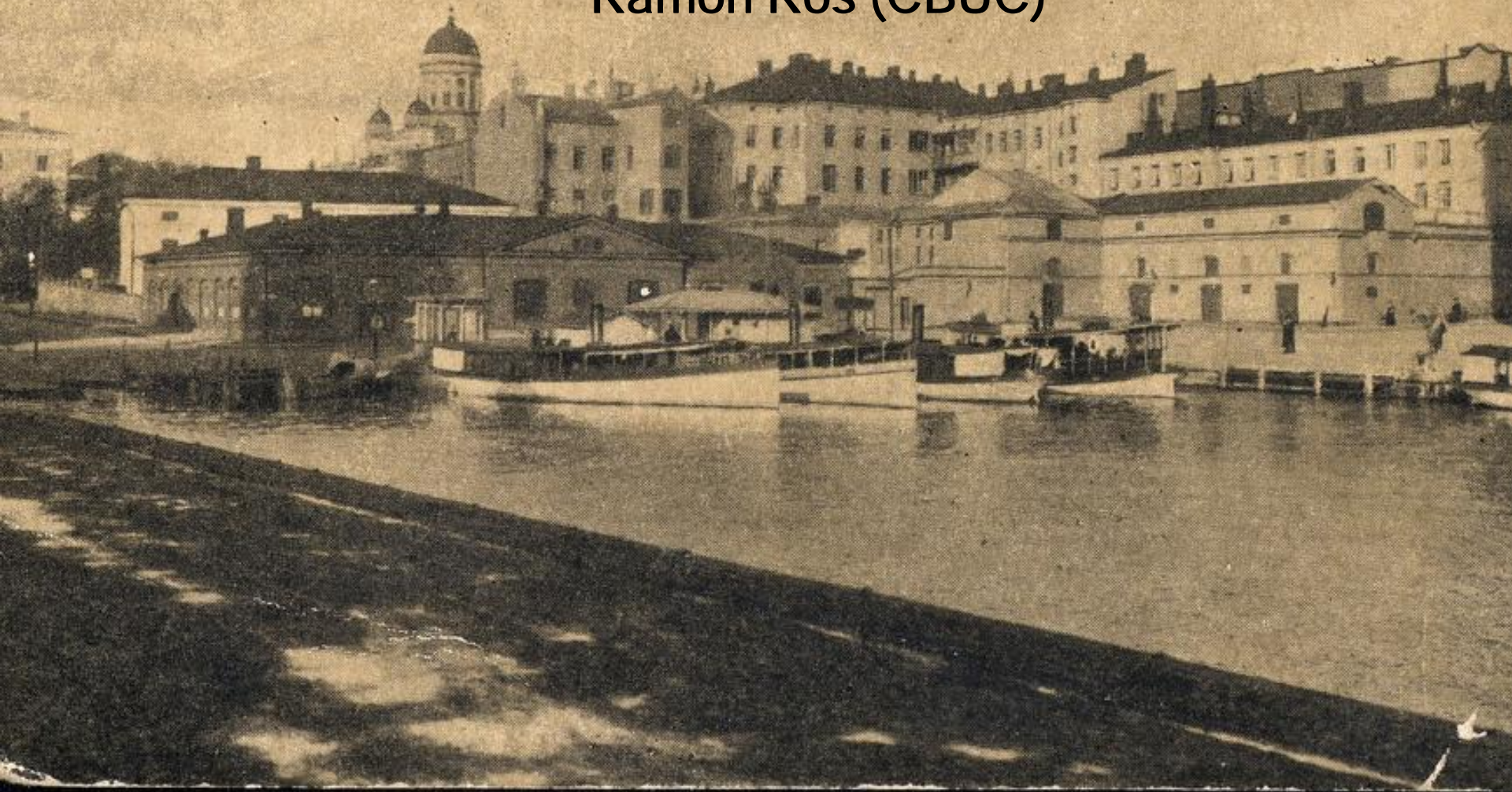


# Workshop #7 report: E-memory

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# Our group:

- 10 people attending
- 2 different countries
  - Catalonia/Spain (moderator)
  - Finland

# Some of the topics we've covered:

- What is e-memory?
- e-memory management systems
- Crowdsourcing
- The digitization workflow
- Preservation
- Europeana

# What is e-memory?

- digital repository
- usually old material
- quite different type of users
- local and hidden collections from the library.

# E-memory management systems

- in-house (tailored to your needs).
- commercial solutions (quick setup and results).
- Use of already existing platforms:
  - LoC collection in Flickr
  - Bundesarchiv collection in Wikimedia Commons

# Crowdsourcing

- The society's e-memory is not just inside the library
- We need people (sometimes old) to help us add/correct content such as:
  - tags, comments (like some catalogs).
  - but also! places, names, dates, facts, etc.
  - and also!! add new content (pictures, experiences, etc.)
- We've been looking at:
  - BBC's people war (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ww2peopleswar>)
  - Australian newspapers (<http://newspapers.nla.gov.au>)

# The digitization workflow

- in-house: you need resources and a lot of expertise but you get the quality you want
- outsourced solutions: maybe cheaper but you have to be sure they add the proper metadata.
- OCR current technology
  - Quite good
  - If you want perfect quality and information identification you need human intervention.

# Preservation

- really important for old and fragile material
- lot of theory, few practical things to do
- Some practical approach:
  - using LOCKSS software for e-memory?
  - MetaArchive initiative

# Europeana

- it started as a Google books alternative but now it is not.
- It does not help to digitize material from libraries, you have to do it on your own.
- But: it has been really important in connecting different projects around Europe and to share expertise.

**And finally: what are the users expecting from an e-memory system?**



# They want:

- Ease of use
- Easy printing
- Links to allow citation
- Authenticity
- They are coming from a Google search so they want context, so comprehensive collections.

Thank you!

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