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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



These are busy times for KMDI.

Our 2009 year-long celebratory lecture series entitled KMDIat13 begins on Thursday January 15th with a session on Internet social networks and commerce featuring Profs. Barry Wellman (Sociology and KMDI) and Mark Fox (MIE and KMDI); continues on Tuesday February 10th focusing on leveling the playing field for citizen intelligence with Prof. Ron Deibert, (Political Science and KMDI) and for optimal health with Prof. Alex Jadad, (eHealth Innovation and KMDI); moves on Thursday February 26th to the topic of supporting teaching and learning with Profs. Jim Slotta, Clare Brett, and Jim Hewitt, (all Curriculum Teaching and Learning, OISE/UT, and

KMDI); and wraps up Part I of the series on Thursday March 12th with a focus on technology and cognition featuring Profs. Ron Baecker (Computer Science and KMDI) and Ian Spence (Psychology and KMDI). Another 9 interesting sessions are planned for the April-June and September-December time frames. All sessions will be webcast live and archived using ePresence Interactive Media.

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We are making progress towards the definition of a professional master's program in Digital Media Innovation and Entrepreneurship. We have begun extensive consultations with students, faculty, industries, and government. Please contact me if you have questions or ideas to contribute.

Meetings with Deans and other academic administrators to select a new administrative home are intensifying, and I am happy to talk to anyone about this individually. We are consulting monthly with our Advisory Board. The membership of the Board will be posted on the website next week, as we begin a refresh of its content.

Please get in touch with me or with Adriana if you have ideas about how better to fulfill our mandate of moving our digital media research and teaching agenda forward.

Here's wishing everyone a maximum of serenity as we try to finish up the school year and move into the holiday season,

Ron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHIPA SUMMIT 2008 (December 2-3, 2008, Toronto, Canada)



Ontario's health information privacy legislation must strike the right balance between allowing health care providers to quickly pass on the information needed for patient care to other health providers, while restricting unauthorized disclosure. Considering that a patient's medical history's security is paramount, especially in this networked age of Web 2.0 technologies, how we continue to manage their information is now more important than ever. Both the PHIPA legislation as well as the electronic records revolution has reinforced the fact that now is the time to better develop information management strategies, especially in the public health sector. The **PHIPA Summit 2008** (1) will provide an opportunity for the health care provider community to share their own experiences with PHIPA over the last few years, to learn best practices from all over the country and to participate in spirited debate and discussion with field leaders.

(1) <http://www.verney.ca/hipa2008/>

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Abstract Submission—December 21, 2008

HOUSING MEMORY – A GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE AT UofT's iSCHOOL (March 13-14, 2009, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada)

The **Faculty of Information at UofT** welcomes original papers from graduate students on the topic of memory and its manifestation in forms such as archives, libraries, museums, information

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systems, texts, and material or digital artifacts. This broad area of inquiry considers the implications of the institutionalization of memory, and engages issues such as policy, practice, politics, history and technology. Especially pertinent to the discussion is an exploration of the influence of information systems on the preservation and transmission of cultural memory. This conference (1) provides students with the opportunity to present and discuss their work with peers, academics, and the larger community of professionals. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of this topic, we invite the participation of students from all fields of study.

(1) <http://housingmemory.ischool.utoronto.ca/?q=home>

THE VIRTUAL WATER COOLER: AROUND THE COMMUNITY

FACULTY OF INFORMATION LAUNCHES INAUGURAL VOLUME OF NEW STUDENT JOURNAL



The **Faculty of Information** at UofT is extremely pleased to announce the inaugural volume of the new student journal, the **Faculty of Information Quarterly** (1). The aim of the journal is to promote conversation within the iSchool movement and its affiliates, including researchers, students and professionals in the field. Information has emerged as the central nexus of all discourse and concern for the 21st century – what is it, where is, how does it effect us, what is its potential? The Faculty strongly believes that a forum is needed to explore and share what is happening in the iField, and that such a conversation requires a more open reign than traditional peer-reviewed publications allow. As such, F/IQ is editor-reviewed and maintains high standards for publication, but it aims to promote a level of openness and familiarity such that members of the iField can speak freely in the journal.

(1) <http://fiq.ischool.utoronto.ca/index.php/fiq>

PROFESSOR JIM SLOTTA SPEAKS AT ICCE IN TAIWAN



Last month at the **International Conference for Computers in Education** in Taiwan, **Professor Jim Slotta** (OISE, Deputy Director of KMDI) gave an invited theme presentation titled, “New ways of teaching and learning in technology-enhanced classrooms.” This talk presented a new model of scaffolded collaborative inquiry that is blended within a knowledge community. It addressed the theoretical basis of the model, as well as its application in the design and implementation of two secondary science curriculum units. Results from student learning were also discussed, along with extensions and next steps. One exciting new direction of work highlighted was the development of an open source smart classroom. With a NSF-funded Scalable Architecture for Interactive Learning (SAIL), researchers have launched a new open source project to support the development of highly interactive, community-oriented activities that specify roles, goals and materials for all members of

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the learning community. Implications for incorporating new devices and forms of HCI, as well as for continued research of the model, were also highlighted in Prof. Slotta's talk.



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Gale Moore (KMDI, SOC) gave a talk on “Openness is a Big Tent” at the recent **FSOSS Conference** (1) held at the Seneca Centre for Development of Open Technology. As well, Gale was a member of this year’s Conference Planning Committee for ORION/CANARIE’s National Summit: **Powering Innovation** (2), held November 3-4 in Toronto, where she organized and chaired *Guess Who’s Coming to Cyberinfrastructure*: a session on the increasing role of CI in social sciences and humanities research. In early November, Gale was also invited to participate in **VizDay: Case Studies in Information Visualization** (3) produced by SHARCNET and OCAD as an intensive introductory symposium to data visualization following on from presentations at the National Summit the previous day.

- (1) <http://fsoos.senecac.on.ca/2008/>
- (2) <http://www.canarieorionsummit.ca/>
- (3) http://www.ocad.ca/about_ocad/news_events/vizday08.htm

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PROFESSOR ANDREW CLEMENT FEATURED IN THE MEDIA



Recently, **Andrew Clement** (FInfo, KMDI) co-published an article in the *Toronto Star* about the risks associated with enhanced drivers licences (EDLs), which a number of provinces – including Ontario – plan to introduce. EDLs can serve as an alternative to Canadian passports at US border crossings and will be developed according to US Homeland Security standards. Clement and co-writer Colin Bennett from the University of Victoria suggest that “Canadians who value privacy, national sovereignty and good governance would be well advised not to apply for the enhanced card. Instead, for a modest extra \$10 a year they would be better off investing in the more secure, more privacy protective and more versatile Canadian passport.” Professor Clement was also recently featured on OMNI News about this topic.

Source: Toronto Star, Nov. 17/08

- (1) <http://www.thestar.com/article/537409>



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PROFESSOR CLARE BRETT SPEAKER AT ECOO (Educational Computing Organization of Ontario).

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On November 13th, 2008, Clare Brett gave two talks at ECOO as a Spotlight Speaker. One entitled *Technology's social side: community, social networking and schools* looked at the possibilities of connecting the energy of recent technology developments in social and political contexts: weblogs from war zones, social commentary through home-made viral videos, weblogs and social networking through a variety of ever-changing applications (e.g. Facebook, Del.ici.ous, Second Life) with school learning contexts.

The second, *What might the future of classroom technology look like?* Examined future technologies that schools might reasonably use. Visions of the future such as the emergence of so-called Web 3.0, or semantic web, characterized by even greater interconnectivity and sophisticated content linking, centralized server internet delivery systems with continuous access, and the legal entailments and privacy issues raised by such internet based solutions create particular challenges for integrating technology in schools. However, thin clients and portable technologies also potentially increase access possibilities. The presentation examined the possible social and learning consequences of leaving current internet-based technologies outside of the mainstream school curriculum.

iSCHOOL LAUNCHES PODCAST BLOG



Bruce Harpham a 2nd year Masters student at the Faculty of Information at UofT is pleased to announce that the iSchool has launched a **podcast blog** (1). This project seeks to bring excellent public lectures and other events on the field of Information, broadly understood, to a wider audience through podcasting. When new episodes are posted, there will be an entry on the with a download link for the episode and additional information on the event itself. Users can also subscribe to the podcast in the iTunes Music Store (or with other podcast tools using the RSS feed).

(1) <http://podcasts.ischool.utoronto.ca/>



On November 20, **Nina Czegledy** (KMDI Senior Fellow) presented on art and science and technology international collaborations at the School of Arts, University of Manitoba in Winnipeg (1).

(1) <http://www.umanitoba.ca/schools/art/index.php?sel=ARTpro>

PROFESSOR NADIA CAIDI AWARDED GRANT



Professor Nadia Caidi (FInfo, KMDI) is a co-applicant on a research grant that has been awarded nearly \$200,000. Titled "Improving Access to Clinical and Community Resources for Multicultural Mental Health Care," the project will bring together a multidisciplinary team under the aegis of Principal Investigator Laurence Kirmayer,

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Professor and Director, Division of Social & Transcultural Psychiatry & Director, Culture & Mental Health Research Unit of the SMBD-Jewish General Hospital in Montreal. (The team also includes Alex Jadad, who is affiliated with the iSchool). Prof. Caidi's research examines the influence of culture on the production, distribution and use of information and its technologies, as well as the information practices of vulnerable communities, including diasporic communities. Her contributions to the project include developing interfaces and ways of organizing information appropriate to the needs and practices of multicultural user groups.

Source: Faculty of Information, Nov. 25/08
<http://www.ischool.utoronto.ca/content/view/1424/>

OTHER NEWS

2008 ORION WINNERS ANNOUNCED



On November 4, 2008, international research collaborations and innovations that are transforming medical training and film production, and taking teaching and learning to the next level in virtual environments, were recognized with Ontario's annual **ORION Awards** (1). Presented at the "Powering Innovation: A National Summit" conference at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, the ORION Awards recognized achievements in Ontario research, education and scientific discovery. "This year's winners represent the cutting edge of technology and innovation, much of it pioneered right here in Ontario," said Phil Baker, President and CEO of the Ontario Research and Innovation Optical Network (ORION). "It's vital to celebrate these home-grown success stories and raise awareness of the phenomenal work that our scientists, researchers and educators are engaged in, and the impact it is having here at home and around the world."

Source: ORION News Release Nov. 4/08

(1) <http://www.orion.on.ca/2008awards/index.html>

BELL SACKS SYSTEM ACCESS FEE ON SOLO PHONES



Bell Canada Inc. is axing the system access fee on its Solo brand cellphones to match similar moves by rivals Rogers Communications Inc. and Telus Corp. The Montreal-based company announced on Thursday it was discontinuing the system access fee, as well as the 911 charge, for Solo customers who sign on to new two-year contracts. Bell later clarified, however, that the caveat was an error and that customers do not have to sign a contract in order to avoid the charges. The offer is good until the end of the year. Bell spokesperson Julie Smithers said the new offerings will be re-evaluated then. The system access fee for Solo customers ranges from \$3.95 for prepaid subscribers

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to \$6.95 for those on postpaid plans, or those who receive a monthly bill. The 911 fee is 50 cents for all customers.

Source and Image: CBC.ca Nov. 7/08

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CANADIAN LEADERS IN HEALTH INFORMATICS RECOGNIZED



Co-hosts **COACH: Canada's Health Informatics Association** (1) and **CHITTA, the Canadian Healthcare Information Technology Trade Association** (2) presented the 4th Annual Canadian Health Informatics Awards on Wednesday, November 19, in Toronto. Celebrating the outstanding achievements and excellence in the Canadian Health Informatics community, the CHIA Gala recognizes and honours the contributions of individuals and companies in the efficient use of information technology to improve the health of all Canadians.

Source: COACH, Nov. 19/08

- (1) <http://www.coachorg.com/default.asp?ID=920>
- (2) <http://www.itac.ca/index.php/health>

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SPAM 2.0 ON THE GLOBE AND MAIL

It's called "phishing," and it's how Adam Guerbuez of Montreal was able to gain access to Facebook users' accounts and bombard the social network with sexually explicit spam messages. But were Mr. Guerbuez to do the same within Canadian borders, an affected company would have no legal recourse. In a landmark ruling Monday, U.S. federal Judge Jeremy Fogel awarded Facebook \$873-million (U.S.) in damages after finding Mr. Guerbuez was in violation of the CAN-SPAM Act (Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing) which prohibits the distribution of mass e-mail messages that contain false or misleading information.

Source: Globe and Mail, Nov. 25/08

- (1) <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20081125.wgtspam1125/BNStory/Technology/home>

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TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS UNITE TO CALL FOR NATIONAL STRATEGY ON ECONOMY, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT



In November, technology and environmental leaders in the US announced a new initiative to develop a national strategy for information

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and communications technologies (ICT) to improve the energy efficiency of the economy. **The Digital Energy Solutions Campaign** is made up of leading technology companies and organizations as well as environmental and energy conservation groups working on energy efficiency initiatives. The Campaign will work with the incoming Obama Administration and Congressional leaders to educate and promote how ICT strategies can make our economy robust while at the same time becoming increasingly energy efficient and environmentally friendly. DESC members include the technology sector leaders Dell, EMC, HP, Intel, the Technology CEO Council, and Verizon. Non-governmental organization members include the Alliance to Save Energy, The Climate Group, and the World Wildlife Fund.

Source: Business Wire Nov. 18/08

RESOURCES/PUBLICATIONS

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES



The latest issue of *iJET* (1) is out. This interdisciplinary journal aims to focus on the exchange of relevant trends and research results as well as the presentation of practical experiences gained while developing and testing elements of technology enhanced learning. It aims to bridge the gap between pure academic research journals and more practical publications. Thus it covers the full range of information from research and application development to experience reports and product descriptions.

(1) <http://www.online-journals.org/i-jet>

LIBERATING VOICES: A PATTERN LANGUAGE FOR COMMUNICATION REVOLUTION



In recent decades we have witnessed the creation of a communication system that promises unparalleled connectedness. Yet the optimistic dreams of Internet-enabled engagement and empowerment are fading in the face of widespread Internet commercialization. In *Liberating Voices*, Douglas Schuler urges us to unleash our collective creativity—social as well as technological—and develop the communication systems that are truly needed. Inspired by the vision and framework outlined in Christopher Alexander's classic 1977 book, *A Pattern Language*, Schuler presents a pattern language containing 136 patterns designed to meet these challenges. Using this approach, Schuler proposes a new model of social change that integrates theory and practice by showing how information and communication (whether face-to-face, broadcast, or Internet-based) can be used to address urgent social and environmental problems collaboratively.

(1) <http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?ttype=2&tid=11601>

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COOL TOOLS

DROP.IO



Use **drop.io** (1) to create drops and privately share your files by web, email, phone, fax, and more. Drops are protected from search engines so you can conveniently share what you want, how you want, with whom you want.

(1) <http://drop.io/>

FEED RINSE



Feed Rinse (1) is a super simple and user-friendly way to tweak RSS feeds before subscribing to them in your favorite reader tool. With it you can pick which authors or keywords you want to exclude, giving you complete control over what ends up filling your feed reader. For example, on Webware's RSS feed, you could very quickly choose to only get posts about Google (which is possible on the main site using tags), or a handful of keywords at the same time.

Source: Webware, Nov. 18/09

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

FOLDERSHARE



Windows Live's freeware **FolderShare** (1) is a fantastic tool for keeping folders synchronized across multiple computers and multiple platforms. Although we're just getting around to the product review now, for people who don't know what the program can do check out the highlights of some of the more useful and interesting features.

(1) <https://www.foldershare.com/welcome.aspx>

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/SYMPOSIA

INFOVISION 2009: THE KNOWLEDGE SUMMIT

(January 22-23, 2009, Bangalore, India)



The Content Industry is one of the fastest growing segments of the Internet technologies industry. **InfoVision 2009** (1) presents internationally known leaders to share, discuss and debate pertinent

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issues facing information industry. Experts from a wide range of backgrounds including corporations, academic institutes and the public sector will lead the discussions.

(1) <http://www.infovision.org.in/2009/>

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2009 ICT SUMMIT
(February 19-22, 2009, Vancouver, Canada)



The **Annual Summit** (1) is a gathering of community leaders, educators, community based health care providers, librarians, technology service providers, businesses, government, research and non-profit organizations, who come together to discuss information and communication technology. The Summit attracts over 400 people from British Columbia, across Canada and across the Americas. Every year we come together to better understand how ICT is changing our lives.

(1) http://www.ictsummit.ca/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

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7th ANNUAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SUMMIT
(March 2-5, 2009, Duxton, Wellington, New Zealand)



Some of the topics at this summit (1) include: maximizing collaboration, the latest technology and workplace efficiency strategies for the most effective management of your organisation's information. There will be expert presenters from New Zealand and overseas, key case studies and a highly interactive programme provided to all delegates.

(1) <http://www.brightstar.co.nz/nz/7th-annual-information-management-summit.html>

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Proposal Submissions—December 8, 2008

SLOAN CONSORTIUM INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
(June 17-19, 2009, San Francisco, USA)



The Sloan-C International Symposium on Emerging Technology Applications for Online Learning (1) is designed to bring together individuals interested in the technological aspects of online learning. Experts, intermediate users and novices are welcome to participate in Symposium activities that will include face-to-face and virtual components. Symposium tracks highlight and demonstrate research, application and best practices of important emerging technological tools related to social networking, assessment, open educational resources, new media and support services.

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

CONFERENCES

INTERACTION 09

(February 5-8, 2008, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada)



The **IxDA** is pleased to announce its second annual conference – **Interaction 09** (1) in Vancouver. Join several hundred Interaction Designers from around the world as we address the design of interactive systems of all types: applications (web and desktop), mobile, consumer electronics, digitally enhanced environments, and more. Start your year off with stimulating talk, fun parties, and smart discussions about our growing field. Interaction 09 will feature three days of inspirational and tactical sessions geared at anyone who practices Interaction Design, as well as a day of pre-conference workshops.

(1) <http://interaction09.ixda.org/>

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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES IN HEALTH (ITCH) 2009: (February 19-22, 2009, Victoria, Canada)



Information technology affects nearly every aspect of healthcare today. Health information systems are seen by many as the critical element in improving and modernizing healthcare in Canada and internationally. In order to achieve this potential there will need to be a stronger bridge between research and practice in order to solve complex healthcare problems using technology and to develop best practices based on proven results. **The ITCH 2009 Conference – Revolutionizing Health Care with Informatics: From Research to Practice** (1) will be of interest and importance to all health professionals, clinicians, information technology experts, and anyone with an interest in the health care system.

(1) <http://itch.uvic.ca/>

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Submission Deadline—December 19, 2008

IADIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON E-SOCIETY 2009 (February 25-28, 2009, Barcelona, Spain)



The **IADIS e-Society 2009** (1) conference aims to address the main issues of concern

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within the Information Society. This conference covers both the technical as well as the non-technical aspects of the Information Society. Broad areas of interest are eSociety and Digital Divide, eBusiness / eCommerce, eLearning, New Media and E-Society, Digital Services in eSociety, eGovernment /eGovernance, eHealth, Information Systems, and Information Management.

(1) <http://www.esociety-conf.org/>

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CAL '09: LEARNING IN DIGITAL WORLDS
(March 23-25, 2009, Brighton, UK)



The CAL biennial conference, in association with Computers & Education, and Elsevier, is one of the premier international conferences addressing computers

and learning. It has a proud tradition of engendering critical debate on the key issues being tackled by researchers and practitioners in all areas and levels of, amongst other things, Educational Research, Evaluation, Learning Technologies, Teaching, Technology Enhanced Learning, Social Networking, Education Policy and Subject Specific Applications of Technology in Education and Learning.

(1) <http://www.cal-conference.elsevier.com/index.htm>

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Proposal Deadline—December 15, 2008

VSS 2009 ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE – LEARNING: ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME
(April 21-23, 2008, Vancouver, Canada)



Kelly Juhasz, Juhasz Development Group and KMDI Alumnus is one of the producers of the **Virtual School Society's** annual spring conference **Learning: Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime** (1), which will be held in Vancouver from April 21-23, 2009. This conference (1) offers numerous opportunities to share ideas, learn from others and network with leaders in online education and technology

enhanced teaching and learning. The conference will bring together teachers, faculty members, administrators and industry leaders to discuss innovative practices, showcase successful programs and identify best practices for developing and delivering online programs/courses.

(1) <http://www.learnnowbc.ca/educators/Conference/conference2009.aspx>

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Abstract Submission—January 27, 2009

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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MULTIMEDIA AND INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES IN EDUCATION
(April 22-24, 2009, Lisbon, Portugal)**



m-ICTE2009 (1) wants to be an international forum for discussion among teachers, researchers and people who are interested in the ways emerging technologies are transforming education by addressing challenges in learning, affordability, accessibility, and faculty and student satisfaction.

(1) <http://www.formatex.org/micte2009/>

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Abstract Submission—December 1, 2008

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION CONFERENCE
(May 21-23, 2009, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada)**



The overarching objective for **HPE 2009** (1) is to bring together researchers, educators, practitioners, decision-makers, and students to develop synchronous efforts in setting best-practice standards for simulation-augmented health professions education. This inaugural conference will strive to foster a positive environment for an exchange of ideas, presentation of research findings and sharing of strategies for implementation of simulation in education. In addition, the conference aims to promote formation of collaborative research networks at both international and national levels.

(1) <http://bloomberg.nursing.utoronto.ca/CIENE/conference2009.htm>

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Abstract Submission—November 30, 2008

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN LIBRARIES
(May 26-29, 2008, Chania, Crete, Greece).**

Qualitative and Quantitative Methods (1) are proving to be more and more useful for librarians. Using QQM can facilitate the assessment and improvement of services, and measure functional effectiveness and efficiency. QQM are the means to make decisions on fund allocations and financial alternatives. Librarians also use QQM to determine why and when their users appreciate their services.

(1) <http://www.isast.org/home.html>

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**13th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING
(June 10-12, 2009, Milan, Italy)**



Electronic publishing via the Internet is continuously changing its shapes and models, challenging traditional players to adapt to new contexts. Innovative technologies enable individuals, scholars, communities and networks to establish contacts, exchange data, produce information and share knowledge. Open access sources and commercial players make contents available for a heterogeneous audience in diversity of environments, from business to private life, from educational and cultural activities to leisure time, and in a large variety of devices, from personal computers to mobile media. The **ELPUB 2009** conference (1) will focus on key issues in e-communications, exploring dissemination channels, business models, technologies, methods and concepts.

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

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Call for Submissions—January 5, 2009

**SUBTLE TECHNOLOGIES FESTIVAL 2009
(June 11-14, 2009, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada)**



Recognized internationally as a unique forum that encourages new insights and collaborations, **Subtle Technologies** (1) challenges its participants to contemplate how art and science act upon one another and reshape perspectives. Throughout four days of presentations, we cover a wide variety of subjects. It is the unexpected threads that are woven between the various presentations that make the Festival a unique experience.

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

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Conference Submissions—December 19, 2008

**ED-MEDIA 2009
(June 22-26, 2009, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA)**



ED-MEDIA – World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia & Telecommunications (1) is an international conference, organized by the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education. This annual conference serves as a multi-disciplinary forum for the discussion and exchange of information on the research, development, and applications on all topics related to multimedia, hypermedia and telecommunications/distance education.

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(1) <http://www.aace.org/conf/edmedia/call.htm>

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Proposal Deadline—January 15, 2009

**PKP SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING CONFERENCE
(July 8-10, 2009, Vancouver, Canada)**

This conference (1) will appeal not just to members of the PKP community, but to anyone interested in trends and developments of scholarly publishing and communication. There will be a wide range of topical sessions on new reading and publishing technologies; open access initiatives; alternative publishing and funding models; national and international collaborative projects; new roles and partnerships for libraries, scholarly publishers and others; and sustainability for open access publishing and open source software. Prospective and first time users of OJS and other PKP software will be able to learn more about the systems and establish contacts with the PKP community. Experienced implementers, developers, and system administrators will have an opportunity to participate in technical sessions and exchange information.

(1) <http://pkp.sfu.ca/ocs/pkp/index.php/pkp2009/pkp2009>

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**SOCIETY, CYBERNETICS AND INFORMATICS
(July 10-13, 2009, Orlando, USA)**



One of the main purposes of the **International Multi-Conference on Society, Cybernetics and Informatics: IMSCI 2009** (1), is to bring together academics, professionals, and managers from the private and the public sectors, so they can share ideas, results of research, and innovative services or products, in a multi-disciplinary and multi-sector forum. Educational technologies, socio-economic organizations, and socio-political processes are essential domains among those involved in the evolving co-adaptation and co-transformation between societies and cultures on the one hand, and between informatics and cybernetics (communication and control) on the other hand.

(1) <http://www.iiis2009.org/imsci/Website/AboutConfer.asp?vc=17>

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