the first proton collider, the Intersecting Storage Rings (ISR), in 1968, are hidden away in invisible collections.

In order to preserve these films for the long term, several thousand magnetic tapes (U-matic, Betacam, VHS, etc.) have been catalogued, ready to be digitised as efficiently as possible. Compressed video formats will also be created so that the films can easily be watched online. The films will enrich the video library already available on the CERN Document Server, as well as on the Swiss portal Memobase, which contains all of the heritage material preserved with Memoriav's support.

During the cataloguing of CERN's audiovisual productions, several films have been found "by chance" tucked away at the bottom of forgotten boxes! Original recordings might also be hidden in a cupboard in your office. If so, don't wait for the colours to fade, for the sound to become inaudible or for "sticky-shed syndrome" or demagnetisation to destroy the content once and for all.

Contact video-digitization@cern.ch without delay to include your videos in the 2017 digitisation campaign!

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(Video: Cinémathèque Suisse)

12/13/16--02:12: CERN IT department wins EMEA award

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CERN's IT department has been selected as a winner in the 'Open Data Center Project' category at the EMEA awards. These awards recognise outstanding individuals, teams, and projects in a number of categories related to data centres. CERN's submission was an investigation into whether or not it was feasible to share the Open Compute Project more widely, and whether it could be opened to public procurement. Read more about the project and the submission on the CERN openlab website (Image: CERN)

12/13/16--03:05: LHC Report: far beyond expectations 0 0

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