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www.wikilovesmonuments.org
#WikiLovesMonuments
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Mills

- 1300 windmills
- Articles; images!
- 2007 - ~2010
- Complete – next challenge
Wiki Loves Art NL

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Monuments

- Not memorials =>
- The Netherlands;
- 60,000
- Lists with addresses, identifiers & geodata;
- Great results!
Goals (1)

- Freely licensed photos
- Familiarity with Wikimedia Commons
- Facilitate heritage WikiProjects
- Connect online and offline
Goals (2)

- Wikipedia is editable (really!)
- Capacity & community building
- Access to cultural heritage world (follow up anyone?)
- International cooperation
5 pillars

1. Easy;
2. Fun;
3. Local;
4. Help Wikipedia;
5. Quick and visible results.

See Commons:Wiki Loves Monuments/Philosophy for more elaboration.
5 contest rules

1. Pictures have to be self-taken and self-uploaded;
2. Upload available in September only;
3. Default licence is CC-BY-SA 3.0 (localised);
4. Pictures have to be identified by a locally determined identifier;
5. Participants need to have their e-mail enabled.

Not: minimum resolution in pixels, minimal quality, date of creation.
2011

- 18 European countries;
- 14 different Wikipedias;
- Hundreds of Wikipedians organising locally;
- About 5,000 participants;
- 1 month (September 1–September 30);
- Over 168,208 photos – a new world record!!

http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/records-6000/largest-photography-competition/
2012

- 35 countries from all over the world;
- Europe, Asia, North & South America, Africa
- 1 month (September 1–September 30);
- About 14,000 participants
- 365,000 photos (we broke our own record!)
New users

Registered users with 10+ edits since their registration

From the reportcard at http://reportcard.wmflabs.org/
Where all the **monuments** come from:

National and regional heritage institutions provide official data

Sometimes it's a bit more difficult to get the data
Busy Wikipedians create monuments lists in Wikipedia

Each monument needs a unique identifier
The Wikipedia lists are built with template structures.

This allows easy Wiki-editing, and we can import them into our large monuments database with all monuments available. One set of lists (e.g., one country) is configured by a tech-savvy person once.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Iron fence consisting of bended bars, with an entrance to the site through a simple double gate</th>
<th>Boundary</th>
<th>1885</th>
<th>Parkweg bij 18A</th>
<th>52°24'00&quot;N 4°36'46&quot;E</th>
<th>RM op kaart</th>
<th>S11117</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Villa De Berg</td>
<td>House</td>
<td>1896</td>
<td>Rijperweg 15</td>
<td>52°24'05&quot;N 4°36'51&quot;E</td>
<td>RM op kaart</td>
<td>S11119</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carriage house, part of the complex &quot;De Berg&quot;, which was later used as a barn</td>
<td>Castle parts</td>
<td>1896</td>
<td>Rijperweg bij 15</td>
<td>52°24'05&quot;N 4°36'51&quot;E</td>
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How do all these images find their lists?

Contest participants provide the identifier when uploading.
erfgoed is Dutch for “heritage”, and a bot is a little program that automates dumb or boring work for us.

erfgoedbot runs at night and harvests the lists at Wikipedia and all the uploaded images with identifiers and updates the large database with this information.

Based on this, erfgoedbot puts them in the correct categories at Wikimedia Commons.

Finally, it provides Wikipedia with information on which monument images are unused so the lists can be completed. And all that while we are sleeping...

See [[User:ErfgoedBot]] on your Wikipedia for a localised infographic
Monuments database

- 63 sources
- 23 different languages
- 1,193,445 items
- 814,118 with coordinates (68%)
- 294,486 with a photo (25%)

Full statistics at
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Monuments_database/Statistics
The database connects the **images** on Commons with the **monuments lists** in Wikipedia via the monuments **ID**.

- Are there unused images for a monument?
- Do we have geo-coordinates?
- Which monument list is already illustrated?
But that’s not all … we can build a lot of fancy tools!

Search Monuments

- Search monuments by country, keyword, municipality and more

Statistics

- Show helpful statistics for the photo contest

- Show monuments on a map

... or walk outside and find monuments with your smartphone
Monuments database future

- Improve data quality
- More sources
- Index all images and share
- Get images from collections
- Overhaul?
- Export using standards?
- Wikidata?
ANY QUESTIONS?

Please do ask them!
Example questions are available in the FAQ.
THANK YOU!