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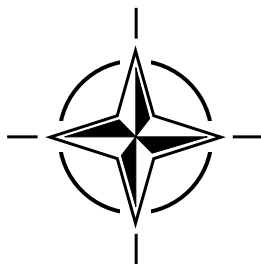
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# **Electronic Information Management for PfP Nations**

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## **Executive Summary**

Networked information sources and services proved to be an indispensable part of our everyday lives. We get access to a wide variety of bibliographic, full-text and multimedia databases through the intranets, extranets and the Internet. Information and communication technologies available in different settings (e.g., workplace, home, library, and Internet cafés) facilitate our access to such online services as e-banking, e-government, e-learning, and e-entertainment. Although some advanced information processing and networking capabilities are available to us, we still experience difficulties in searching, finding, gathering, organizing, retrieving, and using information. Trying to find information among billions of electronic sources is likened to trying to “drink water from a fire hydrant.” We need well-designed electronic information management systems and services to better manage information that we use in our private and professional lives. Availability of such systems and services are of paramount importance to all organizations large and small.

Electronic information management can be defined as the management of information that is recorded on printed or electronic media using electronic hardware, software and networks. It includes the description of strategies, processes, infrastructure, information technology and access management requirements as well as that of making economic, legal and administrative policies with regards to the management of electronic information.

This publication aims to review current developments in electronic information management. It contains nine papers covering a wide range of topics. The titles of papers are as follows: “Internet and Electronic Information Management,” “New Initiatives for Electronic Scholarly Publishing: Academic Information Sources on The Internet,” “Information Discovery and Retrieval Tools,” “Electronic Collection Management and Electronic Information Services,” “Economics of Electronic Information Provision,” “Cataloging and Indexing of Electronic Information Resources,” “Archiving and Preservation in Electronic Libraries,” “Electronic Information Management and Intellectual Property Rights,” and “Infrastructure of Electronic Information Management.”

Papers explore several trends, models, and strategic, operational and policy issues with regards to electronic information management. Among them are: customization and personalization of electronic information services; Davenport’s ecological model of information management; current developments in electronic journals, electronic prints, electronic theses and dissertations; initiatives to create a global network of archives of digital research materials (e.g., Budapest Open Access Initiative); features and capabilities of search engines; use of metatags to describe contents of electronic documents; electronic collection management strategies and models (e.g., “access versus ownership” and “pay-per-view”); economics of preparing and providing published information; alternative models of electronic information provision; metadata and resource discovery; digital preservation and archiving projects; intellectual property rights in the digital information environment; the European Union directive on copyright and information society; access control devices (e.g., finger-printing and time-stamping); and networking infrastructure for electronic information management.

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# La gestion électronique des informations pour les pays du PfP (RTO EN-026 / IMC-001)

## Synthèse

Les sources et les services d'information en réseau sont devenus indispensables à notre vie quotidienne. Nous avons accès à une panoplie de bases de données bibliographiques, en texte intégral et multimédia par l'intermédiaire des différents intranets, extranets et Internet. Les technologies de l'information et des communications qui nous sont disponibles dans différents endroits (par exemple le lieu de travail, le domicile, les bibliothèques, les cafés Internet...) facilitent l'accès à des services en ligne tels que la banque en ligne, le gouvernement en ligne, l'apprentissage en ligne et le divertissement en ligne. Bien que certains moyens de traitement de l'information et de travail en réseau avancés soient à notre disposition, nous rencontrons toujours des difficultés en ce qui concerne l'identification, le recueil, la mise en forme, la recherche et l'exploitation des données. Il serait plus facile de boire de l'eau d'une bouche d'incendie que de retrouver certaines informations à partir des milliards de sources électroniques disponibles. Nous avons besoin de systèmes et de services de gestion de l'information électroniques bien conçus afin de nous permettre de mieux gérer les informations dont nous avons besoin dans nos vies professionnelles et privées. La mise à disposition de tels systèmes et services est d'une importance capitale pour les organisations de toutes les tailles.

La gestion électronique de l'information peut être définie comme la gestion d'informations enregistrées sur des supports papier ou électroniques à l'aide de matériels, de logiciels et de réseaux informatiques. Elle comprend la description des stratégies, des processus, des infrastructures, des technologies de l'information et des besoins en gestion d'accès, ainsi que celle de l'élaboration des politiques économiques, juridiques et administratives relatives à la gestion de l'information sous forme électronique.

Cette publication examine les développements récents dans le domaine de la gestion électronique de l'information. Elle contient neuf communications couvrant un grand éventail de sujets. Les titres des communications sont les suivants : « L'Internet et la gestion électronique de l'information », « De nouvelles initiatives dans le domaine de l'édition d'ouvrages savants : Sources d'informations universitaires sur Internet », « Outils d'identification et de recherche d'information », « La gestion de la collecte de données électroniques et les services d'information électroniques », « Aspects économiques de la mise à disposition de l'information sous forme électronique », « La mise sur catalogue et l'indexation des ressources d'information électroniques », « L'archivage et la conservation en bibliothèque électronique », « La gestion électronique de l'information et les droits de propriété intellectuelle » et « L'infrastructure de la gestion électronique de l'information ».

Les communications examinent différentes tendances, modèles et questions stratégiques, opérationnelles et politiques concernant la gestion électronique de l'information. Il s'agit par exemple de : la personnalisation et l'adaptation des services d'information électroniques; le modèle écologique de la gestion de l'information de Davenport; l'évolution des journaux électroniques, l'impression électronique, les thèses et les dissertations électroniques; les initiatives visant la création d'un réseau global d'archives de documents de recherche numériques (par exemple l'initiative « Budapest Open Access »); les fonctionnalités et les capacités des moteurs de recherche; l'emploi de métadescription pour décrire le contenu de documents électroniques; les stratégies et les modèles de gestion de recueils électroniques (par exemple « l'accès et la propriété » et « le paiement à la carte »); les aspects économiques de la préparation et de la diffusion de données publiées; variantes de modèles de la diffusion d'informations électroniques; l'identification de ressources et de métadonnées, les projets d'archivage et de conservation numérique; les droits de propriété intellectuelle dans le contexte de l'information numérique, la directive européenne sur le droit d'auteur et la société de l'information; les dispositifs de contrôle d'accès (par exemple, l'empreinte digitale et le marquage de l'heure); et les infrastructures de réseau pour la gestion de l'information électronique.

Les textes contenus dans cette publication constituent le programme d'un Cycle de conférences organisé par le Comité sur la gestion de l'information (IMC), sous l'égide du Programme des consultants et des échanges de la RTO, et présenté du 24 au 26 septembre à Vilnius, en Lituanie.

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