And finally, as Frauke Sachse and Harri Kettunen already noticed recently, our mail server obviously delays messages and is by no means protected against malicious spam.

Two providers and web packages came into the narrower choice. Both feature a single server with at least 10 GB webspace, an SSL-certificate, and a protected mail server, together with many more features. Since protected areas can be defined on the server and due to its size, it could also serve as a virtual desktop. For example, very large submissions for Wayeb Notes could be uploaded to a specific server directory via FTP. There would be no need to send it on CD-ROM. Since they are all Linux servers, the directories can be protected via a password. But I still don't know whether the providers feature a multilingual interface for configuration. One at least has a polyglot webmailer. The providers have been contacted on this matter.

Option 1 is by 1&1 and is a completely managed server with a huge amount of technical gimmicks, costing 89 € per month. Option 2 is by Domainfactory (thanks to Christian Prager for this hint) with a slightly reduced technical complexity, costing 39,90 € per month plus 12 € per year for the .org-domain and 149 € per year for our own SSL-certificate (instead of using the providers secure proxy server). When Domainfactory has answered on my questions, I would advocate for this option.

In order not to use our ability to announce the upcoming EMC in Leiden, I was asked by Frauke to register a mirror site, www.european-maya-conference.org in the case that the provider change again blocks our website for a longer time. When being hosted by Domainfactory, the costs are below 1 € per month, since we don't need anything special for it.

As far as decisions have been made on this matter, an announcement will be put into the Wayeb Newsletter.