



Arctic World Archive 2024 Deposit

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I hope this message finds you well. We wanted to reach out to share some exciting updates from the recent Arctic World Archive (AWA) Deposit Ceremony that took place in September 2024.

While we missed your presence at the event, we are pleased to offer you exclusive insights into what made this ceremony truly remarkable. This year's deposits included works of cultural, scientific, and historical significance.

Significant Global Contributions from Our Depositors



The **Fryderyk Chopin Institute** in Warsaw deposited an exceptional collection of **Chopin's autographs, manuscripts, and sketches**. This treasure trove of musical sources offers a glimpse into the creative genius of one of history's most celebrated composers. The deposit ensures that Chopin's timeless works and his personal reflections will inspire future musicians and historians alike.

"By entrusting our precious documents to the Arctic World Archive — one of the safest and most secure places for digital data preservation in the world — we ensure their survival for centuries to come, safeguarding Chopin's legacy against any unforeseen challenges"- Kamil Pielacinski, Chief Specialist, Research Department, Fryderyk Chopin Institute



Lingua Aeterna, a language preservation initiative from Los Angeles, is on a mission to save endangered languages. Their deposit includes over **550 AI-supported languages**, many of which are endangered or extinct, preserving not only words but the cultural essence of some of the world's most unique linguistic heritage. With their contribution to the AWA, future generations will have access to audio recordings, dictionaries, and more that represent humanity's rich linguistic diversity.

"The Piql team was also excellent to work with. They take the issue of future-proofing data very seriously and were avid about how to make our language vault work best within their technology infrastructure. I thoroughly enjoyed working with them" - Jack Connor, CEO, Lingua Aeterna



The Norwegian Shipowners' Mutual War Risks Insurance Association (DNK) has deposited its historical records, including the **book Den Norske Krigsforsikring for Skib**, detailing its vital role in maritime defense. DNK's history highlights the crucial role of the Norwegian maritime industry in global security, making this deposit an essential record of the industry's past and future impact.

"We are depositing this to preserve the history of DNK for future generations. We chose Piql as their solution was the only one guaranteeing near eternal preservation in the Arctic World Archivy." - Svein Ringbakken, Managing Director, DNK



The Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust (JDHT) from the UK has contributed significant documents relating to the **history of Jaguar** and its industrial and social impact. By safeguarding these records, the Trust ensures that the evolution of one of the world's most iconic car brands is preserved for posterity.

"We liked that data can be stored in a visual form as human readable images using open-source formats, so it is completely independent from technology. We also like that piqlFilm has long lasting integrity, cannot be damaged and is not affected by electromagnetic pulses. Being stored in the World Arctic Archive also means no electricity, no servers and has a low carbon footprint. It is also very secure!" - Joanne Shortland, Head Archivist, JDHT

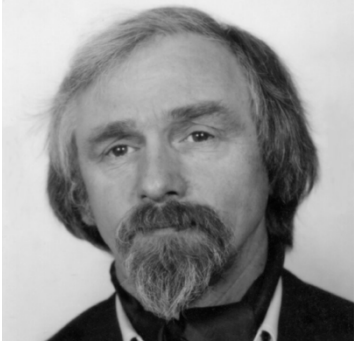


Christian Clauwers, a Belgian Ocean and Polar Explorer, environmental reporter, documentary photographer, preserved his documentation of the **Marshall Islands' struggle against climate change**. His stunning visual reportage captures the rising sea levels, and the existential threat faced by this vulnerable Pacific Island nation. Through his lens, future generations will witness the beauty and fragility of the Marshall Islands and the human resilience in the face of climate change.

"As a documentary photographer, I went to Marshall Islands last year to document the rising sea levels and the impacts on the specific island people. I want to eternalize it in AWA. Here in the high Arctic, it's highly secure. There's no such place elsewhere in the world that is so highly secured than here. So, it gives me all confidence. And the technology is also proven to last for 2000 years. So, it's very important, I think, to have chosen Svalbard as a place "- Christian Clauwers, photographer and explorer



Eleonore Mongiat, a passionate supporter of the late **Serge Bassenko's work**, deposited a breathtaking collection of **7,000 photographs** along with **twenty-five written works** by the renowned artist. Serge's photographs capture the hidden heart of Venice, the landscapes of France shaped by human hands, and the tranquil beauty of Friuli, Italy. His literary works, including novels, poetry, and philosophical reflections, explore universal themes of love, freedom, and humanity



"PiqFilm is a new material, highly tested for duration and resistance; preserved under hundreds of meters of permafrost inside a mountain, and in a conflict-free area; it is not sensitive to radiations; needs no human maintenance; includes the description of all necessary programs for reading the data when all our civilization has disappeared from the Earth. So, today, after all that study, piqFilm appears to me the only long-term storage reliable for digitized data" - Eléonore Mongiat, Serge Bassenko's lifetime companion



Bank Pekao S.A., Poland's second-largest bank, made a significant deposit through its **ARCHIV3 project**. Bank Pekao has digitalized and preserved high-quality scans of iconic works by Polish artists like **Stanisław Wyspiański** and **Jan Matejko**. These masterpieces are now safeguarded in the Arctic World Archive, providing protection from climate threats and geopolitical instability.

"Bank Pekao is the first bank in the world to archive culturally valuable artworks on Svalbard. This form of data security is possible thanks to advanced offline storage technology, eliminating the risk of cyberattacks, requiring no electricity or human intervention. Combined with the Arctic's natural conditions ideal for conservation and Svalbard's geopolitical security – the Arctic World Archive, alongside the Global Seed Vault, is called one of the safest places in the world to store valuable data, Bank Pekao"

As we continue our mission to protect valuable global knowledge, we would love for you to join us at our future events to cover these moments and help share our story with the world. If you would like more detailed information, high resolution pictures or have any questions about the recent ceremony, please feel free to reach out. We would be happy to provide further details or arrange an interview with key figures involved.

For more information on the Arctic World Archive and its mission to safeguard humanity's digital heritage, please visit our website at www.arcticworldarchive.org

For more information on the Arctic World Archive deposits, please visit <https://arcticworldarchive.org/collection/>

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