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The story of the three sisters

AKMB

- “Working Group of Art and Museum Libraries”
- kind of German ARLIS, but includes museum libraries
- founded only in 1995
- independent (“Verein”), but networking!
- around 250 institutional and personal members

A little garden

AKMB aims

- to enable the exchange of information and experience between art & museum librarians (via web, web 2.0 and direct contacts, our journal…)
- to support art & museum librarians in their daily work as well as their institutions
- to provide education and training
- to represent the interests of this special type of library (via lobbying, marketing etc.)

Well structured

AKMB structure

An elected board of seven members and

special interest groups, actually

- “Fachgruppe Standards” (special interest group quality management)
- “Fachgruppe EDV” (special interest group data processing)
- just relaunched! “Fachgruppe Museumsbibliotheken” (special interest group museum libraries)
- **AKMB-news** (printed journal since 1995)

All you can eat

AKMB meetings, workshops, seminars

- once a year a members meeting, normally in the context of the annual German librarian's conference "Bibliothekartag", together with a public accessible presentation of papers
- a two day lasting "Herbstfortbildung" (Autumn Workshop of the AKMB) in cooperation with the Initiative Fortbildung für wissenschaftliche Spezialbibliotheken und verwandte Einrichtungen (IF)
- more seminars and workshops are offered by the IF…, for example library management in special libraries, information retrieval in the field of art…

Growing together

AKMB networking

- other library organizations & initiatives & universities
- specialized networks, like “art libraries.net” (meta-catalogue) and “arthistoricum.net” (virtual library for art)
- museum organizations & initiatives
- IF…
- international contacts: the ARLISSES, study tours (London, Paris, Rome, New York and Washington and viceversa), participation in conferences of colleagues in the U.S., the U.K. and France

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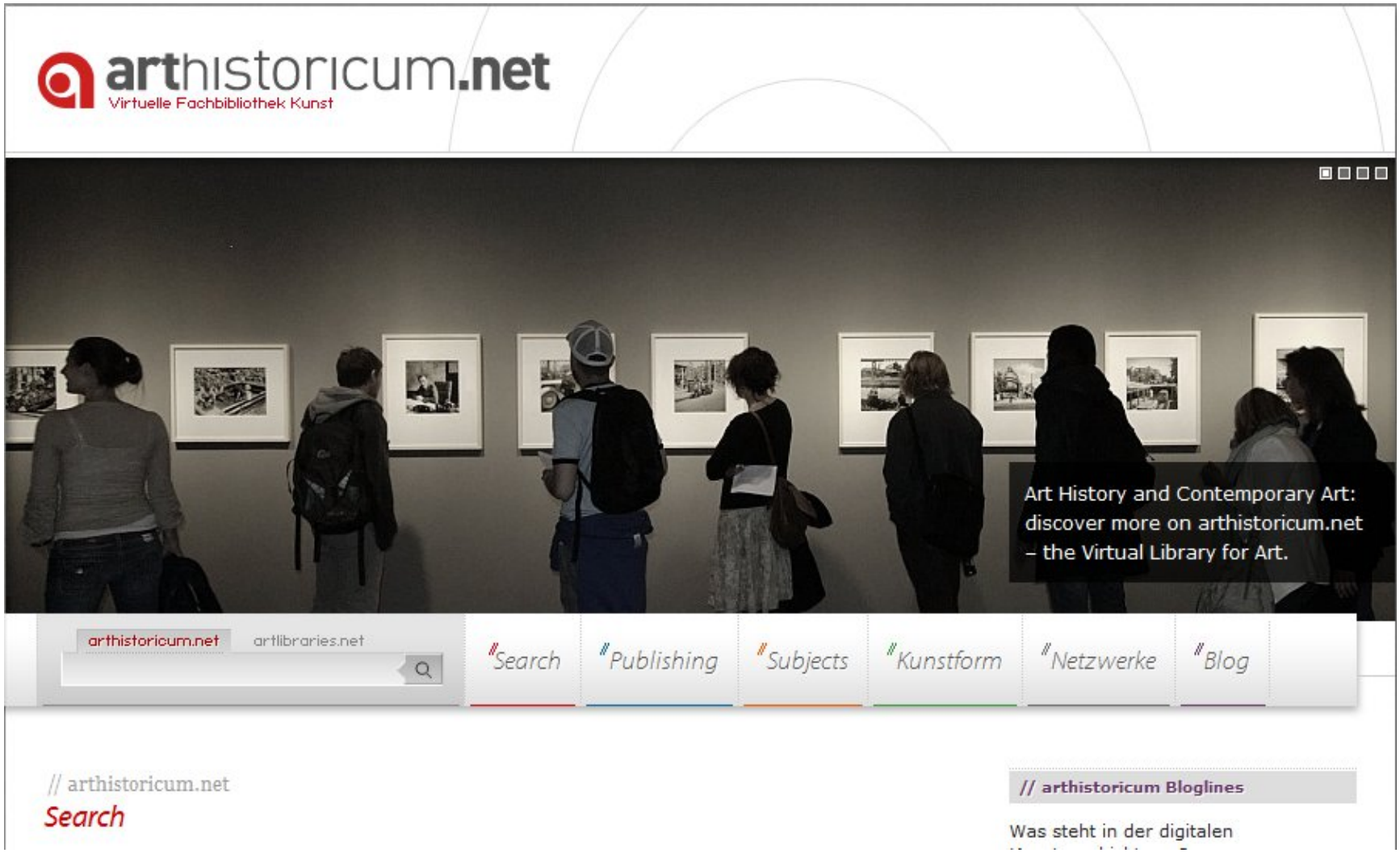

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initial point

since 2010 discussion about the future of the site: www.akmb.de

relaunch much needed

- more technical possibilities
- more shoulders to carry
- no extra-money or special funds
- AKMB-members only (group Data Processing)

Planting & watering needed

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- end of 2012: invitation to participate in arthistoricum.net
- solution!
- keep our adress: www.akmb.de
- aim: to be online before the Bibliothekartag 2013 in Leipzig (march)
- thanks to 2 very special people, it worked!

How to grow an Indian garden

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Still a lot to do:

- English version
- relaunch of content
- more cooperation/ networking
- start to explore the possibilities and chances…

El camino se hace andando

AKMB @ arthistoricum.net chances / possibilites

- more direct contacts to the art (libraries) community (search, publishing, digital repository, blog)
- more cooperation with special projects
- more contacts and cooperation with the museums(libraries) community, the digital art history community, the digital humanities community

Thank you!