Digital Heritage Serving Two Masters: the Great Public and the Academia

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Overview of the Project

- The **National Library of Finland** has been implementing the **Minority Languages Project** since 2012.

- Within the project we have digitized materials in 18 Uralic languages as well as developed tools to support the **1) linguistic research** and **2) citizen science**.

- Through this project, **1) researchers** would gain access to new corpora which they have not been able to study before and to which **2) all users** would have open access regardless of their place of residence.

Materials and Collection

- Within the project, **National Library of Finland** has digitized and published around **1150 monograph** titles and more than **100 newspapers** titles in 18 Uralic languages.

- The online collection, **Fenno-Ugrica**, will consist of 110,000 monograph pages, 150,000 newspaper and journal pages as well as some manuscripts. All in all, ca. **30 000 items** were published.

- The majority of materials belong to the collections of the **National Library of Russia** in Saint Petersburg.

The Content

- Aim to digitize items which **would precisely fill the gaps** in linguistic research and in corpora, vocabularies etc.

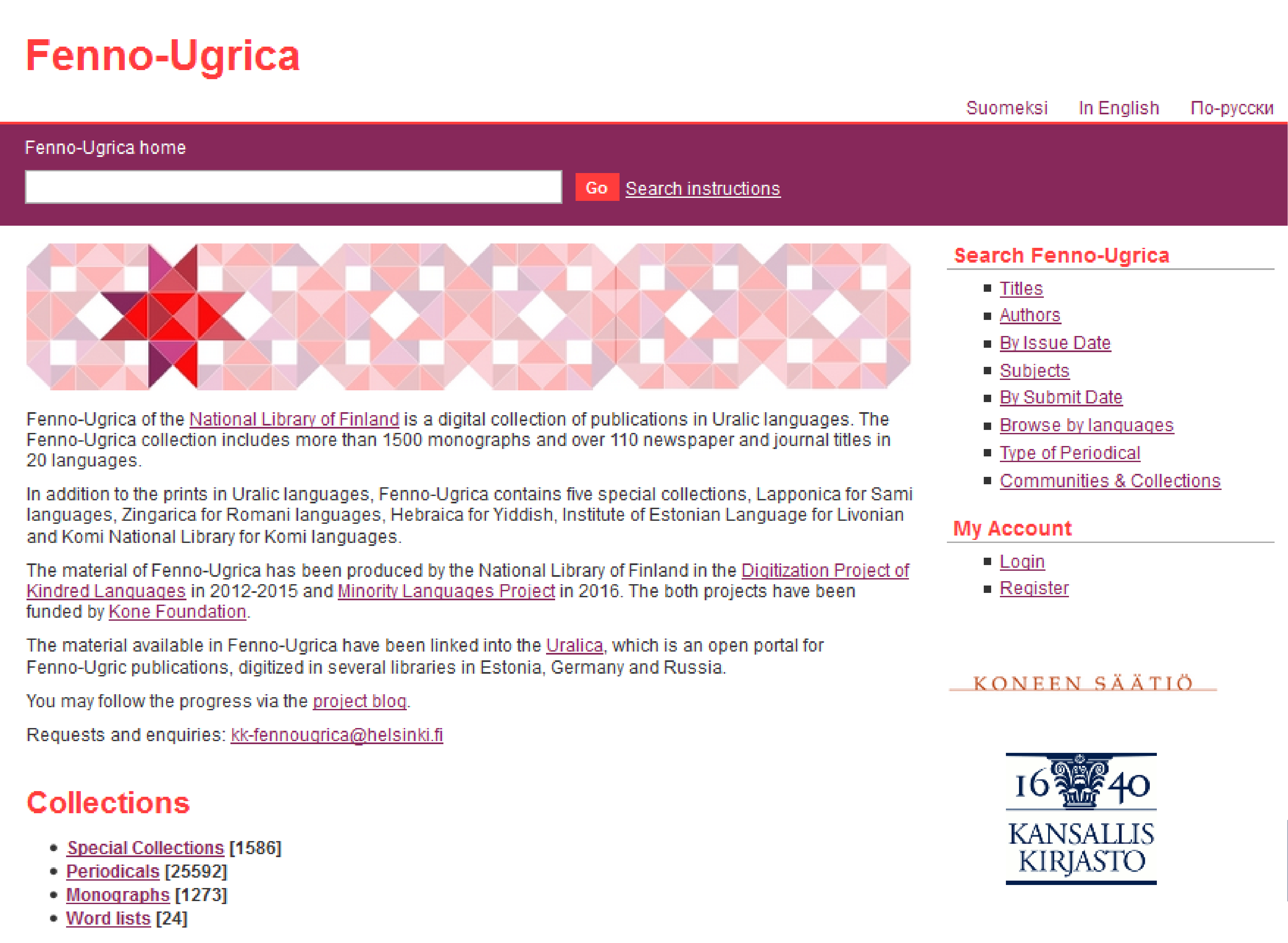
- After 1917, the languages were converted into a medium of **popular education**, **enlightenment** and **dissemination** of information pertinent to the developing political agenda of the Soviet state.

- The deluge of literature in 1920s-1930s suddenly challenged **the lexical orthographic norms** of the limited ecclesiastical publications from the 1880s. New concepts were introduced in the language. This was the beginning of a **renaissance** and **period of enlightenment.**

Selection Criteria of Material

- The selection of the materials has been made in co-operation with the researchers and we used several criteria upon the selection of material:

  - genesis and consolidation period of literary languages
  - availablility of material in Finnish libraries and institutions
  - online access to collections in Russia
  - locality – the languages of peripheries are more tempting
  - cost efficiency – loads of parallel titles (translations)
  - **No-one else would digitize and publish this material!**



Fenno-Ugrica

Fenno-Ugrica of the National Library of Finland is a digital collection of publications in Uralic languages. The Fenno-Ugrica collection includes more than 1500 monographs and over 110 newspaper and journal titles in 20 languages.

In addition to the prints in Uralic languages, Fenno-Ugrica contains five special collections, Lapponica for Sami languages, Zingarica for Romani languages, Hebraica for Yiddish, Institute of Estonian Language for Livonian and Komi National Library for Komi languages.

The material of Fenno-Ugrica has been produced by the National Library of Finland in the Digitization Project of Kindred Languages in 2012-2015 and Minority Languages Project in 2016. The both projects have been funded by Kone Foundation.

The material available in Fenno-Ugrica have been linked into the Uralica, which is an open portal for Fenno-Ugric publications, digitized in several libraries in Estonia, Germany and Russia.

You may follow the progress via the project blog.

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Collections

- Special Collections [1586]
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Bukvari izoroin şkouluja vart

Iljin, N. A.; Junus, V. I.; Ильин, Н. А.; Юнус, В. И.

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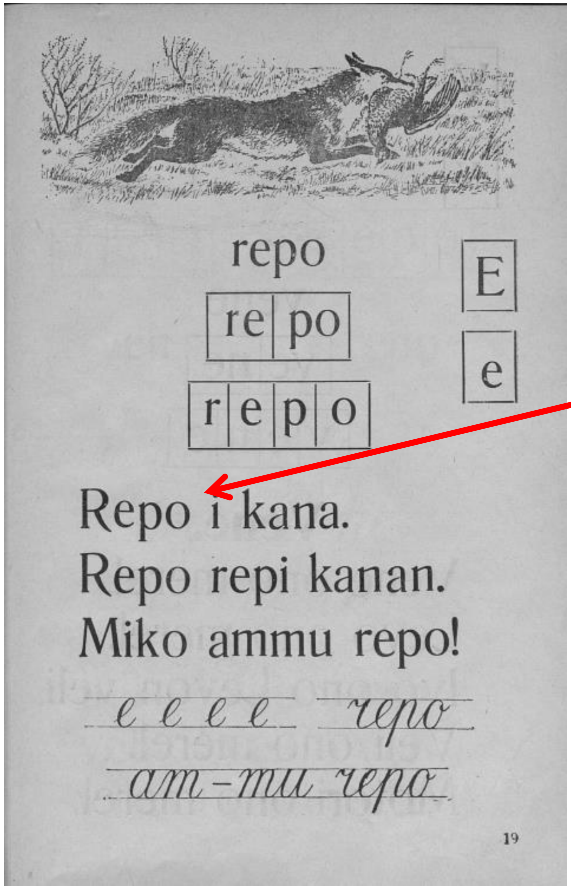

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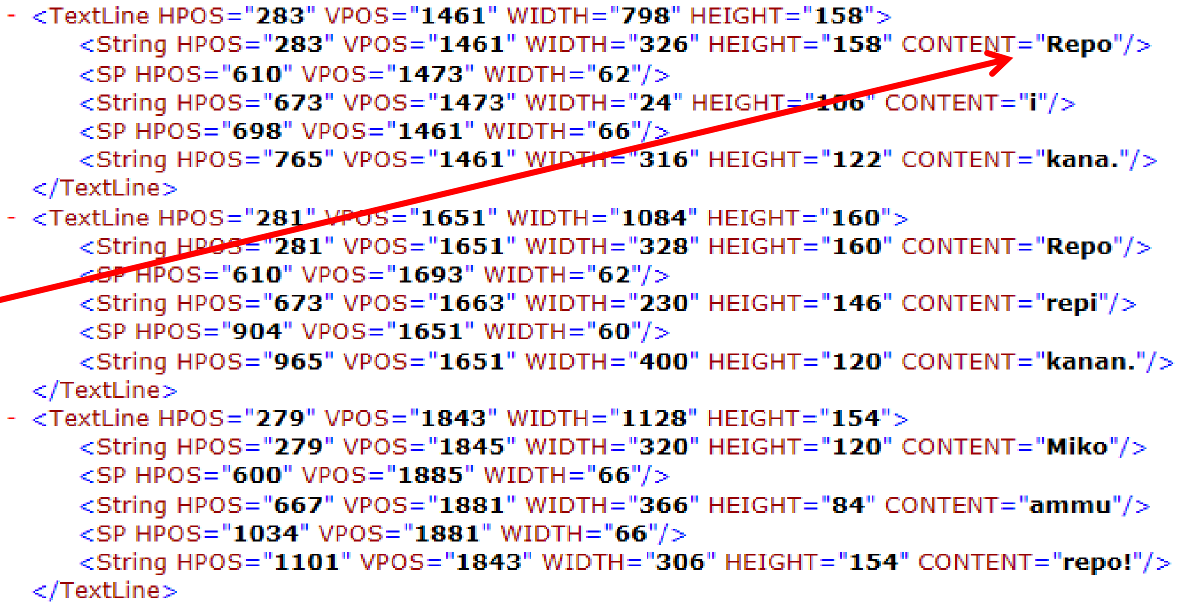

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Languages of Publications

Mari

- Meadow Mari
- Hill Mari

Permic

- Udmurt
- Komi-Zyrian
- Komi-Permyak

Ob-Ugric

- Khanty
- Mansi

Samoyedic

- Nenets
- Selkup

Mordvinic

- Erzyan
- Moksha
- (Shoksha)

Baltic Finns

- Ingrian
- Veps
- Karelian
- [Livonian]

Sami

- Kildin
- Skolt
- Northern

Engaging the Academia

- Key factor for success was the engaging the researchers to the project. The researchers were in the loop from the very beginning, even before the money was raised.

- Researchers did participate in
  - **Planning**
  - **Decision-making**
  - **Communications**
  - **Networking**
  - **Distribution of data**

Researchers and Decision-making

- Once the money was granted, we called researchers to the steering group, so they were part of decision-making.

- In addition to that, the meetings with the researchers in the field took place, both formally and informally:
  - Coffee sessions with the Helsinki-based researchers on the weekly basis
  - Annual meetings to discuss about the needs within the Academia
  - Participating the seminars, congresses, workshops etc.
  - **Forcing** them to communicate on our behalf.

Researchers and Networking

- The participation of researchers and the co-operation with the researchers took off once we got the reputation.
  - **2 projects in 2012**
  - **7 projects and 2 institutions in 2013**
  - **4 PhD students, 11 projects, 4 NGOs and 8 institutions in 2016.**

Datasets and Further Use

- We have created the data ourselves and released the data for other operators in **Fenno-Ugrica** as wordlists > raw data for linguistic solutions like online dictionaries, spell-checkers, corpora etc.

- Edited material is available also in **Korp,** which is the concordance search tool of the Finnish Language Bank.

- Some parts of available also at **Giellatekno** of Arctic University of Norway and **Institut für Deutsche Sprache** and **FU-Lab** in Syktyvkar, Komi Republic (Russia)

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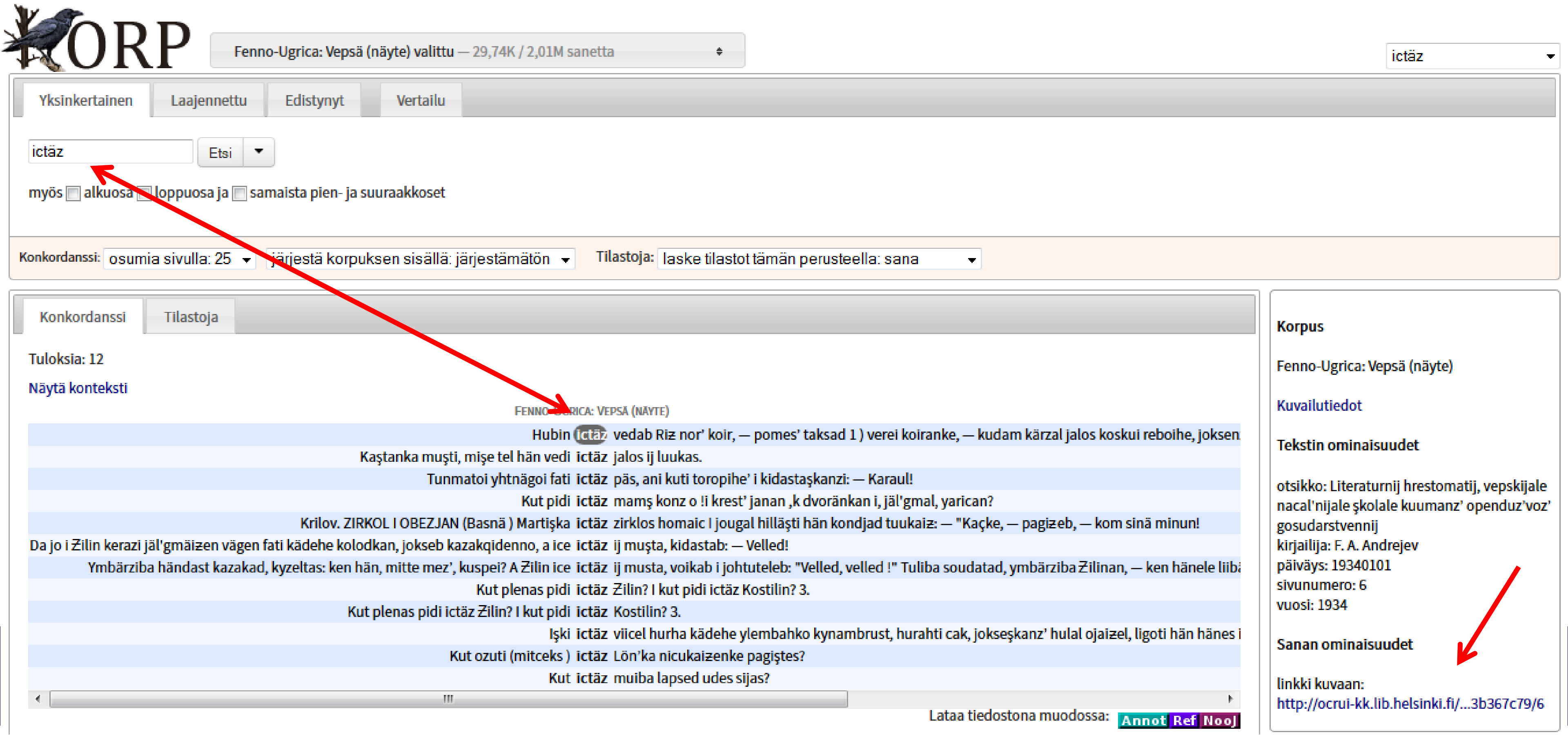

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Fenno-Ugrica: Vepsä (näyte)

Kuvailutiedot

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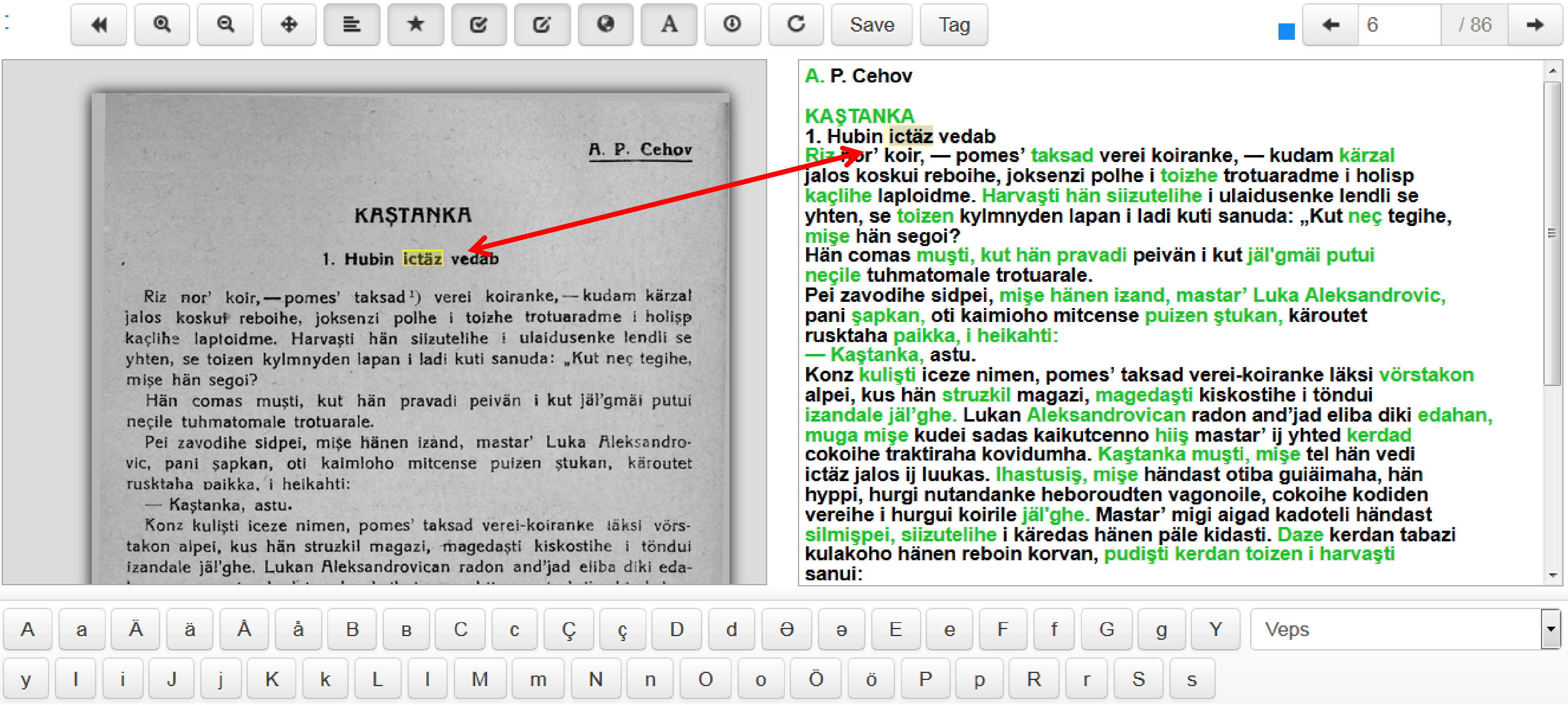

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Hän comas muşti, kut hän pravadi peivän i kut jäl’gmäi putui neçile tuhmatomale trotuarale.

Pei zavodihe sidpei, mişe hänen izand, mastar’ Luka Aleksandrovic, pani şapkan, oti kaimloho mitcense puizen ştukan, käroutet rusktaha paikka, i heikahti:

— Kaştanka, astu.

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kulakoho hänen reboin korvan, pudişti kerdan toizen i harvaşti
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Finding the Language Communities

- How to locate people who could use the content for their benefit?

- Co-operation with universities and libraries didn’t really work out

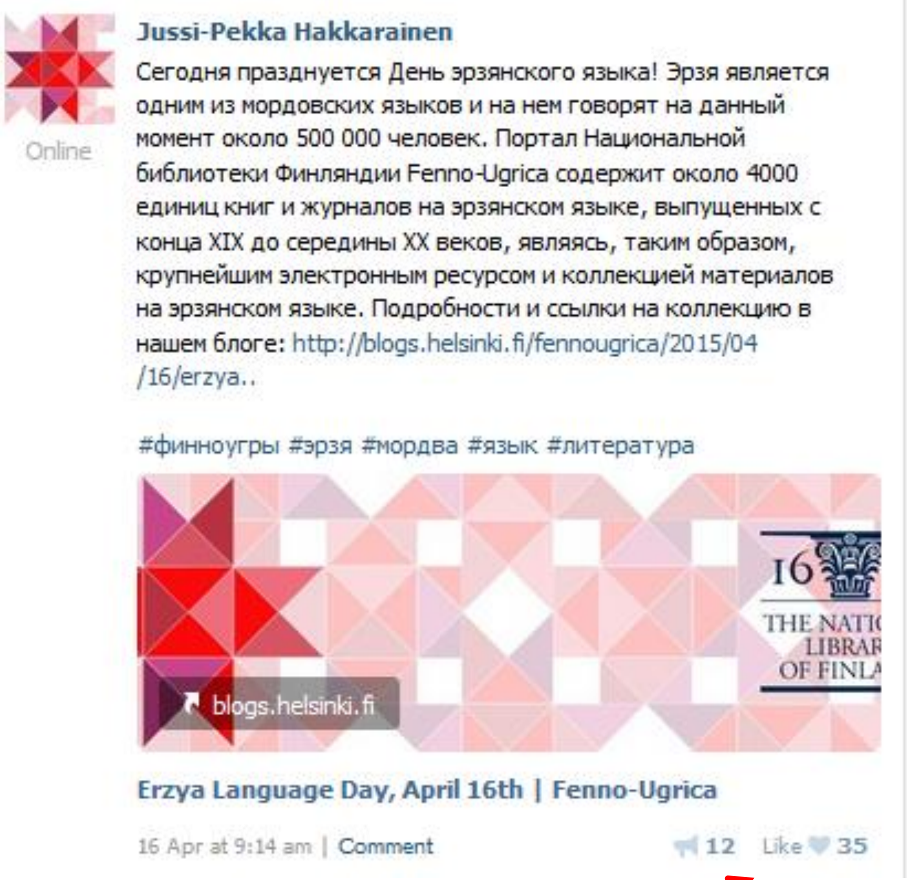
- Activity in English-oriented social media did not help us
  - No remarkable networking, contact or results via WWW, Twitter, Facebook or Project Blog
  - No interactivity with native-speakers

Language Communities, ie. The Great Public

- When thinking of the possible **wider audiences**, one must bear in mind that the most of the people, who speak these languages are located in Russia.

  - Communication and marketing
    - Schedule for blog posts and Vkontakte messages
  - Accessible user interface for Russian-speaking audience
    - Fenno-Ugrica, Uralica
  - Activitity in social media in Russian is necessary
    - Vkontakte
    - Chat forums (for linguists etc)
    - IRC channels

The Vkontakte Effect



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Online

Сегодня празднуется День эрзянского языка! Эрзя является одним из мордовских языков и на нем говорят на данный момент около 500 000 человек. Портал Национальной библиотеки Финляндии Fenno-Ugrica содержит около 4000 единиц книг и журналов на эрзянском языке, выпущенных с конца XIX до середины XX веков, являясь, таким образом, крупнейшим электронным ресурсом и коллекцией материалов на эрзянском языке. Подробности и ссылки на коллекцию в нашем блоге: http://blogs.helsinki.fi/fennougrica/2015/04/16/erzya..

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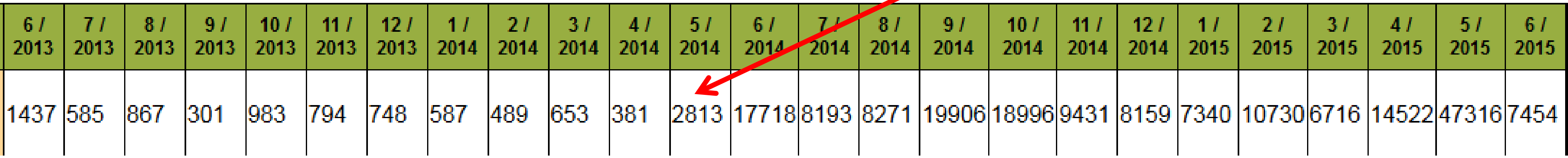

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Some Conclusions

- Involvement of the researchers did build up our reputation, but only among the academia.

- The great audience was reached with the help of social media. One cannot underestimate its power. We benefitted on this in several ways.
  - More active and returning users, more audience and more opportunities to find suitable user-groups etc.
  - Increased co-operation with Russian institutions (when speaking Russian)
  - Makes our work open and understandable for the great audience.

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