Web-library under Sharepoint Portal Server (SPS) 2003

Antecedents.
The World Wide Web became accessible for the employees of Gedeon Richter in 1996, and the library was the first to have a site of its own on the intranet. Although the information service through the net had began earlier, the graphical interface and the links brought a revolutionary change with their user-friendly appearance and the easy use. The characteristic of this period was self-organisation.

What made changes necessary?
While the range of our services accessible through the net had became wider and wider, others had began to express a demand for presence on the intranet as well. The Web-library began to outgrow itself. In addition to this, the technical solutions have also developed, and the demand for static html sites was gradually replaced by demand for a portal structure. At the beginning of 2003 a decision was made regarding the design of a new corporate intranet.

What was our goal?
We wanted to create an internally consistent and homogeneous interface for as many departments as possible, and regarding the technical solution we were going to take a further step toward the pages enabling more interactivity.

The realisation.
Besides the formulated demands we also required initiatives for creative solutions from the designers. As to the software, we chose the SPS 2003, which had just been launched. Transferring the considerable amount of data into the framework provided by a new, "differently thinking" technology was a difficult challenge. We have defined the user-levels and the content manager of each page. It was necessary to think over and reorganise the operation of the intranet as well. There were several training courses for the web-page designers.

Future plans.
As the employees' computer skills are rather different we may hold training courses about how to use the new site. We can also enlarge the number of the departments, which have a site of their own and we have to encourage and help them in taking the first steps. We would like to widen the range of our services, especially concerning the solutions, which need a certain level of interactivity.