

Digitisation of the Lazio Municipal historical archives finding aids

The digitisation project of the municipal historical archives finding aids started thanks to the experiences made during the training course promoted by the research project "Labirinti - Archivi della memoria" (funded in the Parnaso programme).

During the years 2003, 2004 and 2005, the Regione Lazio asked the Centro MAAS to continue and expand the original project, building an on-line system based on a XML native database containing all the finding aids of the municipal historical archives of the Regione Lazio.

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Sperimentazione Labirinti			
2002	2003	2004-2005	2005-2006

Main goal of the project is the digitisation and exploitation of the municipal finding aids produced during the years with different criteria, and otherwise accessible only in paper form.

The digitisation of the finding aids has been realised using the XML mark-up language, and specifically the international standard for archival description **EAD (Encoded Archival Description)**

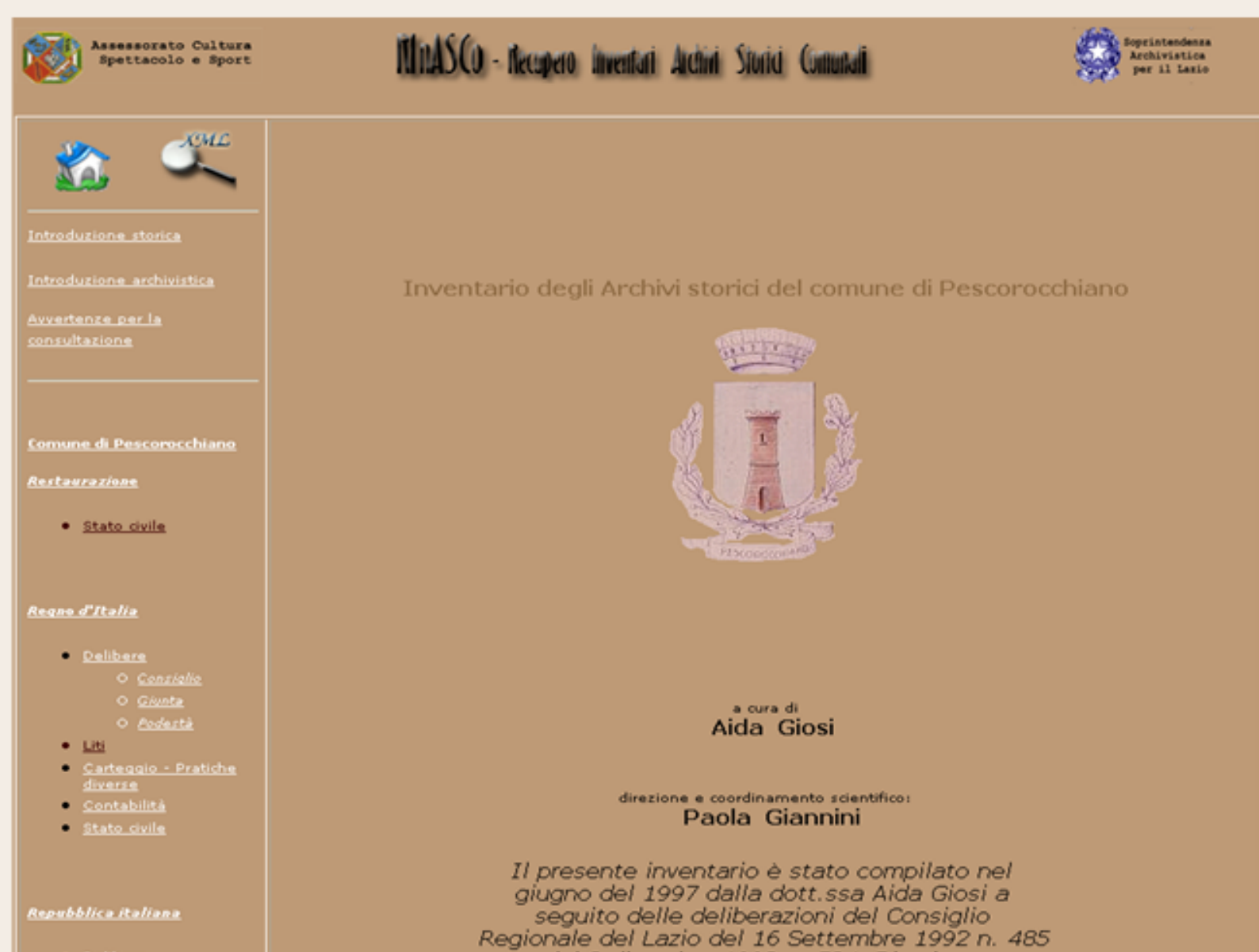


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A web portal allows the access to the digitised finding aids through different modality:

- an HTML version automatically created from the XML files of the finding aids using XSL style sheets.
- A query interface powered by an XML native database containing all the finding aids data.



The use of a web browser to view the finding aids in HTML format allows a complete access to them on screen, thanks also to an hyper textual summary that allows the user to "implode" and "explode" the different archival description levels.

The browsing system based on the XML search engine is constantly updated with new finding aids and it allows to search through a single interface all the data of the municipal archives involved in the project.

At the moment are present 1,100 fonds, divided in more than 10,000 series and 300,000 files, for an overall amount of 320,000 records.

For more info:

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