eMGH3 - Monumenta Germaniae Historica

What is eMGH?

eMGH is a CD-ROM version of *Monumenta Germaniae historica* (MGH). It comprises a selection of texts from the five divisions of the MGH (Antiquitates, Diplomata, Epistolae, Leges, and Scriptores), primarily those which have appeared in the last few years.

Accessing eMGH

This title can only be used on the stand-alone CD-ROM PC in the JB Morrell Library. Ask for the disc at the Help Desk. Note that selected material is freely available online at http://www.dmgh.de/

Insert the eMGH CD into the CD drive. When the drive light stops flashing, click on eMGH from the menu provided. Choose Run disk from current location. A security warning will appear, ignore this and click on Yes to access the eMGH welcome page. Press Return to accept the default English version, or select one of the three other languages.

Searching the database

The Search Screen is in two distinct halves: the key field is the **Formae** field in which you can search on individual words, or combinations of words. Use the tab key or the mouse to move between fields.

There are 243,501 distinct numbers and words in eMGH3 (1→9, a→zyt) on which a search may be conducted. Enter an appropriate word in the **Formae** box, e.g., `femina`. Given the inflected nature of the Latin language, you might add an asterisk: `femina*`. Clicking on the asterisk button, immediately to the right, will take you to the appropriate part of the index from which the word 'femina' or a related word can be selected. All items are selected as an initial default when a list is first presented. To select and deselect items within a list, use the spacebar or click on the entry in the selection column with a mouse.

The search conducted through this key field can be narrowed using a series of filter fields, as follows:

- **Series**. One of the five series of the MGH present on eMGH.
- **Collectio**. The collection in the MGH from which the text is drawn. Fourteen of the forty MGH sub-series are included in eMGH and listed above. (There is also a volume from a series separate from the above entitled *Quellen zur Geistesgeschichte des Mittelalters*.)
- **Auctor**. The medieval author. Twenty-three authors or anonymous author-titles (where the work is unknown or collective) are included in eMGH (the full list is given on pages 23-24 of the accompanying MGH Handbook).
- **Titulus**. The title of the work. Four hundred and ninety-one works are included in eMGH.

Most of the searching, however, will probably take place over the whole database.

Linking words and truncating

*   general wildcard, corresponding to any string of characters from zero upwards

      eg `Britan*`

+   corresponds to AND: ie both forms must appear in the same sentence

      eg `mulier* + parvul*`

,   corresponds to OR; ie either form must appear in the same sentence

      eg `music* , cant*`

corresponds to NOT; ie either form must appear in one sentence, but never together

      eg `civita* # civitatis`

?	one-character wildcard, designating any one character
	eg `a?mitt*`
/n	the search terms must occur with a maximum of n words separating them within the sentence(s). The order in which the search terms occur is not taken into account
	eg `Jesu /2 Domin*`
%n	the search terms must occur with a maximum of n words separating them within the sentence(s), and they must occur in the same order in which they are entered in the query
	eg `Amazon* %2 vir*`

Showing or displaying results

The number of matches is displayed to the right side of the **Formae** field. Likewise the complete number of sentences in each of the filter fields (if used) of the Search Screen is listed to the right of each field.

The number of matches of the specified word(s) within the specified filters is listed at the bottom right of the Search Screen. Clicking on the **Sententiae** tab will display on screen the text of all of the sentences in which the word is found. The word itself is highlighted in each case. Brief information on the author and title of the work is given at the head of each sentence. Clicking on the **Textus** tab displays the full text that is the source of the current sententiae highlighted in the sententiae tab. The full reference for the citation at the top of the display screen can be seen by clicking on the **Memento** tab.

Reading the whole text

This may be done by selecting within the **Inquisitio** tab the author or the title of the work from the **Auctor** or **Titulus** fields. Clicking on the **Textus** tab will call up every sentence from the specified work, in order, together with the printed source reference.

Downloading and Printing

You may download text from the **Sententiae** tab only. The stand-alone PC is not networked, nor is it connected to a printer, so you should save any items of interest to a USB memory stick.

Commands and function keys

Ctrl End	In the formae field. Moves the cursor to the bottom of the search field
Ctrl Home	In the formae field. Moves the cursor to the top of the search field
End	In the formae field. Moves the cursor to the end of the line
End	In the sententiae field. Moves to the end of the list
Enter	In a 'filter' field displays a selection list
Enter	In the formae field starts the search
Esc	Clears the current search field
Home	In the formae field. Moves the cursor to the beginning of the line
Home	In the sententiae field. Moves to the top of the list
PgDn	In the sententiae field. Moves down one sententia
PgUp	In the sententiae field. Moves up one sententia
Tab	Moves from one search field to the next
F1	Help