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Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2006 1:25 PM
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Subject: FYI: E-Mail sent on the 9th of December 2005 from Michael Chapman [chapman@vlib.org] to me, Re:Copy of Report to Council for your attention and further incredible correspondences !



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martin-01-06...

Happy new year 2006 to this small group of independent people which once were part of a "World Wide Web Virtual Library" council and a project founded in 1991 By Sir Tim Berners-Lee to which I copy this message together with many of the History Network maintainers.

First of all I'm sorry to bother you all with what I now think is pure "delirium tremens" but this insane activity has to be stopped and maybe not keeping it "secret" could be usefull in a way !

The old council of the VL and some other history maintainers have followed the discussion pre and post 4 people meeting in Geneva the 13th of October 2005 deciding to elect themselves as a new "caretaker" WWW-VL council.

Some of you also know that I have asked and I also warned, in December 2005, a man called Michael Chapman (and/or "Council" in his correspondences to us), **not to send anymore any private and confidential correspondences** by e-mail and/or by special delivery printed letters and on behalf of an association called "vlib.org" hosted on a commercial server in France named "interarb.com" to our institutional working places.

This organization -vlib.org- did stole our "WWW-VL History Central catalogue" project title after having de-linked in October/November 2005 our libraries -together with other libraries- from his private server, have excluded history maintainers without following any due WWW-VL constitution/bylaws procedures, with the intention to continue in this way and for his own and closed friends personal interests, to segregate what was the old WWW-VL project and main catalogue maintained in the past by Mr.Gerard Manning. This is why the History Network decided to leave this new organization.

As you all member of the old council of the VL know, Mr.Chapman NEVER answered, from October 2005, to any question and issues raised by any of you about his behaviour and private conduction of an old project which was defined in the past by a constitution and by-laws and still had in charge an elected council unable to organize fair and democratic new elections following constitution/by-laws and open and clear procedures.

It is well known now that our history network of WWW libraries with home page at the EUI, Florence, Italy at vlib.iue.it has nothing to do anymore with an organization called "vlib.org" to which we are not referring to from the beginning of December now nor linking to it nor using the new vlib.org logo but only the old WWW-VL one. (For details of what happened see the "dossier" available on the home page of the WWW-VL History Central catalogue at <http://vlib.iue.it/history/threat-to-the-VL.pdf>, or ask directly to Prof.Lynn H.Nelson or myself if anything may not be clear to some of you).

Mr.Chapman is continuing to harass myself, my co-maintainer Inaki Lopez Martin and other WWW-VL history maintainers, with e-mails and printed letters even if we have asked not to do so many times now.

I personnaly doesn't answer anymore, other history maintainers may still do like my co-maintainer Lopez Martin (see correspondence below).

As Mr.Chapman/Council is continuing to write to so-called "colleagues" as you may see

continue to receive from this man, (a psychiatrist may call such an illness "delirium tremens").

I suggest that you all share your eventual correspondences with us so that this little exhausting game will, I hope, stop soon.

With all my best wishes to you all and hoping that the new year will give us the possibility to dedicate our energies to more constructive, profitable, useful and interesting matters !

If you are interested in WWW projects, virtual libraries and history selective scientific portals please subscribe the HISTOPS-L a list of discussion in which we try to continue to discuss real web issues.

Serge Noiret

1.E-Mail sent on the 9th of January 2006 from Michael Chapman [chapman@vlib.org] to me and to Mr.Lopez Martin, Re:Copy of Report to Council for your attention

NOT ANSWERED by Serge Noiret, ANSWERED by Inaki Lopez Martin see below

Copy of Report to Council for your attention:

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Colleagues,

On October 31st (some seven weeks ago) I wrote to Messrs Lopez Martin and Noiret expressing Council's concerns about materials on or related to the IUE server. The letter was sent electronically (email) and by courier (the latter being received on November 3rd).

No satisfactory response was received from either of the gentlemen, though it was clear they had received the letter and were aware of its contents. Council then appointed me a Reporting Officer (RO) under the Bylaws. In that capacity I wrote again on November 28th, attaching a seven page set of notes to aid our working together to amicably and constructively resolve any problems. Those letters were sent individually, by courier, to Messrs Lopez Martin and Noiret. They were both received on November 30th at IUE.

(Mr Noiret had made a variety of rambling allegations and insinuations against me personally. They were -in my opinion not only unfounded, but malicious. He had also sought to confuse the policy of the WWWVL and the actions of its Secretary in implementing policy with me personally. That behaviour is not the subject of this report, but is significant in that, both members were informed, in the circumstances, if they wished another member of Council to act as RO they could so request. Neither did.)

Whilst the 'notes' did refer to the sad decline of the history material on the IUE server (outdated material; over 10% of within site links apparently 'bad'; a twenty percent chance of any external link -the whole raison d'être of a VL- going nowhere) and queried whether we could not work together to rescue what was left, this was not the main purpose of the 'notes'. The 'notes', as Council members will see, detailed "Points of concern" that included and extended those in the October letter.

Lamentably I have received no communication that could be read as an attempt at an amicable and constructive approach to addressing these problems.

The concerns that led to this procedure remain unaddressed. Not least: The pages at IUE now show no link back to The WWW Virtual Library; They show an outdated logo; and, False statements are made (in profusion) about the Association's copyrights and other IP.

Council must now decide on this matter. In doing so they will

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either member may make to this Report within the next ten days.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Chapman
Secretary
WWW Virtual Library

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The World Wide Web Virtual Library
The WWWVL is an association sans but lucratif established in the Republic and
Canton of Geneva.
<<http://vlib.org/>>
Contact via email, or <<http://vlib.org/forms/general>>, or fax
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De: Lopez Martin, Ignacio
Enviado el: mié 21/12/2005 15:44
Para: Michael Chapman
CC:
Asunto: RE: Copy of Report to Council for your attention

No need to answer any of your comments.

Frankly, you behave as if you knew every single detail of people's life and pretend
always to sound professional and serious, but you dont (at least to me).

I pass by my office (where you sent the courier) only once in a while. The EUI is a
multi-building structure and some of them are more than 2 Km away from the others. When
I recieved and read your letter it was already too late to give any answer and the
fireworks show had already started.

I did not answer because there was nothing to answer at least from my side.

Besides, I cant send private letters from my Institution, and I do not intend to pay
one single buck from my pocket to reply to any of your posts.

More important, I do not belong anylonger to any organisation you represent, so please
leave me alone in the future. There are already many other important issues in my life
as to take care of your organization and your expectations. I simply do not have
anything to share with you.

Enjoy life and good luck recruiting new history maintainers.

Feliz Navidad

Inaki

2. Letter of the 3rd of January 2006 from Chapman/Culoz to Lopez Martin and to Noiret
(see attached PDF file)

NOT ANSWERED BY NOIRET, below see LOPEZ MARTIN's ANSWER

De: Lopez Martin, Ignacio
Enviado el: vie 06/01/2006 10:25
Para: Michael Chapman
CC:
Asunto: RE: Copy of Report to Council for your attention

Michael (aka Council,

Take it as an advice, please save your money and stop sending me private confidential letters from an organisation I have nothing to do with... The latest (today) announcing my membership suspenssion. Hey! I already resigned as announced in my email in December, so you dont need to supend anthing as I have already "self-suspended" myself from your "non for profit organisation".

I am not interested in anything you do or manage.

Have a nice day, and send my regards to Council.

Inaki

After this answer from Inaki Lopez Martin again a private and confidential letter dated 6th of January 2006 from Chapman/Culoz only to Lopez Martin (see attached PDF file)

NOT ANSWERED BY LOPEZ MARTIN