

News Release

MeteoSwiss works with Arcplace to digitise weather observations

Thanks to Arcplace's Scanning Service, the Swiss Federal Office has been able to save space as well as money and now stores historical documents digitally.

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Arcplace AG, Swiss specialists in the fields of scanning, archiving and backup, is helping the Swiss Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology (MeteoSwiss) to digitise a large number of partly handwritten weather observation documents. Around 1'000 boxes of observation records produced by the manual precipitation measurement stations have been processed, digitised, classified, extracted, validated and transferred to MeteoSwiss in the form of PDF files by Arcplace's Scanning Service in the Arcplace Scanning Center over the last six months. The approximately 500'000 pages of documents cover the recording period from 1891 right up to today. The daily weather bulletins since 1879, as well as the yearbooks and publications dating from 1900 to today, were also processed using the same procedure. MeteoSwiss is also obliged to store the NIME records physically and to transfer them to the Swiss Federal Archives to be archived. Arcplace is responsible for cataloguing and labelling these and for packing data records in acid-resistant boxes.

In the event of enquiries or checks, employees at MeteoSwiss's three regional centres in Zurich, Geneva and Locarno can now easily access the PDF version of the original document they are searching for at any time using an internal search engine on the intranet.

Marlen Kube, project leader at MeteoSwiss, says that she is very pleased with the process: "We are very satisfied with both the Scanning Service itself and with the support we have received from Arcplace. We were under time pressure and Arcplace was able to complete the project quickly and at a reasonable cost. It was also easy to transport the documents because Arcplace's Scanning Center is located close by. Thanks to Arcplace, it is now easier for us to fulfil our archiving duty, saving space and money in the process, and we no longer have to go down to the basement whenever we want to look at the originals. In addition, our documents are now protected from all storm, water or fire damage."

MeteoSwiss

MeteoSwiss is the national weather and climate service for the Swiss public, for government, industry and science. Using the collected data, forecasts and warnings of imminent severe weather are generated. Furthermore, this data is exploited by teams of experts who analyse climate change and extreme weather events and develop scenarios for climate development in Switzerland.

Arcplace

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