

INVITATION TO JOIN AN INTEREST GROUP

We are at the beginning of a large project to scan the photo collection currently held in the Transnet Heritage Library and to make it accessible, via the internet, to interested individuals anywhere in the world. This collection of at least 250 000 images is immensely valuable, as it records the railway and general history of South Africa from the late 1800s to about 1990. The project requires assistance from both Transnet and interested volunteers. Its duration will be at least three years, hopefully commencing in January 2015. A pilot project is currently underway to develop electronic software and procedures to be in line with best international practice for digital archiving.

The next step is to assemble a database of interested individuals. This group will receive regular updates of how the project develops, and how volunteers might be engaged. In time, a formal non-profit vehicle such as "Friends of the Transnet Heritage Library" could be formed.

If you wish to get on the mailing list (at no cost or obligation), please submit your name, email address, affiliation and specific area of interest or specialisation. Equally important is that you please forward this to all others in your own network who might be interested and urge them to do the same. Please send your details or questions to either of the contacts below. Thank you!

UITNODIGING OM DEEL TE WORD VAN BELANGEGROEP

Ons droom is om die hele fotoversameling van die Transnet Erfenisbiblioteek elektronies te skandeer en deur die internet vir almal in die wêreld toeganklik te maak. Hierdie kosbare versameling van meer as 250 000 fotos beeld nie net ons spoorweggeskiedenis uit nie, maar ook die ontwikkelingsgeskiedenis van die hele Suid-Afrika van die laat 1800s tot ongeveer 1990. Die sukses van die projek hang af van die ondersteuning van beide Transnet en vrywilligers. Ons hoop om in Januarie 2015 te begin en dit binne drie jaar te voltooi. Daar is tans 'n loodsprojek aan die gang om die argivale prosedures en programmatuur te toets en op die beste internasionale standaard te kry.

Die volgende stap is om 'n eposgroep te skep van persone wat belangstel. Hierdie groep sal gereelde vorderingsverslaggies ontvang en hoe vrywilligers kan meehelp. Namate dit gevestig raak, kan 'n meer formele nie-winsgewende "Vriende van die Transnet Erfenisbiblioteek" geregistreer word.

As u deel van hierdie groep wil word (geen verpligting of koste nie), stuur asb u naam, eposadres, werksverband en spesifieke belangstelling / kundigheid, en versprei hierdie dokument aan ander in u netwerk wat mag belangstel. En dring asseblief aan dat hulle dit ook verder sal versprei. Stuur asb u details of vrae na een van die persone hieronder. Dankie!

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