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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



This week KMDI hosted the 12th international EIPub Conference on electronic publishing on the theme of *Open Scholarship: Authority, Community and Sustainability in the Age of Web 2.0*. We were delighted that **Paul Young**, Vice-President Research, who is leading the UofT initiative in digital media, participated in the opening ceremonies to welcome everyone to the University of Toronto. After a full day of meetings on Thursday we enjoyed a dinner cruise aboard the Oriole in Toronto Harbour. During the evening I presented **Professor Emeritus John Senders** with the first KMDI Pioneer Award for his significant contributions to the field of electronic publications. This award inaugurates a program to recognize an individual who has made a significant and influential contribution to an aspect of knowledge media design and was approved by the executive earlier this spring. For more on our first Pioneer Award winner John Senders, see the *Virtual Water Cooler* column later in this issue. Congratulations to **Leslie Chan** (UTSC, KMDI), Conference Chair and his team for an intellectually engaging and well-run conference.

My term ends June 30th and I will be on administrative leave next year. It has been a privilege to serve as the director of an institute of which I was a founding member and in which I have been actively involved since 1996. It's been a busy and productive 12 years. Millions of dollars of research funds have flowed through KMDI; we created and launched a collaborative program in 2002 in which over 80 masters and doctoral students have enrolled. We were the first at the UofT

over a decade ago to articulate a vision for digital media and to design and administer a 21st century distributed networked organization to enable the necessary collaborations to realize it. We have designed and created novel new media and digital media technologies and continue to be leaders in cross-divisional, tri-campus, trans-disciplinary collaboration. With its diverse intellectual community, KMDI remains in the vanguard of ideas about the nature of the transformation to a Knowledge Economy/Society and continues to serve as an intellectual incubator for the UofT.

It was lovely to see so many members of the community at our 6th annual Garden Party and graduation in mid-June. This year's graduates are featured in the *Virtual Water Cooler*. A few of the highlights of 2007-2008 are presented in the slideshow below (1).

I am pleased to announce that **Clare Brett** (CTL/OISE/UT, KMDI) has agreed to take on my role as Editor-in-Chief of the KMDiary. I encourage all of you to support Clare by regularly contributing news of your activities and notice of events of interest to the community.

I want to thank you each of you for your support over the years, and to thank especially our students whose engagement with the idea of knowledge media design assures a bright future for research and scholarship in this field.

Gale Moore
Director, 2003/04-2007/08

(1) <http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/documentshomepage/KMDIGardenPartyJune2008.ppt>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEKING PARTICIPANTS: INTERVIEW STUDY OF FORMER USERS OF INSTANT MESSAGING TECHNOLOGIES

Jeremy Birnholz (Cornell University, NECTAR, KMDI) is seeking participants for an interview study of former users of instant messaging (IM) technologies. Participants must be at least 18 years old, and must have at one time used IM technologies once or more per day, but currently (i.e., for at least the past 4 weeks) not use IM at all or use it very rarely. Participation will involve a 30-60 minute interview scheduled at the convenience of participant and each participant will receive \$10 in compensation.

This study has been approved by the **Human Subjects Institutional Review Board at Cornell University**. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please do not hesitate to contact Jeremy via email (jpb277@cornell.edu) or telephone (607-330-1178)

Participants will be recruited until July 1, and possibly beyond.

Attention: Submissions—June 30, 2008

**FUTURE PLAY: THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF GAME DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
(November 3-5, 2008, Toronto, Canada)**



Future Play is a unique forum for academic researchers to present their rigorously peer-reviewed papers to an audience that includes games developers, investors, government representatives and other cool, smart people engaged in the world of computer games and digital media. The Future Play Conference focuses on three main themes. The first theme, future game development, addresses academic research and emerging industry trends in the area of game technology and game design. The second theme, future game impacts and applications, includes academic research and emerging industry trends focused on designing games for learning, for gender, for serious purposes, and to impact society. Finally, the third theme, future game talent, is designed to provide a number of industry and academic perspectives on the knowledge, skills, and attitude it takes to excel in the games industry.

(1) <http://futureplay.org/index.php>

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FORMER UofT PRESIDENT HONOURED

Robert J. Birgeneau, Chancellor, University of California, Berkeley has received a 2008 Carnegie Corporation of New York Academic Leadership Award (1) for leadership that exemplifies innovation, integrity and commitment. Each honourees institution receives an award for \$500,000 to be used toward the winner's academic priorities.

Source: New York Times, Sunday, June 22, 2008.

(1) <http://carnegie.org/sub/news/visionaries.html>

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BUILDING THE TALENT PIPELINE: SURVEY BY OCE AND LET'S TALK SCIENCE



Ontario Centres of Excellence has formed a strategic partnership with **Let's Talk Science**, to work towards building the 'talent pipeline' and developing a culture of innovation in Ontario. This exciting new partnership leverages the strengths and networks of each organization to increase Ontario's capacity for building tomorrow's workforce. A **survey** has been launched to identify the skills and talents of people with various levels of post-secondary education and varying degrees of scientific knowledge.

(1) http://www.letstalkscience.ca/surveys/oce_survey_2008.htm

THE VIRTUAL WATER COOLER: AROUND THE COMMUNITY

OPEN ACCESS INTERVIEWS FEATURES LESLIE CHAN



The Open Access Interviews (1) by Richard Poynder recently featured **Leslie Chan** (UTSC, KMDI), one of the original co-drafters and co-signatories of the Budapest OA Initiative, a formidable and relentless (yet gentle and patient) force in propelling the world – and especially the developing world – toward OA. Leslie is conference Chair of **EIPub 2008** in Toronto, June 25-27th.



Image Source: Open and Shut? Blog, June 20/08

(1) <http://poynder.blogspot.com/2008/06/open-access-interviews-leslie-chan.html>



John W. Senders, Professor Emeritus, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, UofT was awarded a KMDI Pioneer Award for his outstanding contribution to the field of electronic publishing (1). This is the first KMDI Pioneer Award and inaugurates a program to recognize an individual who has made a significant and influential contribution to an aspect of knowledge media design.

John Senders 1975 Report to the U.S. National Science Foundation - *Scientific Publication Systems: An Analysis of Past, Present and Future Methods of Scientific Communication* (with University of Toronto colleagues Anderson, C. & Hecht, C.) provided a systematic account of the concern at that time that “the current methods of scientific publication are becoming inadequate to meet the needs of scientific communication” (p.ii). The future he saw was electronic. In 1976 he started what may be the first electronic journal.

The international EIPub 2008 conference (2) provided the ideal opportunity to honour this local pioneer.

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

(2) http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/documentshomepage/John Senders_citation.pdf

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Gunther Eysenbach and David Solomon are organizing a rather informal "birds of a feather" meeting at ELPUB 2008 (1) to discuss the creation of an Association of OA publishers. For further details see Gunther's blog post (2).

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

(2) <http://gunther-eynsenbach.blogspot.com/2008/06/association-of-open-access-publishers.html>

Further EIPub note: Special thanks to **Craig Boutilier**, Chair of Computer Science who generously agreed to make two computer labs available for the EIPub Workshops. Thanks also to the CS staff who organized this and handled the technical details.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO 2008 KMDI COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM GRADUATES!



After completing his MIST/KMD Degree at FIS/KMDI, **Catalin Bidian** chose to continue his employment with LCBO, investigating security and privacy of information within the organization, working to implement the PCI and EMV standards in a network of over 600 stores. He is currently enrolled in an ITIL and Security Management for networks program and he is considering continuing his academic studies by applying to a doctoral program in the near future.



Jeff Orchard graduated in April 2008 with a MIST degree from the Faculty of Information Studies, also completing the Collaborative Program in KMD. Jeff is currently digitizing the FIS Alumni Association's Job Shadowing Program, applying the full range of user-centred design techniques he learned at U of T, from requirements gathering through to user testing. Jeff is passionate about our digital experience, and is looking forward to designing engaging media platforms.



Upon completion of his Masters and KMD Collaborative Program **Mike Tissenbaum** (MIST) applied for and was accepted into U of T's PhD program at OISE/UT. Mike's PhD work will focus on emerging technologies and collaborative learning, where his experiences at KMDI will be a valuable asset. Since his graduation Mike has been active in helping to develop a smart-classroom learning environment for UTS high school in conjunction with OISE/UT and the work of Jim Slotta (KMDI,

CTL, OISE/UT).



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 Congratulations to **Kelly Rankin**, long time member of KMDI team and currently Business Manger for ePresence Open Source Consortium who received a Bachelor of Arts at convocation this month. Kelly's degree is a Major in Philosophy with a double minor, in Visual Studies and the History & Philosophy of Science. Kelly graduated with High Distinction. Kelly will be starting graduate school in the fall in the Institute for History & Philosophy of Science. Brava Kelly!

Kelly with **Ron Baecker** (KMDI, CS) shown above at Convocation.

KMDI'S PROJECT OS|OA LAUNCHES A SEP INFOKIT

This **Information Kit** is based on our experience over the past two years with designing and managing a **Student Experience Award Program (SEP)**. The program was developed as one component of KMDI's Project Open Source | Open Access; a project supported by a Provostial award from the Academic Initiatives Fund (AIF). The first SEP program was launched in the summer of 2005, and by April 2007, three Calls had been made, with 50 projects and approximately 65 students receiving an award through a competitive process. Details on the project awards and the deliverables are at (2).

- (1) http://open.utoronto.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=597&Itemid=239
 (2) http://open.utoronto.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=90&Itemid=156

DYNAMICS GRAPHICS PROJECT 40th ANNIVERSARY A SUCCESS!



In the May issue of the KMDiary, the 40th anniversary celebration of the **Dynamic Graphics Project** at the UofT was announced. The event organizers are very pleased to report the event was a success, with over 100 people taking part in the three day celebration! Sessions featured talks from DGP faculty and alumni who reminisced about past work, spoke about their current work, and shared their views for the future of graphics and HCI. The talks concluded with a vision of the future from Leslie Mezei, founder of DGP. Archives of the presentations are forthcoming. Watch for an announcement in the KMDiary and on the DGPis40 website (1). The organizers wish to thank all those who attended., and extend special thanks to the volunteers and staff, especially, **Delia Couto** (KMDI) Event Co-ordinator, for all the effort that went into making this such a successful event.

- (1) <http://hciweb.cs.toronto.edu/DGPis40/index.html>

NINA CZEGLEDY PRESENTS KMDI

On May 26, 2008, Nina Czegledy introduced the mandate and activities of KMDI including a detailed illustrated description of the Spring Seminar Series on Design Research at the medilab Kitchen Budapest (1).

- (1) <http://www.kitchenbudapest.hu/en>

DISCOVERY COMMONS LAUNCHES MEDSCHOOLTV



Avi Hyman (MED, KMDI) is pleased to announce that in the Discovery Commons in the Faculty of Medicine, an umbrella project to facilitate experimentation with video-on-demand content in Health Sciences has been created. This project is called MedSchoolTV (1). The four main initiatives within the MedSchoolTV are: digitizing a large historical collection of

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<http://mail.kmdi.utoronto.ca/mailman/listinfo/kmdiary>

films and videos, serving as a host for instructors and students who want to experiment with producing their own videos for public broadcast, producing original content for broadcast, and identifying other, similar channels that exist in the world, and providing the viewing audience with a master listing of health sciences video-on-demand services. Underlying all of these initiatives is a research agenda – namely, the opportunity to test and analyse how different kinds of viewers and learners interact with different formats of production.

(1) <http://video.med.utoronto.ca/medtv/>

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FLUID LAB DOES “LUMINAT’EAU”



In the recent **Luminato Festival** in Toronto, the **Steve Mann** and the Fluid Lab were featured performers in the “States of H2Orchestra”. The performance emphasized the hydraulophone, a flutelike instrument (which a much deeper sound) that works with water instead of air.

OTHER NEWS

FACULTY OF INFORMATION STUDIES BECOMES THE FACULTY OF INFORMATION




The Governing Council of the UofT accepted the proposal to change the name the Faculty of Information Studies to the **Faculty of Information** (1). The name change takes effect on June 30, 2008.

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

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AID TO SCHOLARLY JOURNALS PROGRAM

SSHRC  **APPLY FOR FUNDING** This **SSHRC program** (1) allows Canadian scholarly journals, regardless of their business model or distribution format, to seek support to disseminate original research results in social sciences and humanities scholarship, and will assist journals in their transitions to digital media. It replaces two earlier SSHRC programs: Aid to Research and Transfer Journals and Aid to Open-Access Research Journals. Proposals may request up to \$30,000 per year, for 3 years.

(1) http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/scholarly_journals_e.asp

DESIGN RESEARCH CANADA LAUNCHED

Design Research Canada

As funding for the Canadian Design Research Network (CDRN) from the Networks of Centres of Excellence ended on March 31, 2008, a new organization: Design Research Canada (DRC) has been launched. As suggested by the CDRN Board of Directors it is the intention that this new organization be both member-driven and project-driven. The launch includes a new website (1). The interim chair of DRC is David Covo (2), School of Architecture at McGill.

(1) www.designresearch.ca

(2) david.covo@mcgill.ca

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OECD MEETING ON THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET ECONOMY



The Internet is a key infrastructure for global economic growth and social development. Three major trends – Convergence, Creativity and Confidence – are influencing the policy environment for the Internet Economy. Each of these trends reflects significant shifts in the use and functionality of the Internet. Collectively, they represent a major transition in the evolution of the Internet and the economic system that has developed around it. Therefore, it has become increasingly necessary that policies supporting the Internet Economy be carefully crafted and coordinated across policy domains, borders and multiple stakeholder communities. Ministers and stakeholders who met on 17-18 June 2008 in Seoul considered social, economic and technological trends shaping the development of the Internet Economy. They forged broad principles that can provide an enabling policy environment for the Internet Economy (1).

(1) http://www.oecd.org/site/0,3407,en_21571361_38415463_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

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MICROSOFT SHUTTERING BOOK DIGITIZATION EFFORTS

Following on the heels of Microsoft's announcement that it would pay customers who search for and buy products through Microsoft Live Search cash back, the company's Microsoft's Live Search team announced on its blog that it would be taking down its Live Search Books and Live Search Academic projects Web sites in coming days. It will also be closing down its library scanning and in-copyright book digitization initiatives. Schools and publishers will receive digital copies of their scanned books, and Microsoft said it would remove contractual restrictions placed on the digitized content.

Source: Campus Technology News, May 27/08

TWO FACES OF FACEBOOK

1. FACEBOOK ACCUSED OF VIOLATING USER TRUST, BREAKING CANADIAN PRIVACY LAWS

 “Facebook may say it’s purely a social networking site, but it is in fact a commercial enterprise that’s about sharing and using members’ personal information with advertisers and third-party application developers.” That’s the substance of a complaint against Facebook filed with Canada’s Privacy Commissioner. Read more about this on ITBusiness.ca (1).

(1) <http://www.itbusiness.ca/it/client/en/home/News.asp?id=48629>

2. ONTARIO PRIVACY COMMISSIONER ON FACEBOOK’S FRIENDS LIST

While Canada’s Privacy Commissioner is about to investigate whether Facebook is breaching Canada’s privacy laws, Ontario’s Privacy Commissioner’s office is working in tandem with the social networking site on a privacy protection initiative. Read the following article from ITBusiness.ca to find out more

Source: ITBusiness.ca, June 4/08

(1) <http://www.itbusiness.ca/it/client/en/home/News.asp?id=48665>

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TRACKING THE TRACKERS: INVESTIGATING P2P COPYRIGHT ENFORCEMENT



Tracking the trackers
Investigating P2P copyright enforcement

Researchers at the University of Washington have launched a website on **their study of the monitoring of copyright enforcement on P2P networks** (1). It is stated, “Although the implications of being accused of copyright infringement are significant, very little is known about the methods used by enforcement agencies to detect it, particularly in P2P networks. We have conducted the first scientific, experimental study of monitoring and copyright enforcement on P2P networks and have made several discoveries which we find surprising.”

(1) <http://dmca.cs.washington.edu/>

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RED HAT FOUNDER BOB YOUNG SPEAKS OUT ON COPYRIGHT BILL

A new open source software group has added their voice to the opposition against the Conservative government’s impending copyright reform bill. Lulu CEO Bob Young likens the legislation to banning screwdrivers because they could be used by burglars.

Source: ITWorldCanada, June 6/08

(1) <http://www.itworldcanada.com/Pages/Docbase/ViewArticle.aspx?id=idgml-6757fe58-1060-4d3f&Portal=2e6e7040-2373-432d-b393-91e487ee7d70&sub=464628>

WHAT HAPPENS IN VIRTUAL WORLD HAS REAL-WORLD IMPACT

Losing weight or boosting self-confidence can be achieved by adopting an avatar and living in virtual reality, says Jeremy N. Bailenson, an assistant professor of communications and director of Stanford's Virtual Human Interaction Lab. Bailenson has explored ways that online behavior spills over to the real world. People assume that, if anything, online activities emanate from offline lives. But Mr. Bailenson and his colleagues have shown the reverse. Their experiments demonstrate, for instance, that people who watch their avatars — cartoonlike versions of themselves — gain weight from overeating are more likely to adopt a weight-loss plan in real life. This research, which Mr. Bailenson described in February at a conference at Stanford, has impressed psychologists and holds promise for improving people's health and well-being. But he acknowledges that it can be used in a sinister way, too. Marketers could use virtual reality to try to manipulate what people buy or which political candidates they back.

Source: Chronicle of Higher Education: Information Technology, April 4/08

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Deadline : August 21, 2008

AMBIENT ASSISTED LIVING JOINT PROGRAMME



The core of the **Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme** (1) is to provide innovative ICT based solutions to elderly persons, which means innovative products, systems or services addressing identified needs of the end users. The first call for proposals is for the topic “ICT Based Solutions for Prevention and Management of Chronic Conditions of Elderly People.” The objective of this call is to launch European collaborative projects providing innovative ICT based solutions for elderly persons with identified risk factors and/or chronic conditions. The Call promotes the creation of new solutions with a holistic approach to prevention, management, support services and the social and socio-economic environment related to chronic conditions.

(1) <http://www.aal-europe.eu/aal-2008-1>

RESOURCES/PUBLICATIONS

Deadline for Paper Submission—July 18, 2008

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS – SPECIAL ISSUE ON WEB 2.0 GOES ACADEMIA: INNOVATIVE SCENARIOS FOR SOCIO-TECHNICAL COMMUNITIES



Web 2.0 applications enable people to collaborate and share information online using wikis, communication tools, social networking applications, and social tagging. Contributions are invited for a special issue of the International Journal of Web-Based

Communities (1). The special issue wants to share practical experience or research results about using Web 2.0 in teaching and research.

- (1) <http://www.inderscience.com/browse/callpaper.php?callID=972>

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GOOGLE BOOK SEARCH BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Google Book Search Bibliography, Version 2 is now available from Digital Scholarship. This bibliography includes selected English-language articles and other works that are useful in understanding **Google Book Search**. It primarily focuses on the evolution of Google Book Search and the legal, library, and social issues associated with it. Where possible, links are provided to works that are freely available on the Internet, including e-prints in disciplinary archives and institutional repositories.

- (1) <http://www.digital-scholarship.org/gbsb/gbsb.htm>

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THE EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE PARADOX: CAN WE LEARN TO UNLEARN?

“True technology change is and should be disruptive of the core beliefs, assumptions, practices, and the knowledge-generation processes of higher education institutions and, indeed, of the whole culture of higher education. But, in any human population, only a small minority is comfortable with change and willing to take the risks that allow real changes to happen. Therefore, if applications are broadly accepted, they will almost certainly be of the kind that reinforces current higher education culture, and they will cause the least disruption possible.” Intrigued? Read more at (1)

Source: Campus Technology, June 25, 2008.

- (1) <http://www.campustechnology.com/articles/64668/>

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2008 HORIZON REPORT



The annual Horizon Report (1) describes the continuing work of the NMC's Horizon Project, a research-oriented effort that seeks to identify and describe emerging technologies likely to have considerable impact on teaching, learning, and creative expression within higher education. There is also a related webcast (2).

- (1) <http://www.nmc.org/publications/2008-horizon-report>
(2) https://admin.acrobat.com/_a729300474/p28104772/

CANADIAN COPYRIGHT LAW: A CONSUMER WHITE PAPER

The Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic, Public Interest Advocacy Centre, Option consommateurs, and Online Rights Canada have collaborated on a **Consumer White Paper on Canadian Copyright Law** (1). David Fewer, staff counsel for CIPPIC, explains the rationale behind the White Paper. "Industry Minister Jim Prentice has stated that the government's copyright bill will balance the interests of copyright owners with those of consumers. Yet, astonishingly, the government has not consulted with a single consumer group to determine how to do this. We have decided to come forward on our own, then, with a vision of copyright that puts Canadians' interests first."

Source: CIPPIC News Release, June 5/08

(1) http://www.cippic.ca/uploads/Consumers_Copyright_White_Paper-EN.pdf

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2007 CANADIAN INTERNET USE SURVEY

The **2007 Canadian Internet Use Survey** (1) was conducted in October and November 2007 as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey. More than 26,500 Canadians aged 16 years and over were asked about their Internet use, including shopping, for the past 12 months. Estimates of Internet shopping (e-commerce) will be released in November 2008. Caution is required comparing these results with those from 2005, when the survey was restricted to persons aged 18 years and older. In 2007, respondents aged 16 and 17 accounted for almost an entire percentage point of the overall increase in Internet use since 2005.

(1) <http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=4432&lang=en&db=imdb&dbg=f&adm=8&dis=2>

COOL TOOLS

ZOTERO: THE NEXT GENERATION RESEARCH TOOL

 **Zotero** is an easy-to-use yet powerful research tool that helps you gather, organize, and analyze sources (citations, full texts, web pages, images, and other objects), and lets you share the results of your research in a variety of ways. An extension to the popular open-source web browser Firefox, Zotero includes the best parts of older reference manager software (like EndNote)—the ability to store author, title, and publication fields and to export that information as formatted references—and the best parts of modern software and web applications (like iTunes and del.icio.us), such as the ability to interact, tag, and search in advanced ways.

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

FRIENDFEED: DISCOVER WHAT YOUR FRIENDS ARE SHARING



FriendFeed (1) is a powerful service you can use to follow all the public online activity of your friends. It takes all your friends' activity on Twitter, Digg, del.icio.us, Flickr, YouTube and 30 other sites and creates one giant uber-feed that you can display in one place. Furthermore, people can comment on what their friends are doing, and you can read those comments, so the service acts as a good way to discover the things your social network thinks is important.

Source: WebWare, June 5/08

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

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THE POOL



This online environment is an experiment in sharing art, text, and code – not just sharing digital files themselves, but sharing the process of making them. In place of the single-artist, single-artwork paradigm favored by the overwhelming majority of studio art programs and collection management systems, **The Pool** (1) stimulates and documents collaboration in a variety of forms, including multi-author, asynchronous, and cross-medium projects.

(1) <http://pool.newmedia.umaine.edu/index.php>

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INSIDE THE IGLOO: CONNECT FOR GLOBAL CHANGE



The **IGLOO network** (1) is a single place which unites diverse minds from around the world for a common purpose... global change. It is a place where contribution, collaboration and knowledge sharing are valued most and where the collective wisdom is used to create innovative ideas and solutions. All for the sole purpose of improving the conditions of the world we live in... now and for future generations to come.

(1) <http://www.igloo.org/insideigloo>

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CISCO SHARPENS FOCUS ON BUSINESS VIDEO LINEUP



Earlier this month, Cisco Systems announced two new products and a platform for video use. Cisco's Video Management and Storage System (VMSS) and 16-port Analogue Video Gateway and network modules for Cisco's Integrated Services Router platform from the company's Video Surveillance Media Manager line. Cisco's Digital Media System (DMS) platform gets new Enterprise TV features and a hardware player for digital signage.

Source: ITWorldCanada, June 10/08

(1) <http://www.cisco.com/web/solutions/ps/index.html>

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/SYMPOSIA

CITIZEN SERVICES FOR BORDERLESS HEALTHCARE IN THE EU: CURRENT SITUATION, VISION, SOLUTIONS (September 9, 2008, Kiel, Germany)



Travelling abroad for pleasure, education, or work has become a natural part of life for many European citizens. Products and services can be bought in another Member State when the need arises, but obtaining healthcare outside their residence country is still problematic for most European citizens. The workshop focuses on concrete steps towards improving pan-European healthcare provision and on policy needs to accelerate European integration also in this field so close to the daily needs of many European citizens.

(1) <http://www.ten4health.eu/workshop.html>

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Submission Deadline—June 27, 2008

UBIQUITOUS SUSTAINABILITY: CITIZEN SCIENCE AND ACTIVISM (September 21, 2008, Seoul, South Korea)

This workshop (1) proposes to explore new approaches to bring about real environmental change by looking at the success of empowering technologies that enable grassroots activism and bottom up community participation. Ubiquitous computing is transforming from being mostly about professional communication and social interaction to a sensor rich personal measurement platform that can empower individuals and groups to gain an awareness of their surroundings, engage in grassroots activism to promote environmental change, and enable a new social paradigm – citizen science. This workshop brings together fresh ideas and approaches to help elevate individuals to have a powerful voice in society, to act as citizen scientists, and collectively learn and lobby for change worldwide.

(1) <http://www.urban-atmospheres.net/Ubicomp2008/>

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WORKSHOP ON LEARNING AND RESEARCH IN SECOND LIFE (October 16, 2008, Copenhagen, Denmark)



Second Life is a 3D virtual environment created by Linden Lab (R) which has captured the attention of researchers and teachers from around the world from a variety of disciplines. This workshop at AOIR 9.0 aims to improve the understanding of **Second Life as a Learning and Research environment**. It will bring 35

researchers together to collaborate, discuss and workshop diverse topics related to research and learning in Second Life. We will pursue a full-day schedule in which participants will discuss their work and interests on four different topics: learning in Second Life, integrated learning, the contributions of research to the community and ethical research methods. How can we better enable learning in this sphere? How can we better enable research?

(1) <http://conferences.aoir.org/>

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FIRST WORKSHOP ON CHILD, COMPUTER AND INTERACTION (October 23, 2008, Chania, Crete, Greece)

This Workshop (1) aims at bringing together researchers and practitioners from universities and industry working in all aspects of multimodal child-machine interaction with particular emphasis on, but not limited to, speech interactive interfaces. The Workshop should serve for presenting recent advancements in all core technologies for multimodal child-machine interaction as well as experimental systems and prototypes.

(1) <http://wocci2008.fbk.eu/>

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Workshop proposals—July 11, 2008

(October 27- 30, 2008, Richmond Hill, Ontario)

CASCON 2008 CALL FOR WORKSHOPS



Submissions are now being accepted for **CASCON Workshop** proposals (1). Workshops provide a forum to present, discuss, and debate issues, problems, ideas, emerging technologies, work-in-progress, or directions on topics of interest listed in the Call for Papers. Workshops on emerging technologies not explicitly listed in the Call for Papers are also encouraged. For example, Enterprise Web 2.0, cloud computing and green IT.

(1) <https://www-927.ibm.com/ibm/cas/cascon/submissions/mainmenu.jsp>

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7th INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE DESIGN (December 3-5, 2008, San Juan, Puerto Rico)



This workshop will explore **Social Intelligence Design** (1). As a research and practice field, SID attempts to integrate and understand the interactions between designing and social intelligence. It involves multiple disciplinary approaches concerning design and implementation of systems and environments, ranging from group/team oriented collaboration support systems that facilitate common ground building, goal-oriented interaction among participants, to community support systems that support large-scale online-discussion.

(1) <http://cdr.uprrp.edu/SID2008/default.htm>

CONFERENCES

ELECTRONIC VISUALISATION AND THE ARTS**(July 22-24, 2008, London, UK)**

If you are interested in the new technologies in the cultural sector – if you are an artist, policy maker, manager, researcher, practitioner, audience evaluator or educator – this conference is for you. **EVA London 2008** (1) will debate the issues, discuss trends and demonstrate the digital possibilities in: performing arts; visual arts, new technologies; interactive media; museums, archives and galleries.

(1) http://www.eva-conferences.com/eva_london/2008_home

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CDEN/RCCI INTERNATIONAL DESIGN ENGINEERING CONFERENCE
(July 27-29, 2008, Halifax, Canada)

The **5th CDEN/RCCI International Design Engineering Conference** (1) will encourage a vigorous discussion on the teaching and practice of design engineering to cross the innovation gap – the gap between research and the design and creation of products, processes and procedures that help the people of Canada and the world. Submissions can include, but are not limited to, the philosophy of design; tools and techniques for effective and successful design; methods and tools for designing to meet needs; methods for and research into the assessment of design; teaching and promoting design; humanitarian design; design successes and failures; tear-downs of designs and design-processes; the infrastructure required for design; lessons and methods used in non-engineering design fields; design for commercialization; etc.

(1) <https://cden-08.dal.ca>

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CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY 08
(July 28-31, 2008, Boston, USA)

Campus Technology 2008 (1) welcomes attendees to its 15th annual summer conference, where leading innovators and experts in technology for higher education guide faculty, instructional designers, eLearning program managers, information technologists, and campus administrators into the new realm of teaching and learning in a Web 2.0 world.

(1) <http://campustechnology.com/mcv/events/conference/Summer08/>

WORKING CONFERENCE ON IT IN THE SERVICE ECONOMY**(August 10-13, 2008, Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada)**

This August Toronto hosts the **2008 IFIP Working Group 8.2 Conference on IT in the Service Economy** (1). The conference will be held at the Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University, from August 10-13, immediately before the AMCIS conference. Conference keynote speakers are Jim Spohrer (IBM), Langdon Winner (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) and Dan Robey (Georgia State University).

(1) <http://www.ryerson.ca/~ifip82/index.html>=====

MEDICINE 2.0**(September 4-5, 2008, Toronto, Canada)**

Medicine 2.0™ (1) is an international conference on Web 2.0 applications in health and medicine, organized and co-sponsored by the Journal of Medical Internet Research, the International Medical Informatics Association, the Centre for Global eHealth Innovation, CHIRAD, and a number of other sponsoring organizations. Medicine 2.0 will contain a mix of traditional academic/research, practice and business presentations, keynote presentations, and panel discussions to discuss emerging issues.

(1) <http://www.medicine20congress.com/>=====

SCIENCE IN THE 21st CENTURY**(September 8-12, 2008, Waterloo, Canada)**

Hosted by the Perimeter Institute, this is a conference (1) about how science is done today. In the earlier days, we used to go to the library, today we search and archive our papers online. We have collaborations per email, hold telephone seminars, organize virtual networks, write blogs, and make our seminars available on the internet. Without any doubt, these technological developments influence the way science is done, and they also redefine our relation to the society we live in. Information exchange and management, the scientific community, and the society as a whole can be thought of as a triangle of relationships, the mutual interactions in which are becoming increasingly important.

(1) <http://www.science21stcentury.org/index.html>

DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR THE HUMANITIES AND ARTS (September 14-17, 2008, University of Cambridge, UK)



With the theme, “New Communities of Knowledge and Practice”, the aim of the **DRHA conference** (1) is to promote discussion around new collaborative environments, collective knowledge and redefining disciplinary boundaries. The conference will: establish a site for mutually creative exchanges of knowledge; promote discussion around new collaborative environments and collective knowledge; encourage and celebrate the connections and tensions within the spaces that exist between the Arts and Humanities; redefine disciplinary boundaries; create a forum for debate around notions of the ‘solitary’ and the collaborative across the Arts and Humanities; and explore the impact of the Arts and Humanities on ICT.

(1) <http://www.rsd.cam.ac.uk/drha08/>

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Practice Talks and Special Session Submissions Open

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITIONS ON MOBILE SOCIETY (September 18-19, 2008, Antalya, Turkey)



Mobile Society refers to the emerging trends of the collective-life on earth driven by the technology of networked mobile phones and other mobile devices. These technologies and its fast and wide adoption is influencing the way we live in the society, we run businesses and the way we are as individuals. The **1st International Conference on Mobile Society** (1) aims to be a platform for presenting, exchanging and disseminating the newest developments, ideas, applications and services involving all aspects of practice and research in mSociety.

(1) <http://www.mgovernment.org/events/msociety2008/home.html>

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**2008 DESIGN RESEARCH CONFERENCE
(September 19-20, 2008, Chicago, USA)**

IIT Institute of Design The **Design Research Conference** (1) is a collaborative forum hosted by the Institute of Design to explore emerging topics, methods and issues in design research across a wide spectrum of design disciplines. This year, a variegated and accomplished lineup of speakers promises to leave attendees with a new perspective on the design research space.

(1) <http://trex.id.iit.edu/events/drc/2008/>

Submission Deadline—June 30, 2008

**OPEN EDUCATION CONFERENCE
(September 24-26, 2008)**

Stian Håklev, an MA candidate at OISE, UofT, observes that Open education, Open Courseware, free licenses and open access to scholarship are rapidly growing phenomena, both in the US and around the world. Stian recently returned from the Open Courseware Consortium conference in Dalian, China, and was very impressed by the innovation and research happening in this area. The next **Open Education conference** (1) will be in Utah, one of the centers of open education in the US, arranged by the Center for Open and Sustainable Learning. If you have an interest in these topics, the conference will be a great place to meet significant players in the field, including the people behind Open Courseware at MIT, Connexions at Rice University, and others.

(1) <http://cosl.usu.edu/events/opened2008>

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**MINDTREK CONFERENCE
(October 7-9, 2008, Tampere, Finland)**

MINDTREK **MindTrek** (1) is a three day conference to explore current and emerging topics of social media, ubimedia and games. MindTrek includes a workshop day, three main tracks, plenary sessions and invited presentations. MindTrek is a leading Northern new media festival and conference series, arranged already for more than a decade, since 1997.

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

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**QUALITATIVE RESEARCH REFINED
(October 19-24, 2008, Wilson Centre, Toronto, Canada)**



The Wilson Centre is proud to present its inaugural Atelier program, **Qualitative Research Refined** (1), a four-day intensive program in advanced qualitative education research. This program will focus on guiding the participants through the challenges of doing qualitative studies in the health professions education domain. From an understanding of founding philosophies and traditions to data collection and analysis, participants will learn to extend their expertise towards increasingly sophisticated and high-quality qualitative research.

(1) <http://cre.med.utoronto.ca/qrr08.html>

Short Papers/Posters and Interactive Demos—August 19, 2008

NORDICHI 2008: USING BRIDGES
(October 20-22, 2008, Lund, Sweden)



NordiCHI (1) is the main Nordic forum for human-computer interaction research. NordiCHI is the meeting place for researchers from academia and industry, designers, practitioners, educators and others from a broad range of traditions and communities.

Using bridges points at a variety of bridges: individual-to-individual, many-to-many, culture-to-culture, region-to-region, human-to-artifact, mankind-to-technology, artifact-to-artifact, etc. The uniting feature is the focus on the using, including not only user interaction aspects before and during the design process but also a variety of experiences of the effects of usage in every day surroundings.

(1) <http://www.nordichi2008.org/>

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Summary Submissions—June 25, 2008

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE INNOVATION DESIGN CONFERENCE
(October 20-22, 2008, Dongseo, University of Korea)



The International Service Innovation Design Conference

(1) will be held for researchers and designers who have a strong interest in this field in order to accelerate their activities through the exchange of information and the discussion of the framework and process of service innovation design. It is expected that the conference would bring a huge benefit for all participants.

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

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ACM MULTIMEDIA 2008 INTERACTIVE ARTS PROGRAM
(October 27-November 1, 2008, Vancouver, Canada)



This year's fifth version of the Interactive Arts Program will consist of an art exhibition at Science World British Columbia, and a conference track. The exhibition will explore the theme of BorderZones. Artworks exhibited will use multimedia to shift, traverse, intersect, and combine genres and modalities to provoke the emergence of new frameworks. The conference track will include long/short papers describing interactive multimedia artworks, tools, applications, and technical approaches for the creative use of multimedia content and technology, and management of art-related media collections.

(1) <http://www.mmart.iat.sfu.ca/>

POWERING INNOVATION: A NATIONAL SUMMIT (Nov. 3-4, 2008, Metro Toronto Convention Centre)



ORION and CANARIE - Ontario's and Canada's advanced research, education and innovation networks - invite you to mark your calendar for a national Summit in Toronto this November.

Join distinguished Canadian and global leaders and innovators in science, research, education and information technology to discuss and showcase new and innovative technologies that are transforming the way we conduct research, collaborate, teach and learn. **Gale Moore** (KMDI, SOC) is a member of the Planning Committee and organizing a session featuring humanists and social scientists called *Guess Who's Coming to Cyberinfrastructure*". For additional information on the Summit see (1).

(1) <http://www.canarieorionsummit.ca/index.html>

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Paper Submissions—July 4, 2008

ENACTIVE08 (November 19-21, 2008, Pisa, Italy)

ENACTIVE08 ENACTIVE08 (1) is a major international conference and an important meeting occasion for researchers in the field of Enactive Interfaces. Enactive Interfaces and Systems are a new generation of human-computer interfaces that are based on the concept of Enactive knowledge that is the knowledge acquired by doing. These new interfaces allow to make old applications more intelligent and responsive and to create new kinds of applications. The introduction of this concept in HCI has created a multidisciplinary research community capable of integrating theoretical model with interaction paradigms and advanced technologies like visualization systems, haptics and spatialized audio.

(1) <http://www.enactive2008.org/>

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Submission Deadline—August 11, 2008

FIFTH ANNUAL DESIGN RESEARCH CONFERENCE (January 15-16, 2009, Washington State University Spokane, USA)

Culture is a dynamic and multi-faceted term; Design is also a dynamic and multi-faceted term. The **Fifth Annual Design Research Conference** will focus on the busy crossroads in the geography of these two vast domains under the conference theme of Design + Cultures. In parallel with the ever-expanding impact of what Herbert Simon called the design of the artificial, upon cultural life, the theme of Design + Cultures raises numerous questions and a wide range of problems that can be addressed within a multidisciplinary setting.

(1) <http://www.designophy.com/article.php?id=1756>

Paper Submissions Due—September 22, 2008

**3rd IEEE/ACM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ICTs AND DEVELOPMENT
(April 17-19, 2009, Carnegie Mellon University, Qatar Campus, Education City, Doha, Qatar)**



The goal of the **ICTD conference** (1) is to provide a forum for academic researchers and scholarly practitioners working with ICT applied to development. The conference will be scientifically rigorous and multi-disciplinary. A full proceedings will be published at the time of the conference. The conference will bring together researchers and reflective practitioners in both the social and technical sciences, with anticipated representation from anthropology, sociology, economics, political science, computer science, electrical engineering, industrial design, and the like, in addition to domain specialists in various development fields such as healthcare, agriculture, enterprise, education, governance, etc.

(1) <http://ictd2009.org/>

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