

## News Release

### Arcplace AG takes part in the digitalisation of the Horgen's community image archive

*Using simple queries, relevant historical documents can be found quickly in the digital community image archive.*

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Arcplace AG, the Swiss provider of information management and digital archiving services, and the town of Horgen are delighted to have completed the scanning process, which has successfully digitised the 30,000 photos held in the town's image archive. In addition, the images are now all electronically archived. The images are managed in a database which contains both the electronic photos and the accompanying information, for example, the image caption added by the archivist, the date and place that the picture was taken and the image number.

In 1950, the town of Horgen started documenting urban development, everyday life in the town and important events in the local community. The archivists Gattiker, Marquart and Buholzer were entrusted with recording the town's comings and goings photographically. Each black and white picture was then glued onto a card (size A6) and given a caption detailing the coordinates from the town's grid square, the date the picture was taken, as well as the image and film numbers. All pictures were kept in approx. 100 archiving boxes, each holding 300 pictures. Over time, it became less clear under which subject the photos had been stored and the search for specific pictures in the archive took more and more time. Following a request by Hans Erdin, Head of the GIS department and new community image archivist, the town therefore decided to scan the pictures and organise them in a digital database.

The job of scanning the pictures from the community image archive and recording the corresponding index values was given to IT service provider Arcplace AG. When processing the photographs, the company experts took particular care to record the information accompanying each picture, since the index values can be used in the search mask to find as many relevant pictures as possible. "To guarantee a high quality of the information recorded, quality controls of the index values were performed regularly during the three months that the project lasted," Arcplace project manager Reto Imhof explains.

The people in charge of the project in Horgen are very pleased with the digitalisation results. Now that the scanning process is completed, the results are easy to see. Head of department Hans Erdin is delighted: "At last I can perform specific searches to check which events have been recorded using photos, and also see how Horgen has been transformed over the years." Access to the picture database is ensured by a search mask, in which, for example, names, addresses or dates can be entered as search terms. The search results are displayed immediately by way of small icons. If required, the original image can be opened as a TIFF file.

For the time being, the electronic image archive is only accessible from within the community. However, in the not too distant future, the town plans to make the image archive available to the wider public via the Internet. That way, long forgotten historical documents will come alive again and be shown in a new light.

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