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The KMDiary is an electronic newsletter for sharing ideas and information of interest to the University of Toronto's Knowledge Media Design Institute (KMDI) community.



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Students in the KMDI Collaborative Program have launched three new initiatives this month - a space in the wiki world and two speaker series. The first series focuses on graduate research in progress while the other is about connecting with former students and encouraging them to share their experiences with current students. **Joseph Ferenbok** will be giving the first talk in the research series this Thursday (see *Announcements* below).

We were delighted that John Willinsky (1), in town from Stanford for a public event in support of Open Medicine (2), was able to give a seminar at KMDI while he was here. In a lively presentation on scholarly communication entitled *The Monograph Meets Facebook: Knowledge Mashup or Just Friends* (3) John considered innovative ways in which this early and in many disciplines favoured form, could not only survive but thrive in the digital era. John will be back in Toronto for EIPub 2008 (4) which KMDI is hosting in June. This year's theme is open scholarship and will be of interest to scholars and students across the disciplines. A reminder that the deadline for submission of abstracts to EIPub is January 20th.

Two institute seminar series will also launch in the spring term – one on design research and the other a series in which faculty will present their latest work. The latter was a popular series in 2004 (5) when we ran it as part of creating Stepping Up: KMDI's academic plan (6). 25 faculty members have joined the institute since then so it's time to do this again. If you would like to present your work in progress, please get in touch with me.

The KMDI Five-year Review Committee has been struck and the membership will be announced in the *UofT Bulletin* this week. The external assessors visit on December 10th and 11th.

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Thanks to Alec McGillivray, a senior policy advisor in the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation who is featured in this month's photo snapped at a recent research meeting on innovation. In what might be described as a hardware mash-up the photo was taken with a cell phone while Alec speaks on a traditional handset plugged into a Blackberry! Seems better than speaking through your cheek! Now if only someone can come up with a cool place to put the receiver when it's not in use...

The fall term is almost over. I look forward to seeing student projects over the next two weeks and to celebrating the beginning of the holiday season.

Gale Moore

Director

- (1) <http://pkp.sfu.ca/node/834>
- (2) <http://www.openmedicine.ca/>
- (3) http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/events/documents/John_Willinsky_Seminar_Nov22-07.pdf
- (4) <http://www.elpub.net/>
- (5) <http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/events/#building>
- (6) http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/about/documents/KMDI%20Academic%20Plan_FINAL_.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, Nov. 29th

Bahen Centre Room 7231

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Joseph Ferenbok (PhD candidate, FIS & KMDI Fellow) will give the first talk (1) in **In-Process**; a new series of research talks by KMDI collaborative program graduate students and fellows. The talk, entitled *Transforming Faces* will explore the social and cultural dimensions of the face as a technology of institutional identification.

- (1) <http://www.encorewiki.org/display/KMDI/Transforming+Faces>

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Nomination Deadline—December 3, 2007

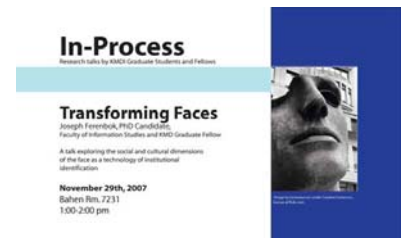
NOMINATE AN ARTIST OR ARTS ORGANIZATION FOR THE PREMIER'S AWARDS



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If you know an artist or arts organization that inspires you, nominate them for the **Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts (1)**. Artists and arts organizations engaged in any professional arts practice are eligible for the award. These include, but are not limited to: community arts, crafts, dance, music, opera, theatre, visual and media arts, writing or cultural industries such as book and magazine publishing, digital media, film, television and sound recording.

- (1) <http://www.arts.on.ca/Page1682.aspx>



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ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION AND PRIVACY CONFERENCE**(Monday, December 3, 2007, Ottawa)**

Recent high-profile security breaches make clear the importance of taking steps to protect sensitive personal information. The third annual Electronic Health Information and Privacy conference will continue to address contemporary privacy concerns with the adoption of information technology in health care and health research. Some of this year's themes are: current privacy enhancing technologies; how new technologies affect our privacy (eg RFIDs and nanotechnology); the Canadian public's opinion; implementation of electronic health records; de-identification of clinical and DNA data and global personal health data flows. For more information see (1).

(1) <http://www.ehip.ca>**UNIVERSAL DESIGN WORKSHOP: "PRODUCT AND SPACE DESIGN WORKSHOP: STAYING HOME"****(December 4, 2007, Design Exchange, 234 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario)**

Design Exchange in partnership with UofT's **Health Care, Technology and Place (HCTP)** present the "Product and Space Design Workshop: Staying Home" (1) with HCTP Mentors Alex Mihailidis and Jill Cameron, and HCTP Post Doctoral Fellow Sandra McKay. This workshop will give participants a chance to analyze case studies focused on the mobility and spatial needs of the aging population, in multi-disciplinary groups. This session will provide invaluable insight into current geriatric-based problem-solving techniques. Participants will include professional designers, health sciences researchers and other stake holders.

(1) <http://www.dx.org/universal/>**THE VIRTUAL WATER COOLER: AROUND THE COMMUNITY****NEW KMDI GRADUATE STUDENT SPACE IN THE WIKI WORLD**

There is a new KMDI graduate **student space** in the wiki world (1). This wiki is meant to promote collaboration between fellow KMDI students and faculty, announce events, and exchange ideas regarding shared research interests. Information that is currently posted includes the minutes from the first (ever!) student organizational meeting, which was held on September 28, 2007, and information about the In-Process student talks.

(1) <http://www.encorewiki.org/display/KMDI/KMDI+student+community>

KMDI GRADUATE STUDENTS LAUNCH TWO SERIES OF TALKS



In-Process is a new series of research talks with presentations by KMDI collaborative program graduate students and fellows. **Joseph Ferenbok** (PhD candidate, FIS, KMDI) gives the first talk on Thursday, November 29th (see *Announcements*)

Second, a new series of professional development activities is planned to link KMD Collaborative Program alumni and current students in discussion, collaboration, and creating opportunities. **Dave Gillis**, a graduate of the Faculty of Information Studies and a KMD alumnus will give the first talk in this series in early December (watch the KMDigest for details). Dave works in interaction design and information architecture at Teehan+Lax (1) a user interface/web design shop in Toronto. Teehan+Lax is well known for its gorgeous designs with a Web 2.0 edge. The company even created its own UX Fund that reveals the bottom line of good design (2).

(1) <http://teehanlax.com>

(2) <http://www.teehanlax.com/blog/?p=293>

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CASCON^[2007] has been and gone, but the archives are now open and a number of the workshop presentations are available (1). This includes presentations by **Bob Sutor**, **Gabby Silberman** and **Steve Malkiewicz** from the *Open Innovation Workshop* organised by **Gale Moore** (KMDI, SOC) and **Chris Paterson** (IBM) (2).

(1) <https://www-927.ibm.com/ibm/cas/archives/2007/workshops/index.shtml>

(2) <https://www-927.ibm.com/ibm/cas/archives/2007/workshops/workshop45.shtml>



In October, **Leslie Chan** (UTSC, KMDI) participated via teleconference on “The Future of Institutional Repositories” at the **American Society for Information Science and Technology** (ASIS&T) meeting (1) held in Milwaukee. The theme for this year’s meeting was: *Joining Research and Practice: Social Computing and Information Science*.

(1) <http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM07/>



On November 21st and 22nd, **Leslie Chan** (UTSC, KMDI) participated in the **Southern African Regional Universities Open Access Leadership Summit** (1) in Gaborone, Botswana. The International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC) was a key sponsor of the event, and Leslie’s travel was supported by the **Electronic Information for Library** program (2). During the event Leslie gave a presentation titled “Centering the Knowledge Periphery through Open Access: Case studies and Best Practices”, chaired a session on Open Access and Intellectual Property, and

participated in the drafting and facilitation of the signing of an OA declaration for SARUA member universities.

- (1) <http://www.sarua.org:8180/web/guest/openaccessandagm>
- (2) http://www.eifl.net/cps/sections/services/eifl-oa/oa_calendar/event/20070926T160428-storage-263@openxchange



Congratulations to **Kelly Rankin** (KMDI), whose multimedia project series, *On a Tear*, has been accepted for showing at the **Art Lounge** (1) in UofT's Art Centre. Kelly describes the series as "a reaction to spending a prolonged period of time at my computer working on digital media projects. The act of tearing paper and photographing the resulting collages made me aware of the effects of being deskbound. It also reminded me of the significance of the body to the creative process." The series will be displayed from November 27 through January 2008.

- (1) http://www.utoronto.ca/artcentre/news/art_lounge.html



On Saturday, November 10, 2007, **Nina Czegledy** (KMDI Senior Fellow) moderated a debate on Art & Science & Media Art Education: A Discourse on Initiatives" at the **Mutamorphosis: Challenging Arts and Sciences** (1) international conference in Prague. This event forms part of the **Leonardo Educational Forum's** (2) event series.

- (1) <http://www.mutamorphosis.org>
- (2) <http://leonardo.info/isast/lef.html>

Then, on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 Nina and Daniela Reimann moderated a one day meeting of international and regional educational experts entitled, "At the Crossroads of Art, Technology and Education", a cross-disciplinary expert meeting to discuss responsive media art education culture in the 21st century. The meeting formed part of the **re:place 2007** (1) second international conference on the histories of media, art, science and technology on behalf of the **Leonardo Educational Forum** (2) in Berlin.

- (1) <http://tamtam.mi2.hr/replace/>
- (2) <http://leonardo.info/isast/lef.html>

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TEACHING ASSISTANTS' TRAINING PROGRAM

The **Teaching Assistants' Training Program** [TATP] is a peer-training program for currently-registered students who will be working as teaching assistants for UofT courses. The program is available free-of-charge and students need not necessarily hold a teaching appointment in order to participate. The TATP offers many services including a fall and winter seminar series, a certificate

program, awards in recognition of outstanding teaching by TAs, a resource library (print, video and web) and individual consultations.

(1) <http://www.utoronto.ca/tatp/>

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SCOTIABANK INFORMATION COMMONS NEWMEDIA SUITES

The **Scotiabank Information Commons NewMedia Suites** (1) on the first floor of the Robarts Library offers students and faculty the ability to integrate and edit audio and video material to create exciting media-rich course assignments and teaching tools. Students and faculty must complete a free certification course prior to using the suites.

(1) <http://www.utoronto.ca/ic/newmedia/index.html>

OTHER NEWS

REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

During 2006, a Working Group was convened to review the status of post-doctoral fellows at the UofT as the current **Policy and Administrative Procedures for Engagement of Post-doctoral Fellows** dates from 2002. The purpose of the policy is to clearly define the role of post-doctoral fellows and to ensure that they are treated in a fair and consistent manner across the institution. At the time the policies were approved, the University elected not to implement mandatory registration. The experience to date with the policy and administrative procedures suggests that we are not achieving all the objectives. The Working Group recommended that while there was no need to change the current policy, some changes to the current administrative procedures are required. To find out more information visit the Provost's website (1).

(1) <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/policy/postdoc.htm>

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CFI BOARD APPROVES PROCESS FOR MOVING FORWARD ON MAJOR RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING COMPETITION



The Board of Directors of the **Canada Foundation for Innovation** (1) has approved the launch of a formal Call for Proposals, based on the allocation of \$510 million to CFI in Budget 2007. This decision by the Board of Directors comes after an extensive pan-

Canadian consultation process by the CFI that included: client institutions, provinces, private-sector partners, and other funding organizations involved in Canada's research and development enterprise. Based on these consultations, the CFI is finalizing the refinement of its current suite of funding programs to meet the evolving needs of its client institutions, in alignment with the Government of Canada's S&T Strategy – Mobilizing Science and Technology to Canada's


Advantage. As part of our ongoing commitment to operating in an open, transparent and accountable manner, the CFI will be communicating the details related to the formal call for proposals with client institutions in the near future.

Source: CFI website, Oct. 25/07

(1) <http://www.innovation.ca/index.cfm>

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ONTARIO ANNOUNCES \$165 MILLION VENTURE CAPITAL FUND

 **Ontario** A new \$165-million **Ontario Venture Capital Fund** will help create the jobs of the future by boosting cutting-edge companies here in the province, says Premier Dalton McGuinty. “Working together with sophisticated corporate and institutional investors, we can help Ontario's innovative thinkers take their ideas to the next level,” said Premier McGuinty. “And that will generate prosperity and good, high-paying jobs for Ontarians in the future.”

Source: Government of Ontario website, Nov. 14/07

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CANADIAN GREENS ADD FOSS TO ELECTRON PLATFORM

 Thanks to a founding member of **Free Geek Vancouver** (1), the **Green Party of Canada** (2) has quietly become the first major political party in Canada to make support for **free and open source software** (FOSS) part of its election platform. Like officials in the Green Party of England and Wales, deputy leader Adriane Carr sees the move as compatible with basic Green ideas, but IT consultant Neil Adair also points out the move serves the practical purpose of helping the party match the technical resources of more established parties.


Source: Linux News, Nov. 2/07

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

(2) <http://www.greenparty.ca>

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YOUTUBE LAUNCHES IN CANADA

 The world's most popular video-sharing website has launched a Canadian version (1) which went live Monday night. At a press conference yesterday morning, company officials said the new site is designed to promote Canadian-generated content.

Source: Globe and Mail, Nov. 7/07

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

DISABILITY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH ALLIANCE RELEASE FINDINGS



Until the end of this year, the **Disability and Information Technologies (Dis-IT) Research Alliance** (1) will be releasing findings from its various research themes, action-oriented fact sheets and papers, and other documents about Dis-IT's work and events. Most will be bilingual releases and will be available on the Dis-IT website and/or websites of partner organizations. The Dis-IT Research Alliance was supported by grants from the Initiative on the New Economy program of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

(1) <http://www.dis-it.ca>

OPEN DOCUMENT FORMAT GAINS MORE SUPPORT

The first international workshop of Open Document Format (ODF) public sector users took place in Berlin on 29-30 October 2007, hosted by the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany. The position of the German Foreign Office, as host of the event, was made very clear. The Federal Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, in his opening word, called ODF "a completely open and ISO-standardized format", considering it an "excellent basis" for "a free exchange of knowledge and information in a time of globalization". The Foreign Office has already linked its foreign missions in a network using open-source programs and shifted to OpenOffice and Linux operation systems on their laptops and has in view to extend this program to all diplomatic workstations by the middle of 2008.

Source: EDRI-gram newsletter - Number 5.21, 7 Nov. 07

MEDIA X RESEARCHERS TO EXPLORE FUSION BETWEEN THE VIRTUAL AND REAL WORLDS



Stanford University's **Media X** (1) brings together academic researchers and industry partners to study interactive communications and technology by integrating communications, engineering, humanities, law, medicine, business, and design studies. Media X has the support of Stanford's President, Provost, and relevant Deans who have each offered guidance and resources to insure its success (2). Media X grants have been awarded to seven multidisciplinary teams of researchers dedicated to exploring how people use and share information and collaborate in virtual worlds. "The fusion of virtual and physical worlds for advanced communications represents a new field of interdisciplinary inquiry," says communication professor Byron Reeves, co-founder of Media X and the Human Sciences and Technologies Advanced Research Institute (H-STAR).

Source: Stanford University News, Oct. 31/07

- (1) <http://mediax.stanford.edu/>
- (2) <http://mediax.stanford.edu/about/leadership.html>

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GOOGLE'S SOCIAL NETWORK: ALL OF THEM

Google has launched *OpenSocial*, a platform for building social networks. Unlike *Facebook*, *OpenSocial* is not a consumer destination. Rather, it's a way for developers to more easily build social networks, and to link them and their users to other *OpenSocial* nets. Very clever. But *Facebook* is still the consumer network to beat (1).

Source: WebWare News, Oct. 30/07

- (1) http://www.webware.com/8301-1_109-9808145-2.html?tag=nl.e776

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GOOGLE OUTLINES THE OPEN HANDSET ALLIANCE



Google rolled out its mobile plans Monday in a group it calls the **Open Handset Alliance**, an effort that encompasses the search giant's Android software and a bevy of partners. **Andy**

Rubin, director of mobile platforms at Google, wrote in a post (1): "Despite all of the very interesting speculation over the last few months, we're not announcing a Gphone. However, we think what we are announcing — the Open Handset Alliance and Android — is more significant and ambitious than a single phone. In fact, through the joint efforts of the members of the Open Handset Alliance, we hope Android will be the foundation for many new phones and will create an entirely new mobile experience for users, with new applications and new capabilities we can't imagine today."

Source: ZDNet, Nov. 5/07

- (1) <http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2007/11/wheres-my-gphone.html>

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Deadline for submissions: January 7, 2008

INTERNET2 IDEA AWARDS TO RECOGNIZE REVOLUTIONARY USES OF ADVANCED NETWORKING

The Internet2 IDEA awards are designed to showcase Internet2 member projects that apply the latest in advanced networking capabilities to enable transformational progress in research, to enhance teaching and learning, and to potentially increase the impact of next-generation networks around the world. Additional information, submissions guidelines and online application can be found at (1). Winners will be announced at the Internet2 Spring Member Meeting in late April 2008.

- (1) <http://www.internet2.edu/idea/>

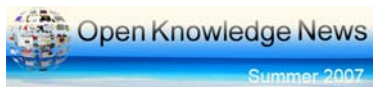
RESOURCES/PUBLICATIONS

STATISTICS CANADA RELEASES NEW REPORT IN CONNECTEDNESS SERIES

Statistics Canada has released in the Connectedness Series “Connecting with Canadians: Assessing the use of Government On-Line” (1). This study examines the patterns of use for government online information and services among adult Canadians, using results from the 2005 Canadian Internet Use Survey (CIUS).

(1) http://e-com.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/ecic-ceac.nsf/en/h_gv00006e.html

OPEN KNOWLEDGE NEWS



The inaugural issue of *Open Knowledge News* (1) was launched this past summer. This newsletter, brought to you by the **Knowledge Media Laboratory** (2) of the **Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching** (3), brings you the news about the newly created educational knowledge exchange space called the **Teaching and Learning Commons** (4) the Knowledge Exchange Exhibition Presentation (KEEP) Toolkit, and other related efforts.

(1) <http://commons.carnegiefoundation.org/newsletter/news0607.html>

(2) <http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/KML/>

(3) <http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/>

(4) <http://commons.carnegiefoundation.org/>

INFORMATION POLITY



The latest edition of *Information Polity* (1) features contributions on the theme of internet governance that will be of interest around the globe, sustaining our commitment to the journal being one that has a truly international standing. The journal is a tangible expression of the awareness that ICT, including the Internet, is of deepening significance for all polities as new forms of government and democratic practice are sought throughout the world.

(1) <http://www.iospress.nl/loadtop/load.php?isbn=15701255>

FORUM ON IDENTITY MANAGEMENT AND DATA SHARING

The **Oxford Internet Institute**, with the support of the **Joint Information Systems Committee** and **Office of the Information Commissioner**, organized a forum in June to provide an opportunity to identify common identity management requirements of public sector agencies. The intention was to help move towards a common vision of what government agencies saw as an appropriate identity

management and data sharing infrastructure, and of how actors in the UK could take steps towards it. A summary of the discussions that took place has been captured in a **discussion paper** (1) describing shared opinions, challenges and ways to move forward. As well, a **webcast** (2) of a public panel discussion that preceded the forum is now available online.

- (1) <http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/research/publications/FD12.pdf>
- (2) http://webcast.oii.ox.ac.uk/?view=Webcast&ID=20070611_201

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THE EXPLOIT: A THEORY OF NETWORKS



In *The Exploit* (1), Alexander R. Galloway and Eugene Thacker challenge the widespread assumption that networks are inherently egalitarian. Instead, they contend that there exist new modes of control entirely native to networks, modes that are at once highly centralized and dispersed, corporate and subversive. In this provocative book, they argue that a whole new topology must be invented to resist and reshape the network form.

- (1) http://www.upress.umn.edu/Books/G/galloway_exploit.html

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INTERNET AND SOCIETY: SOCIAL THEORY IN THE INFORMATION AGE

In this book (1), **Christian Fuchs** discusses how the internet has transformed the lives of human beings and social relationships in contemporary society. By outlining a social theory of the internet and the information society, he shows how the ecological, economic, political, and cultural systems of contemporary society have been transformed by new ICTs. Fuchs highlights how new forms of cooperation and competition are advanced and supported by the internet in subsystems of society and also discusses opportunities and risks of the information society.

- (1) <http://fuchs.icts.sbg.ac.at/i&s.html>

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IPv6 FACT SHEET RELEASED




Recently, **ICANN** published an **IPv6 fact sheet**, which the organization describes as “an explanation of the protocol upgrade for a non-technical audience in the hope of enlarging public understanding surrounding this and related issues.” The fact sheet briefly reviews the technology behind IPv6, explains why it is needed, why uptake has been slow, and outlines why a move to the protocol should be considered soon by many organisations and governments.

- (1) <http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-26oct07.htm>

COOL TOOLS

TWITTER: WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

 **Twitter** (1) is a service for friends, family, and co-workers to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: *What are you doing?* As written in the *New York Times*, “What is different about ‘quick blogging’ tools like Twitter (which imposes a strict character count so it can be easily used on a cell phone) and Tumblr (which allows longer messages as well as photographs) is the degree to which people use them for spontaneous and almost continuous communication. Mainly, they describe the minutiae of their day, but when their lives take more dramatic turns, they often take the network along in real time.”

Source: New York Times, Nov. 4/07 (2)

(1) <http://twitter.com/>

(2) http://www.nytimes.com/2007/11/04/fashion/04twitter.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

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MICROSOFT LIVE LABS INTRODUCES LISTAS



Microsoft's Live Labs is developing **Listas** (1), a new Internet tool designed to offer a way of organizing online content. Listas is based on creating lists, either by typing in original content, taking clippings from Web pages, or reading and editing public lists. The lists can include almost any type of content, including images and videos, can be public or private, and can be tagged to make searching easier. Listas also allows users to acknowledge each other as “friends”. Lists made by a user, that user’s friends, and public lists the user links to are all collected on a single page. Downloading and installing the optional Listas toolbar, which works with Internet Explorer, makes it easier to select items from Web pages such as text, URLs, blog posts, or product listings and add them to a list.

Source: Technology Review, Nov. 2/07

(1) <http://listas.labs.live.com/>

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mySKITCH



mySkitch (1) is a webservice that works hand in hand with the application **Skitch** to give you 1-click uploading of images for fast and fun image sharing. When you want to get images quickly and easily online, Skitch + mySkitch is the way to do it. It's perfect for putting images in forums, your myspace page, eBay listings, group chats and when you would generally like to have a collection of photos, snap, scribbles or screen captures online to share with the world.

(1) <http://myskitch.com/>

FREE YOUR ID



If you are tired of having multiple logins for various websites then you may want to check **FreeYourID** (1) out. Many sites today are beginning to have OpenID's which will allow you to access the different websites using your OpenID. As stated by the developers, "Information you want to share is stored in your OpenID and you control who gets what information. Your password is shared with no one - only you know it, and not even the websites you log in to using your OpenID will know your password."

Source: CoolWebFinds, Oct. 21/07

(1) <http://freeyourid.com/>

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE EXHIBITION PRESENTATION (KEEP) TOOLKIT



The **KEEP Toolkit** is a set of web-based tools that help teachers, students and institutions quickly create compact and engaging knowledge

representations on the Web. With the KEEP Toolkit you can: select and organize teaching and learning materials; prompt analysis and reflection by using templates; transform materials and reflections into visually appealing and intellectually engaging representations; share ideas for peer-review, assessment, and collective knowledge building; simplify the technical tasks and facilitate knowledge exchange and dissemination. The KEEP Toolkit is a project of the **Knowledge Media Lab** (2) at the **Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching** (3).

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

(2) <http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/KML/>

(3) <http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/>

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/SYMPOSIA

KALEIDOSCOPE 2007 SYMPOSIUM

(November 26-27, 2007, Berlin, Germany)



The **Kaleidoscope Network of Excellence** brings together over 90 research labs and institutions and more than 1000 researchers from across Europe and Canada. The **2007 Kaleidoscope Symposium** (1) will present the tangible outcomes of work undertaken over the last four years, and help define the future of Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL). The Symposium will enable participants to: appreciate the impact Kaleidoscope has made, and could continue to make within research in TEL; understand how research communities define and communicate excellence and envisage what the implications of this could be; and explore and shape plans for the continuity of TEL research agendas in Europe.

(1) <http://www.no-kaleidoscope.org/group/symposium/>

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EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN E-BUSINESS: THEORIES, METHODS AND APPLICATIONS
(January 24-25, 2008, Caledonian Business School, Newcastle)



The development of massively multiplayer online role play games (MMORPGs) in e-Business are not only posing serious challenges and opportunities in terms of new technologies and applications in different contexts, but also posing serious methodological challenges for researchers to effectively make sense of what is happening in a timely and robust fashion. This **e-Business & e-Government Special Interest Group Workshop** (1) invites academics and practitioners to explore emerging opportunities and challenges in e-Business.

(1) http://www.ebusiness-newcastle.com/news/events/08_01_ebusiness.php

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BEYOND THE HYPE: WEB 2.0
(February 1-2, 2008, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane)



The aim of the **symposium** (1) is to look beyond the hype of Web 2.0 and provide interesting and practical information so people can make up their own minds. This social network has been created as a forum for you, the members and interested parties, to come and play with the technology and other interesting bits that we/you find. The site has links to Web technologies, ways to practice using some of the more common ones, cool and interesting things to help, and some fun stuff. It's all up to you!

(1) <http://beyondthehype.ning.com/>

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NETWORKED INFORMATION PROCESSING AND CHANGING ATTITUDES OR PRIVACY IN JAPAN
(February 14, 2008, Oxford Internet Institute, UK)

The Oxford Internet Institute (OII) has announced that Dr. Andrew A. Adams, School of Systems Engineering, Reading University, will be discussing the **perception of privacy in Japan** (1). There is a myth amongst researchers that there is no such thing as 'Privacy' in Japan. Dr Adams refutes that and shows that the advent of networked information processing of personal data has brought Japanese attitudes to information privacy to a highly similar position to Western attitudes.

(1) <http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/events/details.cfm?id=165>

Abstract Submissions—December 17, 2007

CALL FOR PAPERS: INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

The Conference Board of Canada
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The **Conference Board of Canada** (1), with support from The **Department of Canadian Heritage** (2), is organizing an **International Forum on the Creative Economy**. The conference will take place in Ottawa/Gatineau on March 17 to 18, 2008. Submissions by academics, think tanks, research agencies, and not-for-profit and business professionals are invited. Working papers and new research that is underway by graduate students are welcome. For more information, or to submit an abstract visit the site (3).

- (1) <http://www.conferenceboard.ca/>
- (2) http://www.pch.gc.ca/index_e.cfm
- (3) <http://www.conferenceboard.ca/culture/default.htm>

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Paper Deadline—January 25, 2008

PERVASIVE PERSUASIVE TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

(May 19-22, Sydney, Australia)

Environmental sustainability and climate change are issues which must no longer be ignored by anyone, any industry or any academic community. The pervasive technology, ubiquitous computing and HCI community is slowly waking up to these global concerns. The key theme of this **workshop** (1) around environmental sustainability will be addressed threefold: providing people with environmental data and educational information, understanding the impact of pervasive technology from an ecological perspective, and addressing the 21st century digital divide.

- (1) <http://www.urbaninformatics.net/green/>

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MOBILEACTIVE07

(November 24-25, 2007, Sao Paulo, Brazil)



MobileActive07 (1) convenes people from all over the world using mobile phones in their social change work. Participants include nonprofit practitioners using phones in their organizations in innovative and creative ways, mobile technologists, and researchers studying the use of mobile phones, artists and activists. Participants explore how mobiles are used in advocacy, education, health, and democratic participation. MobileActive07 is held at MobileFest, the world's foremost mobile art and culture festival.

- (1) <http://mobileactive.nonprofitsoapbox.com/index.php>
- (2) <http://www.mobilefest.com.br/>

DESIGNING FOR THE 21st CENTURY: USING WEB 2.0 TECHNOLOGIES (AND SOCIAL NETWORKING TOOLS) FOR SOCIAL ACTION
(March 11-12, 2008, London, UK)



Social networking tools and Web 2.0 are this year's talking points. But the chatter hides their growing history as means to contact, link and engage a broad range of friends, strangers, existing and emergent groups in forms of work and play that build (or challenge) civil society. Their effect has been seen in charity fundraising, community decision-making and political mobilisation. But tools alone don't make things happen. This **conference** (1) is an opportunity to explore the practices that lead to change and share ideas about the use of these tools to democratise consultation processes, win hearts and minds and the rest.

(1) http://www.technologyandsocialaction.org/designing_for_the_21st_century

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Call for Papers—December 1, 2007

DOCAM '08
(March 28-29, 2008, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA)

DOCAM '08 (1) is the fifth Annual meeting of the Document Academy, an international network of scholars, artists and professionals in various fields interested in the exploration of the document as a useful approach, concept and tool in Sciences, Arts, Business, and Society. The aim of The Document Academy is to create an interdisciplinary space for experimental and critical research on documents in a wide sense, drawing on traditions and experiences around the world.

(1) <http://thedocumentacademy.org/?q=node/16>

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IST-AFRICA 2008
(May 14-16, 2008, Windhoek, Namibia)



IST-Africa 2008 (1) will focus on Applied ICT research topics addressing major societal and economic challenges, which is part of the European Commission's Information Communications Technologies (ICT) programme. The programme combines strategic keynote presentations, technical and policy papers, case studies, workshops, an exhibition and social activities.

(1) <http://www.ist-africa.org/Conference2008/default.asp>

Abstract Submission—December 1, 2007

**FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF QUALITATIVE INQUIRY: ETHICS,
EVIDENCE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
(May 14-17, 2008, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)**

The **Fourth Congress** (1) will allow participants to explore the relationship between these three terms and that these relationships mean for qualitative inquiry in this new century. The Congress will offer the international community of qualitative research scholars the opportunity to engage in debate on ethical, epistemological, methodological and social justice issues.

(1) <http://www.icqi.org/>

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Paper Submissions—December 1, 2007

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
(May 18-20, 2008, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada)**



The **International Conference on Information Resources Management** (Conf-IRM) (1) provides a peer-reviewed forum for researchers from across the globe to share contemporary research on developments in the fields of information systems and information management. It seeks to promote effective and vibrant networking among researchers and practitioners from around the world who are concerned about the effective management of information resources in organizations.

(1) <http://www.sprott.carleton.ca/conf-irm/index.htm>

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Proposal Deadline—February 1, 2008

**PORTAL 2008 CONFERENCE
(June 3-6, 2008, Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania)**



Portals are fast becoming an integral part of the educational community and institutions are at a variety of levels of implementations. Some are just beginning to formulate a plan, while others have years of maturity behind their implementation. No matter where an institution is within the process, this **conference** (1) will help attendees focus the vision towards their portal.

(1) <https://biz.gettysburg.edu/it/portal08/index.cfm>

Abstracts Due—January 15, 2008

CYBERTHERAPY 2008
(June 23-25, 2008, San Diego, USA)



The **2008 CyberTherapy Conference** (1) brings together researchers, clinicians, and funders to share and discuss advancements in the growing discipline of CyberTherapy. Conference attendees have the opportunity to play a role in designing the future of mental healthcare.

(1) http://www.interactivemediainstitute.com/index_conf.html

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Abstract Submissions—December 6, 2007

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON E-LEARNING
(June 26-27, 2008, University of Cape Town, South Africa)

The **International Conference on e-Learning** (1) invites researchers, practitioners and academics to present their research findings, work in progress, case studies and conceptual advances in areas of work where education and technology intersect. The conference brings together varied groups of people with different perspectives, experiences and knowledge in one location. It aims to help practitioners find ways of putting research into practice and researchers to gain an understanding of real-world problems, needs and aspirations.

(1) <http://academic-conferences.org/icel/icel2008/icel08-home.htm>

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Paper Submissions Due—February 15, 2008

DIRECTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS OF ADVANCED COMPUTING; CONFERENCE ON ONLINE DELIBERATION (DIAC-2008/OD2008)
(June 26-29, 2008, University of California, Berkeley)

DIAC-08 (1) combines CPSR's 11th DIAC symposium with the third Conference on Online Deliberation. The joint conference is intended to provide a platform and a forum for highlighting socio-technological opportunities, challenges, and pitfalls in the area of community and civic action. Technology enhanced community action ranges from informal communities of practice to democratic governance of formal organizations to large social movements.

(1) <http://www.publicsphereproject.org/events/diac08/>

Paper Submissions—December 10, 2007

EDUTAINMENT 2008
(June 28-30, 2007, Nanjing Normal University, China)



Edutainment, the International Conference on E-learning and Games (1), is an international yearly forum

for researchers to share their latest research output on the development and application of e-learning and digital entertainment systems. This third conference will include plenary invited talks, workshops, tutorials, paper presentation tracks and panel discussions.

(1) <http://edutainment2008.eegame.cn/>

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Abstract Submission—December 17, 2007

8th EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON E-GOVERNMENT
(July 10-11, 2008, Ecole Polytechnique, Lausanne, Switzerland)

e-Government encompasses more than just technology – it challenges the way in which public sector service providers and citizens interact. Democratic renewal, the transformation of service delivery, community leadership and citizenship integration are all key elements of this fascinating subject. The **European Conference on e-Government (1)** has become, over the years, the premier place for critically discussing the latest research in matters of electronic government and electronic governance more generally.

(1) <http://academic-conferences.org/eceg/eceg2008/eceg08-home.htm>

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