

**D-scribes project and beyond:  
building a VRE for Digital Paleography of Ancient Greek and Coptic**

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D-scribes is a four years SNSF Ambizione project started in September 2018 and based in Basel. It focuses on Greek and Coptic papyri, a very large but often fragmentary and damaged material. Applying new computational technologies on this specific material is therefore both promising and challenging. D-scribes project aims to develop tools allowing joining fragments that used to belong to the same text or document, to identify similar writers and classify handwritings styles. The paper will first present the state of the project and show the functionalities of d-scribes database that combines a virtual library and text annotations according to their writers. It will then explain the initiatives done to federate the new field of Digital Paleography by creating favorable conditions for collaboration between researchers with similar concerns.