E-initiatives launched by governmental bodies are creating new problems not only in terms of providing online services, but also for the management and preservation of these digital records. The Nationaal Archief van Nederland and ERPANET are pleased to announce a unique international symposium that will address the management and the provision of online access to governmental and archival digital records. Speakers will present an overview of recent developments at both a national and an international level.

The programme is attached below. Registration is free until April 4th while places are still available.

**Focus**

Archives are catching up with the digital era. On the one hand government administrations rapidly adopt IT in their day-to-day business and even try to introduce e-government and digital service delivery. This has a crucial impact on information and records management. On the other hand the public – citizens, researchers, the private sector – have their own experiences with using IT. Based on these expectations, they have increasing expectations of government, archives and other information suppliers in providing on line information services.

Archival institutions are in a way caught in the middle. They have to be aware of this changing environment and adapt themselves so that they can provide the services people expect them to deliver.

**Venue**

The symposium will take place in the Aula of the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, the Dutch National Library, at Prins Willem Alexanderhof 5. The venue is conveniently located nearby the central train station of Den Haag, and just opposite the Nationaal Archief.

**Registration**

Registration is possible before April 4th or as long as places are available, either online via the ERPANET website (www.erpanet.org), or by contacting Miranda van Balen by e-mail miranda.van.balen@nationaalarchief.nl or by phone +31.70.331.5404
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Programme of the Symposium

9.30-10.00 Registration of participants
10.00-10.05 Welcome, Dr. Maarten van Boven (National Archivist of the Netherlands)
10.05-10.15 Opening and introduction by the chair Jaap Kloosterman (Director International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam)
10.15-11.00 Multiple disciplines / multiple meaning: is archival science a little bit of everything or a coherent body of knowledge? Professor Margaret Hedstrom (School of Information, University of Michigan)
11.00-11.30 Coffee break
11.30-12.30 Overview of developments within the Dutch government, Marjanne Sint (secretary-general of the Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment)
   Into the New World: archives and government in Scotland and the United Kingdom, George MacKenzie (Keeper of the Records of Scotland, Head of the National Archives of Scotland in Edinburgh)
12.30-13.30 Lunch
13.30-14.30 Revival of Records Management within local Authorities, Nils Borgesius, (Senior Management Consultant, Municipality of Utrecht)
   Strategies for longterm preservation. Results and experiences in the Testbed project, Jacqueline Slats (Programme Manager Testbed Project, Nationaal Archief, The Hague)
14.30-15.00 Tea break
15.00-15.45 Future developments, Professor Eric Ketelaar (Department of Archives and Information Studies, University of Amsterdam)
15.45-16.00 Conclusions
16.00–17.30 Reception at the Nationaal Archief