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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Spring term is coming to a close, but before the conference season begins, I want to draw your attention to an event we're calling CODE that is taking place on April 10th and 11th. This event marks the end of the first phase of KMDI's Project Open Source | Open Access. Wendy Chun of Brown University will be giving the keynote address on Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM, followed by panels on Wednesday afternoon on innovative initiatives in networked public life. Further details on the website (1) and in the *Announcements* immediately below.

For those of you following the *Review of Scholarly Publishing at the University of Toronto Press* we have posted our submission (2) on the KMDI site. We focused on the changing nature of scholarship and scholarly communication with the turn to the digital highlighting recent work and experimental projects in open access. We also noted activities at a number of university presses such as Stanford University, University of California, Rice University, University of Michigan who are experimenting with new forms of publishing.

Jennifer MacInnis, a lawyer in the Intellectual Property Office and I gave a presentation on open source licensing to the March meeting of the Research Advisory Board. We look forward to continuing this work with the Intellectual Property Office. A workshop on the process of licensing software – both OS and propriety – is one possible focus. If members of the community have a particular interest in this or would like to help plan this event, please get in touch with me.

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Thanks to Shahin e Sahebi, a 4th year computer engineering student (Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering) who has been a work study student in KMDI, for the tag cloud that accompanies my column this month. This particular cloud represents KMDI's website and it is interesting to see how the message we hope to convey through our prose is summarised and represented visually.

Gale Moore

- (1) http://open.utoronto.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=526&Itemid=264
- (2) http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/documentshomepage/POSOA%20Submission_UTP.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CODE: BUILDING THE NEW AGORA

(April 10-11, 2007 – Bahen Centre for IT, 40 St. George St. University of Toronto)

Lecture: Tuesday, April 10th: 6:00 PM EST Room 1180

Panels-in-the-Round: Wednesday, April 11th, 1:00 PM, EST, Room 7180



CODE: Building the New Agora (1) explores current perspectives on the contemporary perception of hardware/software and investigates how open source/open access alters our approaches to professional and social networks. Less than five years ago the cultural theorist Lev Manovich claimed that while the 1990s were all about the virtual, the next decade might be about physical space and interactions, albeit augmented by electronic information. To explore these rapidly changing paradigms you are invited to join CODE. CODE introduces Professor Wendy Hui Kyong Chun (2) from the Department of Modern Culture and Media at Brown University who will speak on *Open Source Imagined Networks*. Wednesday's panel entitled *New Social Formations in the Age of NextWeb* follows on last years highly successful Next Web/Web 2.0 event and brings together an array of local speakers for a critical analysis of innovative initiatives in networked public life. The lecture will be webcast (3).

- (1) http://open.utoronto.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=526&Itemid=264
- (2) <http://www.brown.edu/Departments/MCM/people/chun/>
- (3) <http://epresence.kmdi.utoronto.ca>

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HARRISON WHITE VISITS UofT

(April 5, 2007, 10:00 – 12:00, UofT Sociology Department, Seminar Room 240, 725 Spadina Ave.)

The eminent sociologist / network analyst, **Harrison White**, will visit UofT on April 4-5 to give the first S.D. Clark seminar. This will be an interesting occasion, as Harrison has just finished a revised 2nd edition of his award-winning book, *Identity & Control* (2).

- (1) <http://www.sociology.columbia.edu/fac-bios/white/faculty.html>
- (2) <http://www.amazon.com/Identity-Control-Harrison-C-White/dp/069100398X>

PROJECT OS|OA STUDENT EXPERIENCE PROGRAM MEET AND GREET
(April 19, 2007, Bahen Centre for Information Technology, 1PM to 4PM, Room 7180, UofT)

Project OS|OA is pleased to announce its third **Meet and Greet** event (1) on Thursday, April 19th. Recipients of the Student Experience Program Award will be presenting their projects. All are welcome! More details on the event will be on the website shortly. .

(1) http://open.utoronto.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=527&Itemid=264

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Project Submissions—April 22, 2007

FUSION 2007: CALL FOR PROJECT SUBMISSIONS
(May 5-6, 2007, Ontario Science Centre, Toronto, Canada)



**ONTARIO
SCIENCE
CENTRE**

Fusion 2007 (1) seeks to inspire, excite, inform, challenge and connect young artists, designers, inventors and scientists through collaborative or interdisciplinary displays and experiences created by students for students. It provides the opportunity to publicly showcase

innovative new projects that in some way blur traditional boundaries between art, science, design and technology. If you are exploring the motivations and impediments, the ways and means, and what might result if people can change, express your ideas and issues through scientific, technological or artistic explorations using multimedia, gaming, music, sculpture, painting, theatre, performance art, fashion, A/V, photography, design, robotics, bioengineering, site specific installations or any other creative media. All types of individual or team efforts are welcome, ranging from academic projects to street-wise works, rough and raw prototypes and proofs of concept.

(1) <http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/fusion/>

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ORION FUTUREFLICK CONTEST



FutureFlick (1), a new video contest for Ontario students, is offering \$5,000 in cash prizes to the best digital shorts depicting student life in the year 2020. Winning clips will also be broadcast globally on the **new Open Student Television Network**.

(1) <http://www.orion.on.ca/futureflick/>

(2) <http://www.orion.on.ca/research/orionstudenttv.html>

TORONTO JOINS DIGITAL CITY NETWORK

On March 21, 2007, Toronto Mayor David Miller signed an agreement with San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom that links Toronto with other international cities and regions in a global **Digital City Network**, an initiative that supports the commercialization of innovative digital media technologies and advancements. Toronto has become the first Canadian city to join San Francisco's Digital City Network, which seeks to get local government and industry officials in technological hubs working together to plan ways to build broader, faster networks. Montreal and Vancouver could be added to the initiative later this year.

Source: Globe and Mail, March 21, 2007; CNS Magazine, March 21, 2007

THE VIRTUAL WATER COOLER: AROUND THE COMMUNITY

NEW WAYS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING WITH TECHNOLOGY

On March 8, 2007, KMDI's Project OS|OA, The Resource Centre for Academic Technology and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education hosted an event to start a dialogue about new ways of teaching and learning with technology, with a focus on how to expand on traditional pedagogical models. With **Jim Slotta** (KMDI, OISE/UT) in the chair and many members of the KMDI community presenting, it was a lively afternoon. Visit the wiki (1) for information on the presentations. We expect we'll be continuing this series in the fall – if you are interested in exploring what happens when pedagogy leads technology, or if you have an innovative approach to teaching and learning, please get in touch with us at info@kmdi.utoronto.ca.




(1) <http://www.encorewiki.org/display/KMDI/New+ways+of+teaching+and+learning+with+technology>

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NECTAR's (1) publication library now includes an article entitled, *Multimedia Transcoding for Distance Learning* (2). Authors of the paper are **Konstantinos N. (Kostas) Plataniotis** (ECE, KMDI), **Mazeny Almaoui** and **Azadeh Kushki**.

(1) <http://www.dsp.utoronto.ca/nectar/>
(2) <http://www.dsp.utoronto.ca/nectar/publications/>

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 Congratulations is extended to **Jutta Treviranus** (ATRC, KMDI), who leads the **FLUID Project** (1), a collaborative international project that has just received funding from the **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**. FLUID is an ambitious project to advance the user experience in academic community source software projects. It will create a user interface architecture that enables the creation and consistent use of modular, reusable, accessible, swappable user interface components for web applications.

(1) <http://fluidproject.org/>

ANDREW CLEMENT SPEAKS ON NET NEUTRALITY



Earlier this month, **Andrew Clement** (FIS, KMDI) was interviewed by several media sources regarding the issue of net neutrality. Professor Clement was featured on a segment of **CBC Newsworld** (1), **CityTV**, as well as a podcast on **YouTube** via the blog of Amber MacArthur, a CityTV journalist (3). A central argument is that users of the internet should be free to view whatever websites they like without having their service provider censor pages or slow them down.

- (1) <http://www.cbc.ca/MRL/clips/rm-hi/clement-invu070315.rm>
- (2) http://www.citynews.ca/blogs/blogs_4075.aspx?contenturl=http://www.citynews.ca/blogs/8762.aspx
- (3) http://ambermac.typepad.com/ambermac/2007/03/the_net_neutral.html

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KMDI'S NEWEST TECHNICAL REPORT

Christopher Collins (PhD Candidate, CS, KMDI) has written a papert entitled, *DocuBurst: Radial Space-Filling Visualization of Document Content* (1). This presents the first visualization of document content which takes advantage of the human-created structure in lexical databases.

- (1) <http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/publications/documents/KMDI-TR-2007-1.pdf>



In the summer of 2006, **Christina Parker** (KMDI, Project OS|OA SEP award holder) traveled to Botswana, Africa, where she worked on a project to prevent animal cruelty. **Gale Moore** (SOC, KMDI) was the faculty supervisor for Christina's SEP, an open content project, in which she published various materials to educate children about the prevention of cruelty to animals (1). Christina has continued her educational work by writing and illustrating a picture book that reflects on her volunteer experience at orphanages during this time in Botswana. Entitled My Turn to Take Care of Mommy, the book tells a story of a little girl who is forced to take care of her mother who is dying from HIV/AIDS. Christina recently presented this work at **Dean's Graduate Student Research Conference** (2) at OISE, highlighting how picture books can help students understand and speak more openly about social issues as the pictures present a visual for students to 'see' AIDS and its effect on people.

- (1) http://open.utoronto.ca/images/stories/documents/Sep_reports/winter06-19-sep_cparker_final.pdf
- (2) <http://gradstudentconference.oise.utoronto.ca/>

On February 28, 2007 **Nina Czegledy** (KMDI Senior Fellow) chaired the “Evolution & Consciousness” session at the **2nd Space and Society Space Options for the 21st Century Conference** (1) hosted by the **European Space Agency** (2). Following this event, she presented on *Space Science and Science Fiction*. The event brought together experts on international space policy, broadband issues, space tourism, environmental monitoring, space education and Cultural Utilization of the International Space Station.

- (1) <http://www.congrex.nl/06a12/>
(2) <http://www.esa.int/esaCP/index.html>



Congratulations to **Ravin Balakrishnan** (CS, KMDI), who was recently awarded a prestigious **Sloan Fellowship** (1). Professor Balakrishnan, a Canada Research Chair in human-centred interfaces, is exploring human computer interaction and interactive computer graphics. While he is interested in almost everything concerning human interaction with technology, his current focus is on innovative interaction techniques, interfaces for next generation displays, information visualization, interfaces for animation and 3-D modeling, sketch based interfaces, ambient and pervasive computing and empirical evaluation of user interfaces.

Source: UofT Bulletin, March 6, 2007

- (1) http://www.sloan.org/programs/scitech_fellowships.shtml

KMDI's PROJECT OS | OA

OPEN SOURCE GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH (April 5, 2007 - noon-2pm, Robarts Library, Room 4049, UofT)

Project OS|OA presents a panel (1) that aims to raise awareness of what has been and could be done with open source geospatial software. It will provide a forum for discussion of opportunities for and obstacles to use of this software at the University of Toronto. A perspective on the open source geospatial community at large, as well as some teaching and research experiences at the University of Toronto, will be presented. Library staff will provide an overview of institutional issues related to open source geospatial software at the university.

- (1) http://open.utoronto.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=518&Itemid=66

OTHER NEWS

Application Deadline—April 5, 2007

WITNESS VIDEO ADVOCACY INSTITUTE (July 15-27, 2007, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada)



The **WITNESS Video Advocacy Institute** (1), the first of its kind, is an innovative intensive program that will train human rights defenders to successfully integrate video advocacy into their campaigns. This training will provide an immersive introduction to key skills in video advocacy for a group of 25-30 dedicated human rights advocates from across the globe working on some of the most challenging human rights issues facing our world today.

(1) http://www.witness.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=92&Itemid=245

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2007 FEDERAL BUDGET PROMOTES IT – ‘BUT NOT IN A BIG WAY’

While the federal budget, tabled on Monday, does include several measures that prop up Canada's role on the global information technology stage, industry observers say the budget really falls short of expectations. “There is a raft of individual measures all going in the right direction, but the real move in research and development is still to come,” says Bernard Courtois, president and CEO of the **Information Technology Association of Canada** in Ottawa. ITAC seeks to identify issues and promote initiatives to enable the continued growth and development of the Canadian IT industry.

Source: ITWorld Canada, March 23, 2007

(1) <http://itac.ca/>

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GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR ADVANCED WIRELESS SERVICES SPECTRUM AUCTION

The Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry, announced the launch of a public consultation on a framework to auction spectrum in the 2-GHz range, including spectrum for advanced wireless services. This consultation is the first step in a process leading to an auction of spectrum licences, anticipated to occur in early 2008. A total of 105 MHz of spectrum will be made available.

Source: Industry Canada, February 24, 2007

SASKATCHEWAN TO OFFER FREE WI-FI IN URBAN AREAS

Residents and visitors to the downtown business districts and post-secondary institutions of Saskatchewan's four largest centres will soon be able to access the country's largest wireless Internet network, free-of-charge. The **Saskatchewan! Connected** initiative will offer users basic Internet service in Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Regina, and Moose Jaw via a wireless Wi-Fi network to be operated by the government Information Technology Office, SaskTel and other partners.

Source: Government of Saskatchewan, February 26, 2007

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THE 10 MOST CONNECTED CITIES IN THE WORLD



Daily Wireless has released its report on the "10 Most Connected Cities in the World" (1). Through a blend of private and public investment, a number of cities have had remarkable success in providing almost complete connectivity throughout their city limits.

For residents in these cities, high-speed access is available almost anywhere and at any time, and often for below-market rates. Check out the list on the Daily Wireless website.

(1) <http://www.dailywireless.com/features/most-connected-cities-030607/>

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MICROSOFT LINKS TECHNOLOGY, COMMON TOOLS

At Microsoft's Techfest, the company displayed its idea that average users will have the easiest time using platforms that bring new technologies into familiar tools. Prototypes on display included a system that prints out text messages as sticky notes and one that lets people write notes on a pad and have the note converted to a text message and sent to a phone. Such technologies may never be available to consumers, rather Techfest gives researchers a chance to share their work with Microsoft employees in hopes of having it incorporated into future versions of Microsoft software.

Source: Associated Press, March 6, 2007

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WIRELESS NUMBER PORTABILITY NOW AVAILABLE IN CANADA'S MAJOR URBAN COMMUNITIES

On March 14, 2007, Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry, applauded the announcement that wireless number portability is now available in major urban communities across the country. "WNP is a consumer-friendly initiative that will provide more choices to consumers and a more competitive service marketplace," said Minister Bernier. "It is in-line with our government's goal of reshaping the telecommunications sector to benefit consumers, and support an internationally competitive and robust industry here in Canada." WNP will enable wireless phone

service subscribers to change service providers and keep their existing phone numbers. It will also allow consumers to move a phone number from a wireline phone to a wireless phone and vice versa.

Source: Industry Canada, March 14, 2007

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W3C TO DEVELOP NEW HTML SPECS



The World Wide Web Consortium has announced its intentions to establish a new HTML standard and to enhance the XHTML specification. A call has been issued to browser vendors, application developers, and content designers to participate in the working groups that will oversee the new standards.

Source: eWeek, March 7, 2007

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BRITISH, SWEDISH AND AUSTRIAN ENTREPRENEURS WIN EU'S 'NOBEL PRIZE' FOR ICT

A communications solution that offers businesses access to fixed-line phone services anytime, anywhere, an automatic scanner that digitizes books in minutes and a software translation system that avoids the need for reprogramming are the Grand Prize winners of the European Information and Communication Technology awards for 2007. These three Grand Prizes worth EUR 200,000 each, were won by British, Swedish and Austrian firms. Seventeen more prizes, of EUR 5,000 each, were awarded to ground-breaking technologies from five other countries. The 20 prize winners were selected by the European Commission from a record number of 450 applicants, from 30 countries.

Source: Europe's Information Society Newsroom, March 16, 2007

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€755 M BOOST FOR EUROPE'S FILM INDUSTRY

Launched yesterday evening in Berlin, the EU's new **MEDIA 2007** programme will provide a €755 million boost to Europe's film industry over the next seven years. Almost 65% of the total budget will help broader circulation of European works to other countries in Europe and worldwide. MEDIA 2007 provides easier access to finance – in particular for SMEs – and increases the use of digital technologies, making Europe's audiovisual sector more competitive.

Source: Europe's Information Society Newsroom, Feb. 12, 2007

RESOURCES/PUBLICATIONS

PLAY BETWEEN WORLDS: EXPLORING ONLINE GAME CULTURE

In *Play Between Worlds* (1), T. L. Taylor examines multiplayer gaming life as it is lived on the borders, in the gaps—as players slip in and out of complex social networks that cross online and offline space. Taylor questions the common assumption that playing computer games is an isolating and alienating activity indulged in by solitary teenage boys. Massively multiplayer online games, in which thousands of players participate in a virtual game world in real time, are in fact actively designed for sociability. Games like the popular Everquest, she argues, are fundamentally social spaces.

(1) <http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?type=2&tid=10770>

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ONLINE ATLAS OF MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The **World Bank's Data Group** and **National Geographic** have undertaken a partnership to raise awareness of the **Millennium Development Goals** by producing and disseminating a large-format, full-color digital map (1) highlighting progress toward the goals. The map, entitled *A Global Agenda to End Poverty*, is an informative tool to increase understanding of the MDGs among all audiences. It has a special focus on educating secondary school students about the substance of the MDGs and what is needed to meet them.

(1) <http://devdata.worldbank.org/atlas-mdg/>

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LOCALIZING THE INTERNET: FIVE WAYS PUBLIC OWNERSHIP SOLVES THE US BROADBAND PROBLEM


This January 2007 report (1) from the **New Rules Project** (2) argues that a publicly owned information infrastructure is the key to healthy competition, universal access, and non-discriminatory rates. The paper notes that high speed broadband is becoming ever more widespread, but, it argues, the way in which broadband is introduced may be as important as whether it is introduced.

(1) <http://www.newrules.org/info/5ways.pdf>

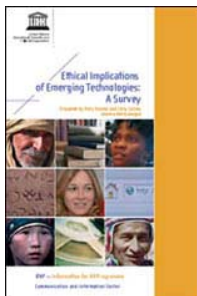
(2) <http://www.newrules.org/>

OXFORD INTERNET INSTITUTE WEBCAST: SOCIAL MEDIA OR THE IMPACT OF US

This webcast (1) features **Ricardo Baeza-Yates** (2) who talks about current impact of social media or social networks, commonly called Web 2.0, where content is generated by users in sites like Yahoo! Answers, Flickr, YouTube or del.icio.us. He mentions some of the issues studied by his group, as well as further open problems.

- (1) http://webcast.oii.ox.ac.uk/?view=Webcast&ID=20070215_182
 (2) <http://www.dcc.uchile.cl/~rbaeza/>

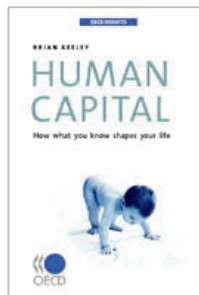
ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES: A SURVEY



A recent report (1) released by **UNESCO** outlines the ethical implications of identity management, web services, grids, semantic web, RFID and other emerging ICT technologies. One of the major underpinnings of these new technologies is the need for identity management systems. As this report points out there are some very significant and troubling ethical issues with respect to identity management systems in terms of privacy, security and access to public information.

- (1) <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001499/149992E.pdf>

OECD INSIGHTS SERIES KICKS OFF WITH HUMAN CAPITAL



Human Capital (1) is the first in a planned new series of books from the OECD entitled *OECD Insights*. Today, the value of skilled, complex and creative work is growing fast. As a result, economic success for countries and for individuals relies increasingly on human capital – our knowledge, skills learning, talents and abilities. How can societies raise human capital and ensure everyone gets the education they need at every stage of life, from early childhood to adulthood? Drawing on the unique resources of the OECD, Human Capital explains these issues using straightforward language and examples drawn from the real world.

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT JOURNAL

KM4D (1) is an open access, peer-reviewed, community journal on knowledge management in development – for and by development practitioners and researchers. The upcoming issue, to be published in June 2007, will focus on innovative practices and uses of ‘technologies for knowledge sharing’. This focus comes on the wave of new web based tools and processes supporting knowledge sharing, knowledge management and organizational learning that have emerged. Sometimes called “Web 2.0” technologies, these tools allow people to collaborate over time and

distance in both new ways and in new networked forms. It builds on previous issues on the importance of networks, working across boundaries and even sustainability.

COOL TOOLS

BUMPTOP: PUSHING THE DESKTOP METAPHOR WITH PHYSICS, PILES AND THE PEN



For people who use computers and genuinely thrive on chaos, there's now a program that turns the PC desktop into the equivalent of the paper-strewn office. Called **Bumtop** (1), the software discards the old notion of organizing computer files into tidy folders-within-folders, substituting a 3-D environment in which waferlike icons representing electronic files can be scattered, stacked, spun, stuck to walls, and even smashed into one another.

The brainchild of this software is **Anand Agarawala** (2), a Masters graduate of UofT's Computer Science program, and member of the **Dynamics Graphics Project** (3).

- (1) <http://www.bumtop.com/>
- (2) <http://honeybrown.ca/>
- (3) <http://www.dgp.toronto.edu/>

COREL INTRODUCES WORDPERFECT LIGHTNING



Corel® WordPerfect® Lightning™ (1) is free software that makes it easier than ever to capture, use, and reuse ideas, information and images. WordPerfect Lightning works anytime and anywhere it's needed. At less than 20 megabytes, the lightweight WordPerfect

Lightning is available via the Web, and it integrates with a variety of useful online products and services. Check out the **Reviewer's Guide** (2) to find out more.

- (1) <http://www.corel.com/servlet/Satellite/us/en/Product/1171405162003>
- (2) http://www.corel.com/content/pdf/wp_lightning/reviewers_guide_WordPerfect_Lightning.pdf

SCHMAP: THE WORLD'S FIRST DYNAMIC DESTINATION GUIDES



The **Schmap Player** (1) is a small and easy-to-use piece of freeware. Install it on your Windows PC, select from our growing range of interactive Schmap Guides and then... get Schmapping! Every Schmap

Guide comes with dynamic maps, useful links, playable tours, top picks, plus photos and reviews for hundreds of sights and attractions, hotels, restaurants, bars, parks, theaters, galleries, museums and so on.

- (1) <http://www.schmap.com/>

TALKR: FROM TEXT-ONLY TO AUDIO



Talkr (1) provides a service that allows you to listen to your favorite text-only news sources rather than read them. If you can point us to an RSS or Atom feed we will convert that feed from text to speech. Talkr can also provide you with a podcast of your favorite news sources. This means that you can plug your MP3 player into your home computer once a day and Talkr will provide you with hours of audio content with no additional work on your part. Talkr will keep tabs on your feeds and send audio to your computer as those audio files become available.

(1) <http://talkr.com/index.html>

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/SYMPOSIA

WIRELESS ENTERPRISE SYMPOSIUM 2007 (May 8-10, 2007, Orlando, USA)



Attend the **Wireless Enterprise Symposium 2007** (1) – the biggest BlackBerry® wireless event of the year. Created exclusively for BlackBerry Solution Administrators, Developers and end-users, this year's conference offers an unbeatable range of topics on BlackBerry and other wireless technologies.

(1) <http://www.wirelessenterprisesymposium.com/>

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7th ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (May 21-23, 2007, Adelphi, Maryland, USA)



This event (1) will primarily be concerned with the question: What would copyright utopia look like? Join the **Center for Intellectual Property** (2) as we convene this conversation with noted scholars and practitioners to discuss the current state of copyright nationally and internationally. Spanning three days, our two keynote speakers and six engaging panels will facilitate our discussion on the technological, legal, and licensing alternatives to the current state of copyright.

(1) <http://www.umuc.edu/distance/odell/cip/symposium/index.shtml>

(2) <http://www.umuc.edu/distance/odell/cip/cip.shtml>

EU SPAM SYMPOSIUM**(May 24-25, 2007, Vienna, Austria)**

The **EU Spam Symposium** (1) is the central European forum in the field of (anti)spam to discuss the latest issues related to the spam problem in the world. A variety of technological, jurisdictional, and commercial aspects are covered. Also, the psychological part behind the spam world is highlighted by an ex-spammer! Speakers come from various countries all over the world. This will make the event a special and appealing occasion, and stresses its international character and variety.

(1) <http://www.spamsymposium.eu/index.htm>

CONFERENCES

**COMPUTERS
FREEDOM
AND PRIVACY**

**17th CONFERENCE ON COMPUTERS, FREEDOM AND PRIVACY****(May 1-4, 2007, Montreal, Canada)**

The **Computers, Freedom & Privacy Conference** (1) has been a leading venue for public debate on the future of computing, privacy and freedom in the online world for the past 16 years. Join us for our 17th year with key representatives from government, business, education, and non-profits; including the legal, law enforcement, security, media, consumer, and hacker communities. We will gather together to discuss policy trends, security issues and to help map the future of society and new technologies.

(1) <http://www.cfp2007.org/live/english/index.html>

E-ACCESS '07**(May 2, 2007, London, UK)**

E-Access Bulletin's third annual conference and exhibition (1) on access to technology by people with disabilities is a high-level event drawing together all the strands needed for modern public and private sector organisations to draw up progressive policies on access. Whether you are a public sector body, a supplier of information technology, an educational institution, a bank, a private sector provider of goods or services, or simply an organisation that provides at least some of your information or services digitally, this is the place to find out more about how to comply with the law; what elements to include in your access policies and strategies; and find out about the latest in access technology.

(1) <http://www.headstar-events.com/eaccess07/>

2007 NATIONAL CONFERENCE: THE SPIRIT OF INQUIRY (May 14-16, 2007, Montreal, Canada)

Concordia University is pleased to partner with McGraw-Hill Ryerson to host the **2007 McGraw-Hill Ryerson National Teaching, Learning and Technology Conference Series (1)**. The conference will provide a forum for faculty, students and staff to focus on innovative strategies, new technologies and methodologies to improve and enhance the quality of higher education through the spirit of inquiry.

(1) <http://spirit-of-inquiry.concordia.ca/>

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TECHKNOWFILE 2007: BUILDING BLOCKS OF INNOVATION (May 15-16, 2007, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada)



The **TechKnowFile** conference (1) now in its fourth year, is the locus for sharing and disseminating knowledge and information. Objectives of the conference are: providing a forum for staff communication and awareness, demonstrating innovative computer system technologies, sharing knowledge and finding out the University's strategy for IT in the coming years.

(1) <http://www.techknowfile.utoronto.ca/overview.htm>

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6th BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL TRIPLE HELIX CONFERENCE ON UNIVERSITY-INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT LINKS (May 16-18, 2007, National University of Singapore, Singapore)

Triple Helix VI 2007 (1) will provide a global forum for academic scholars from different disciplinary perspectives as well as policy makers, university administrators and private sector leaders from different countries to exchange and share new learning about the diverse emerging models of the entrepreneurial university, the changing dynamics of University- Industry- Government interactions around the world and the complex roles of the university in local, regional and national economic development.

(1) <http://www.nus.edu.sg/nec/TripleHelix6/index.htm>

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NET SQUARED (May 29-30, 2007, San Jose, USA)



In May 2007, 350 members of the **NetSquared** (1) community are invited to the Cisco campus to participate in accelerating 20 great projects that utilize the technologies, tools and communities of the social web to create societal impact in a sustainable fashion. We will accelerate these projects by

providing cash awards from the newly created Technology Innovation Fund and by connecting them with funders, developers, ntps, and other people and organizations that can help the projects attain the next level.

(1) <http://www.netsquared.org/2007/conference>

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**ELPUB 2007: 11th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING
(June 13-15, 2007, Vienna, Austria)**



Note: Registration for **ELPUB 2007** (1) is now open! The conference is devoted to examining the full spectrum of "openness" in digital publishing, from open source applications for content creation to open distribution of content, and open standards to facilitate sharing and open access. **Leslie Chan** (UTSC, KMDI) is Chair of the ELPUB 2007 Programme Committee, and **Gale Moore** (SOC, KMDI) is a member. ELPUB 2008 will be held in Toronto.

(1) <http://www.elpub.net/>

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**5th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON IT IN ASIA
(July 10-12, 2007, Kuching, Sarawak)**

The International Conference on IT in Asia (1) reflects the increasing focus on issues concerned with ICTs in developing countries. The main aim of the conference was to examine the continuing roles of ICTs within the prevailing challenges of development faced by the region. The focus of the 2007 conference will be on Social Computing.

(1) <http://www.cita07.org/index.html>

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**NORTH AMERICAN COMPUTERS AND PHILOSOPHY 2007
(July 26-28, 2007, Loyola University, Chicago, USA)**



The **NA-CAP conference** (1) and its counterparts around the world aim to promote scholarly dialog on topics of interest at the intersection of computers and philosophy. This year's conference theme is **Free and Open Source Software (FOSS)** and the **Open Access** movement in journal publishing. NA-CAP is the North American chapter of the **International Association for Computers and Philosophy**.

(1) <http://na-cap.osi.luc.edu/>

(2) <http://ia-cap.org/>

Paper and Workshop Submissions—March 30, 2007

**4th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT
(August 27-28, 2007, Vienna, Austria)**

ICKM 2007 (1) carries on the ICKM idea of joining forces in research and practice by bringing together practitioners, developers, academics and users in the different areas of knowledge management. Workshop tracks covering knowledge policy, innovation, intellectual capital, leadership, knowledge strategies, information and communication technologies as well as organization are a powerful tool employed to bridge the gap between academia and practitioners. The conference and the workshops serve as a platform for networking, practical applications and exchange for research ideas.

(1) <http://www.executiveacademy.at/executive-academy-mainsite/ickm/index>

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**BERLIN 5 OPEN ACCESS CONFERENCE
(September 19-21, 2007, Padua, Italy)**

The theme of the **Berlin 5 Open Access Conference** (1) is: “From Practice to Impact: Consequences on Knowledge Dissemination”. The conference will be to bring together the various initiatives and key players within the Open Access movement in order to maintain the enthusiasm of all people involved in the Open Access field, have an overview of the developing tools that sustain Open Access in scientific data and cultural heritage dissemination, and develop the effective strategies that can contribute to the construction and implementation of this new paradigm of the scholarly communication world.

(1) <http://oa.mpg.de/openaccess-padua/index.html>

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Abstract Submission—June 15, 2007

**8th ANNUAL ADVANCES IN QUALITATIVE METHODS CONFERENCE
(September 21-24, 2007, Banff, Canada)**

This conference (1) is unique in its diversity – It truly is international and interdisciplinary. Previous AQM conferences have attracted visitors from all continents, representing more than 30 countries overall, in academic disciplines including business, dentistry, education, geography, nursing, medicine, anthropology, information science, sociology and history.

(1) <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/iqmqm2007.cfm>

Proposal Submissions—April 19, 2007

**3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON E-GOVERNMENT
(September 27-28, 2007, University of Quebec in Montreal, Montreal, Canada)**

The International Conference on e-Government (1) invites researchers, practitioners and academics to present their research findings, work in progress and conceptual advances in any branch of e-Government. The meeting brings together varied groups of people with different perspectives together into one location, for the purposes of helping practitioners find ways to put research into practice, and for researchers to gain an understanding of additional real-world problems. This conference also features a mini track on **Software and Interoperability issues in e-Government**. The aims of this mini track are to draw attention to several interesting issues and different perspectives about software usage, problems and solutions within the public sector.

(1) <http://www.academic-conferences.org/iceg/iceg2007/iceg2007-home.htm>

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Paper Submissions—May 25, 2007

**ASSETS 2007
(October 14-17, 2007, Temple, USA)**



The **ASSETS** (1) series of conferences is aimed at providing a technical forum for presenting and disseminating innovative research results that address the use of computing and information technologies to help persons with disabilities. The ASSETS meetings are developed with the specific focus of facilitating sharing of information, exchange of ideas, through formal paper sessions, demonstrations, posters, and informal/social events. To this purpose, ASSETS is a single track conference to encourage group participation and interactions.

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