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Title of paper: Towards Documenting and Preserving Living Traditions and Heritage: Problems and Potentials of Emerging Digital Technologies

1. Revise and resubmit in response to the comments below. If it is in perfect order, it will go into the publication.
2. However, if 'language and formatting issues' still remain after this final revision, ISVS-e-journal editorial staff will do them, but there is a fee for this service.

General

This paper examines an issue related to vernacular heritage and how to deal with them in the modern world. The paper is not well written. It has many issues that need to be resolved.

Title: Current title is poor: unnecessarily too long. Does not communicate well. A title should be short and reflect the contents directly. It is therefore suggested that the title mentioned here is used.

Language: Language is good. However, the flow of the argument is not constructed well. It is necessary that the text says the right things at the right place, and the argument flows smoothly. Write short and meaningful sentences, instead of long ones combining many ideas. Please also pay attention to appropriate use of definite and indefinite articles. Use commas and full stops appropriately. Start a new paragraph when the idea being discussed changes.

Formatting: This paper has major issues of formatting. It seems that the authors have constructed their own template. There are two lines in the header, which should not be there. Footer is completely wrong. Please download the ISVS e-journal template and format accordingly now that this is being prepared for the journal. Use Times New Roman font throughout. 12 points for the sub titles and 11 points for the text. There should be a space between a sub title and a paragraph before it always. Please pay attention to the ISVS e-journal template to the last dot.

Abstract

Abstract is written poor. Contents have many issues. First paragraph must introduce the issue and say what is investigated. Second paragraph must be about the research methods in some detail and the third paragraph must be about the conclusions. Current abstract is 'advocating' with details, the technologies to be used. It is not an abstract of the research paper. It is an essay. Problematize first and then say what is investigated, followed by how it was investigated. At the end, provide the conclusions: not to say that the paper 'provides' a base. Research must have data and conclusions. A research paper is not an essay.

Paper

1. **The introduction:** Introduction is written reasonably well. However, do not use the word 'humans' to mean people as if you come from another planet. The word 'digitalisation' is wrong: it should be digitization. References are done wrong. The full stop must be only after the closing bracket: not both before and after the brackets. What is written as the introduction is not an introduction to any issue. It is written like a text book of digital methods. This is wrong. It should introduce the issue. Say what exactly is the issue this paper examines. The issue is that new digital technologies have come into being recently, but there is a lack of proper information and evaluation of these methods. This is not-stated, instead, it explains every method like a text book. Stop after saying what the problem is and saying what this paper examines. Conclude the introduction with statements about the aims and the objectives. Please note that aims are noble, unmeasurable, long term, almost impossible to fully achieve expectations while objectives are practical, measurable, short term, achievable intentions. This paper has neither aims nor objectives. Please list the objectives at the end of the introduction and stop. Currently, it just keeps writing about the digital technologies: it is an essay.

After the introduction, following must be produced, in that order.

2. **Theoretical Framework:** This paper must present a theoretical discussion about 'documenting, preserving, living traditions, heritage and digitization' which are the theoretical notions explored in this paper. A theoretical framework must define these terms and be produced employing the voice of the authors with statement such as 'according to Godman (1999), or Lawrence (2000) argues, instead of the author making statements and putting references within brackets. The author of this paper cannot theorize because she/he is not a theoretician. What is digitization? A research paper must define the terms used even if they are 'supposed to be known.'
3. **Review of Literature:** Every research paper must critically review the current literature as seen in research publications and show where the gaps of that knowledge exist. This is not done. A review of literature should discuss the major research that have examined these issues previously, to show the status of current knowledge. The issue here is problems and potentials of emerging digital Technologies.
A review of literature must be produced employing the voice of the authors with statement such as 'according to Oliver (1999), or Rapoport (2000) points out, instead of the authors making statements and putting references within brackets. It should be a 'critical review'. Please see 'how to write a review of literature' in the ISVS e-journal web site and follow suit. Write in the present tense because it discusses current knowledge. Sum up at the end and show what is the status of current knowledge and where the gaps of that knowledge is. 12-15 references are needed. This will show who else has examined this issue before this author and if this is already known and published. If this is all known, this paper has no value.
4. **Research Methodology:** Methodology is not placed in the paper at the appropriate location. It is also not explained well. It appears just before the conclusions, after all the findings have been presented. That is wrong. This research employs two methods, referred to as 'primary experience and secondary textual references'. There are no such research methodologies. Use appropriate terms when dealing with research. The author is saying (1) Note taking at a workshop followed by self-reflection, and a survey of literature. These data gathering techniques employed must be listed and each must be explained in detail. It is not necessary to say 'Ar. Maniyarasan R'; what you are saying is that primary data was derived from a workshop offered by a specialist. Explain the methods and not irrelevant details such as Ar. Say what was employed (use present tense nevertheless). First the method (workshop) then the data gathering techniques List them first and explain how each was carried out with full details. Date of the workshop and the duration is needed. For the survey of literature, provide all the details of the publications consulted, in a table. (Research is defined as a 'systematic investigation of an issue). They must be explained in such a way that another independent researcher can repeat them and see if they will get the same results. That is the test of science.
5. **Findings:** Findings are presented before the methods. Findings must be separate as findings from the workshop and findings from the document survey. How many and which digitization techniques were presented at the workshop and which were found in the literature must be clear. List each technique and explain two aspects: Potentials and problems if any. This paper is written as if there are no problems or issues in using these techniques such as AI. There are many. Sugar coating them is inappropriate for research.
6. **Discussion:** This is poor. It says 'Some similar papers have explained', which is not acceptable. Which are those 'some similar papers'? how similar or different are their findings to the findings of this paper.
7. **Conclusions:** Poor. List the conclusions: both potentials and problems. Was the aim of this paper to make a proposal? If so, the findings must have focused on that. Here, it suddenly arrives from nowhere as a conclusion. Do not say things like 'highlight' as a conclusion of a research. Say what does this research prove or disprove. Please discuss the strengths and weaknesses after the conclusions.
8. **References:** References have many issues. They should be left-justified. Use Harvard system as per the template: years must be within brackets. No dots after the bracket. There should be no spaces between the references. Journals must have volume number and page numbers written like 16(3), 45-67. Do not use pp. Some have one p. some do not. Some do not have the publisher and the place. Pay attention to details and be consistent. Follow the template to the last dot. Use '&' instead of 'and' between authors. Do not use all capitals for any purpose.

Final Decision: **Major Revisions**

Summary of the overall observations of the paper:

This is a very valuable paper that makes a significant contribution to knowledge about the potentials and problems of using digital technologies in documenting and preserving cultural heritage. However, the paper needs major revisions to bring the argument to be cohesive supported by clear findings. Introduce a theoretical framework, produce a review of literature and the research methodology and place them at the appropriate locations to construct a proper line of argument. Re-organise the research methodology to be detailed and meaningful. Show the findings more clearly with evidence and sources acknowledged: produce a table of documents surveyed. Mentioning a reference here and there is not a research methodology to claim 'Technological adaptations written in papers of different countries like New Zealand have also been taken considerations into the paper' as a research method. 'Taken into considerations' is not a research method.

Strengthen the conclusion with specific conclusions related to the findings related to (1) potentials and (2) problems of digitization. Acknowledge that digitization has its own problems. At the end, discuss the strengths, weaknesses and limitations of this research. Re-examine and reproduce the references to be compatible with the ISVS e-journal template.

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