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A2iA Awarded for its Ability to Work with Hundred-Year-Old Handwritten Documents; Deemed 'True Ambassador of ECM Technology'

A2iA recognized as a Finalist for the ECM Connection ACE award because of its work with Coutot-Roehrig and France's handwritten census and civic records dating from pre-1908.

NEW YORK / PARIS, FRANCE, July 20, 2010 – A2iA, the worldwide leading software developer of tools for handwritten and machine-printed text recognition, data extraction, and the intelligent classification of paper documents, announced today that it was named an ECM Connection ACE award finalist for its work with Coutot-Roehrig, a leader in finding unknown heirs, missing beneficiaries and next-of-kin as far back as six generations when unknown at the time of death. The 2010 ACE awards honor true ambassadors of ECM technology and recognize solutions that have overcome significant business challenges, uncovered new application opportunities, and have generated measurable results.

"This year's ACE awards recognize vendors who are the true leaders in the ECM space, helping their customers achieve the best results possible by going above and beyond the call of duty," said Victoria Amendola, ECM Connection Editor. "The finalists in this year's awards have demonstrated these characteristics and have proven their worthiness through implementations with a wide-range of end users and situations."

A2iA worked with Coutot-Roehrig to extract and index the information from France's census and civic records dating from pre-1908, including documents that were handwritten in old-fashioned writing styles, in mixed formats and of poor image-quality. After several tests, *A2iA DocumentReader*™ was selected, as it was the only toolkit able to overcome the complexity of the project. *A2iA DocumentReader* alleviated the manual processes that were in place, which are estimated to have required several dozen years of work if completed by hand.

By classifying these complex documents based on both their layout and contents, and because of its unique ability to work with even the most difficult handwritten data, *A2iA DocumentReader* saved Coutot-Roehrig money and allowed for these historic documents and archives to be accessible online by both genealogists and the public.

ACE award winners will be announced in the September issue of ECM Connection.

About A2iA

[A2iA, Artificial Intelligence and Image Analysis](), is a software company that operates one of the world's largest research centers focusing on ways to extract information from everyday paper documents, with a focus on handwritten contents. A2iA's Document Classification, OCR, ICR and IWR technologies do not contain any third-party technology and are available in 23-country versions and 6-languages. A2iA's proprietary toolkits have been reducing data-entry costs and improving business process automation for nearly 20 years, and are used to enhance the forms-processing, transaction-processing, content management, document management, and knowledge management systems from leading vendors. For more information, visit [www.a2ia.com]() or call +1 917-237-0390 within the Americas, or +33 1 44 42 00 80 within EMEA or Asia.

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