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An IT Support for an Exhibition of Illuminated Manuscripts - II

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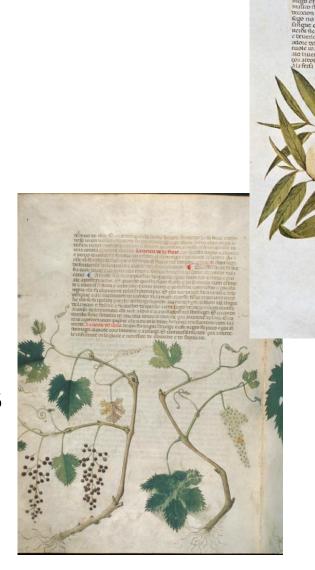
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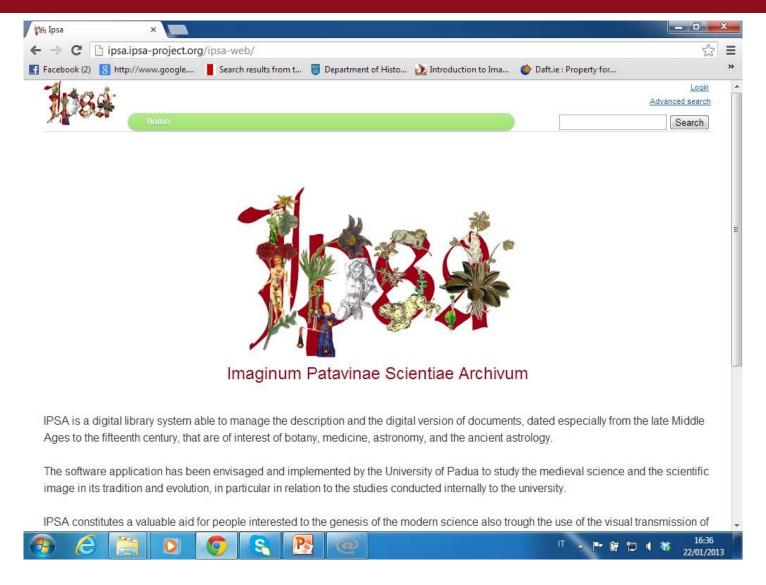
Imaginum Patavinae Scientiae Archivum

- Digital archive of illuminated manuscripts
- Initially designed for a specialist public of scholars and researchers
- 56 manuscripts and more than 3000 images



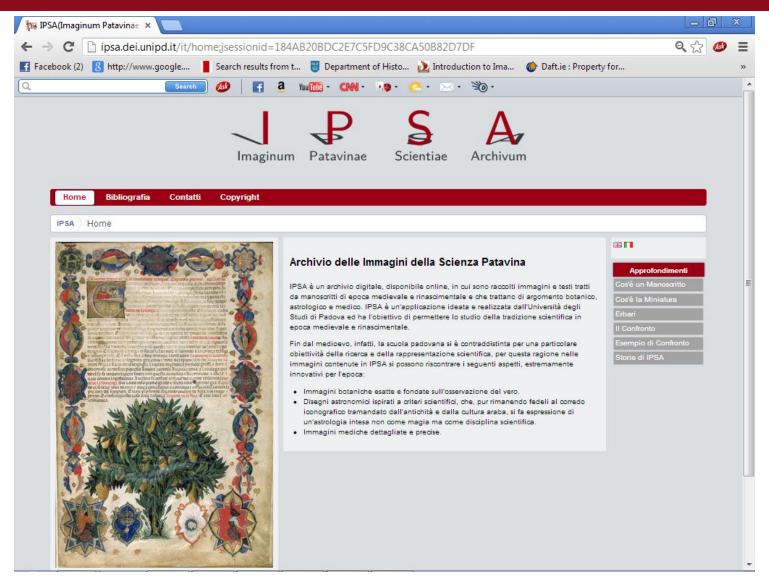


http://ipsa.ipsa-project.org/ipsa-web/





Additional Information: http://ipsa.dei.unipd.it/



- STREP project active from February 2011 to January 2014
- One of its main goals was to engage new user categories with digital cultural heritage collections
 - Domain and non-domain professional researchers
 - Student community
 - Informed users
 - General public
- IPSA collection used as a case study



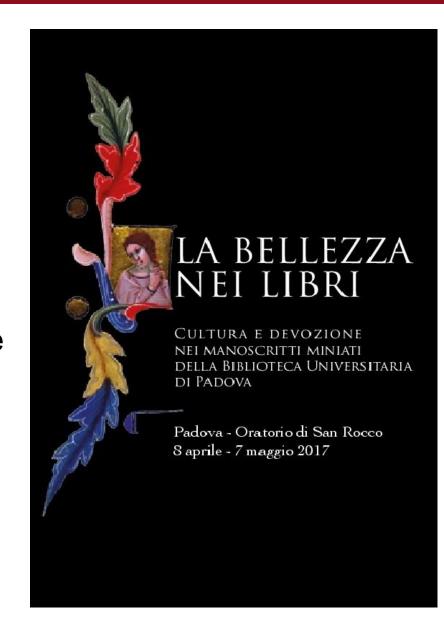
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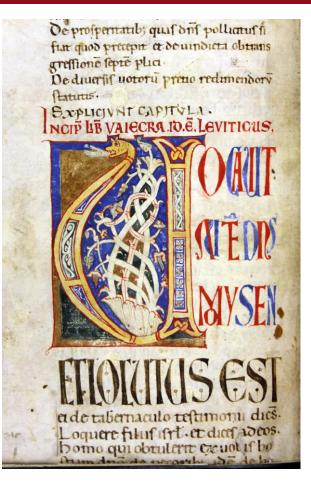
The Exhibition (1)

- La bellezza nei libri. Cultura e devozione nei manoscritti miniati della Biblioteca Universitaria di Padova
- Padua, San Rocco Oratory, 8th April – 7th May 2017
- 30 illuminated manuscripts made between the 12° and the 16° century





The Exhibition (2)



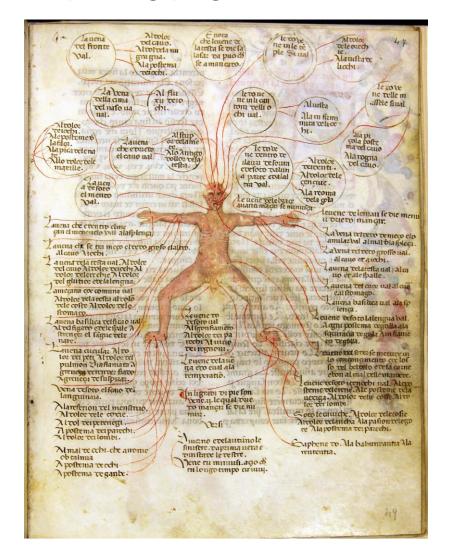




The Exhibition (3)

The problem: choosing the best opening page



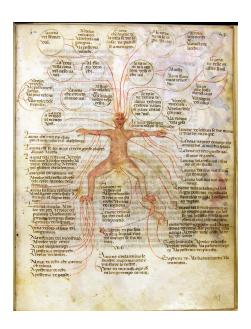


The Exhibition (4)

The problem: choosing the best opening

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The solution: IPSA

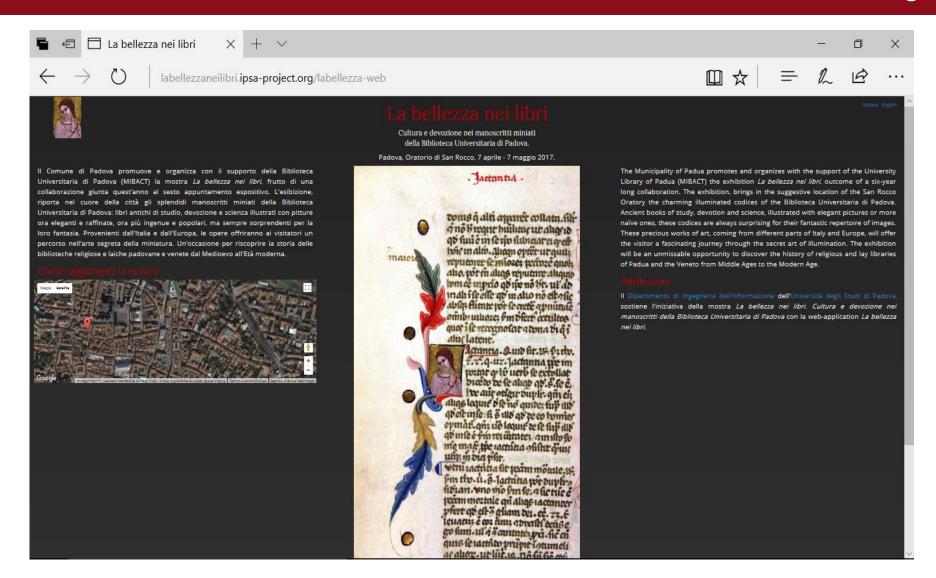
Changing IPSA for the Exhibition (1)

 Starting from an already simplified and user-friendly version of IPSA, a new instance was developed purposely for the exhibition

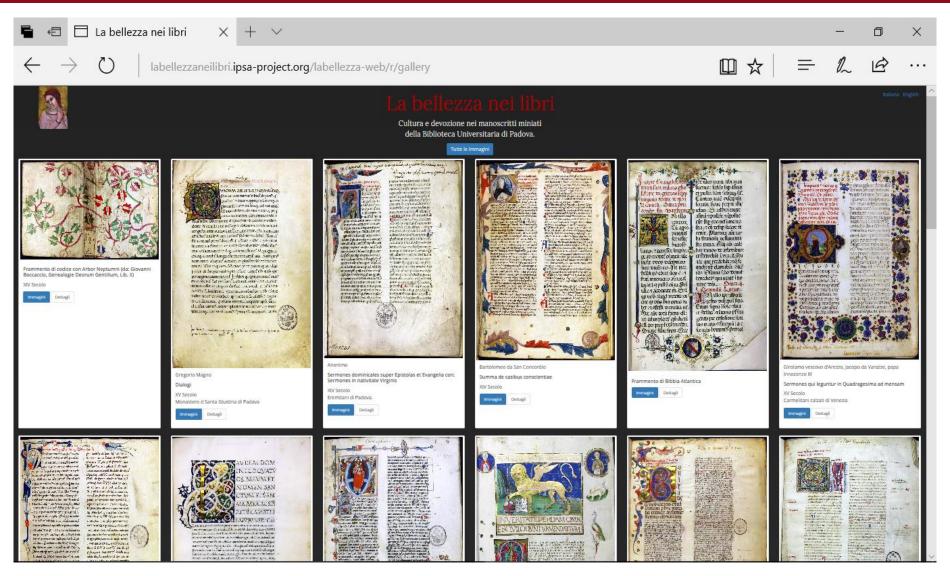
- Three main changes:
 - public home page
 - gallery of manuscripts
 - carousel for showing images on the full-screen



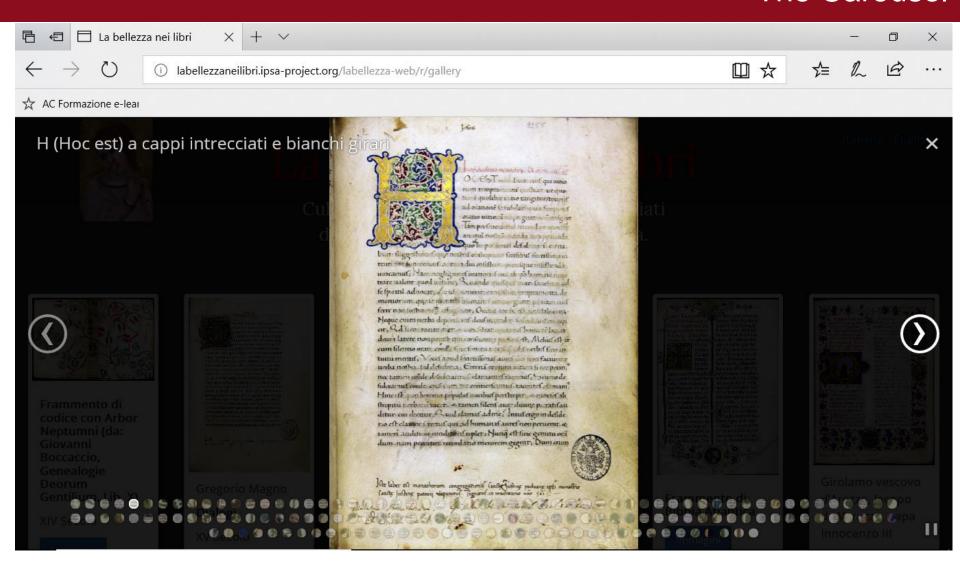
Changing IPSA for the Exhibition (2). Public Home Page



Changing IPSA for the Exhibition (3). Gallery of Manuscripts



Changing IPSA for the Exhibition (4). The Carousel



Changing IPSA for the Exhibition (5)



Conclusions and Future Work (1)

- the homepage was visited by European visitors (41077 hits, 253 visitors), North American (376 hits, 48 visitors), South American (11 hits, 5 visitors) and Asian (8 hits, 8 visitors).
- thanks to the use of IPSA, we have been able to give the exhibition more exposure than the one this kind of exhibitions usually has
- 4200 visitors

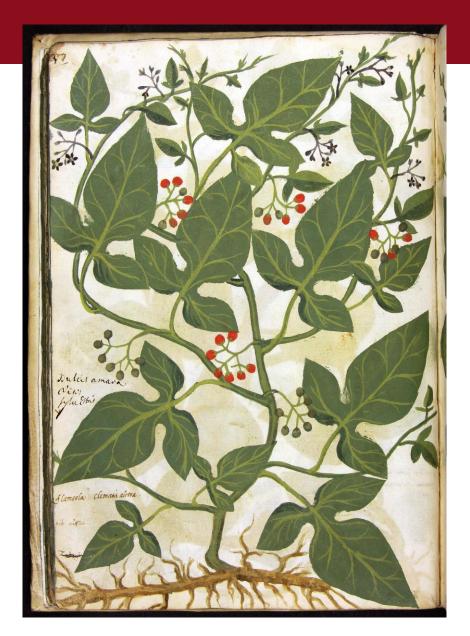


Conclusions and Future Work (2)

- The pages with the highest amount of hits were the ones related to the "most advertised" manuscripts of the exhibition:
 - Ms. 618
 - Ms. 1969
- A tool developed to allow visitors to explore the hidden pages of the exhibited manuscripts was instead used to get further knowledge on something that was already familiar to them.













Thank you for your attention!

