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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



October, this year, is a month of local conferences and events. IBM's CASCON2007 (1) in which a number of KMDI members were involved was held this week. Social Network/ing Week produced by the Bell University Laboratories follows next week. Full details are in *Announcements* below, but I draw your attention to the three keynotes. On October 30th Jon Kleinberg, Professor of Computer Science, Cornell University will give the **Nathan and Beatrice Keyfitz Lecture in Mathematics and the Social Sciences** on *The Geography of Social and Information Networks*. On Nov. 1st Nan Lin, the Oscar L. Tang Professor of Sociology, Duke University will give the **S.D. Clark Lecture in Sociology** entitled *The Long Hand of Social Capital*. Earlier that day Keith Hampton, Assistant Professor, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania and UofT Department of Sociology graduate will give a keynote address to open the 2-day research symposium with a paper entitled *Social Networks and Internet Use: The Growth of Privatism in the Public and Parochial Realms?*

The sixth annual free software and open source symposium produced by Seneca College is on October 25th and 26th, and **Peter Wolf**, ePresence Systems Architect will be presenting. Also this week, a conference on **Intelligent Communities and Broadband** is being held in Waterloo – the 2007 Intelligent Community of the Year. Finally, at the end of the week there's a conference on **Privacy and Identity** at the University of Ottawa.

On Monday, I'm delighted that our colleague Liam Bannon who leads the Interaction Design Centre at the University of Limerick, in town for ICHIM (2), will give a talk at the Institute entitled *Who Wants Total Recall? An Argument for Taking Forgetting Seriously*. Details on our website (3).

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I expect members of the community will see each other at various events over the next ten days. It is gratifying to see many of the ideas that various members have championed over the years are becoming better understood – collaboration research and technologies, online communities, social networks, privacy and identity, the phenomenon of openness. While much remains to be done in each of these areas, new ideas and research continue to bubble to the surface in the Institute – ideas about knowledge media and learning in the 21st Century, the ‘disruptive’ potential of broadband and cyberinfrastructure, open innovation, and virtual worlds to mention just a few. It’s hard to imagine how it could be otherwise in a community of faculty and students that is so richly diverse – tri-campus, cross-divisional and trans-disciplinary.

While it’s late October the weather still reminds us of summer. **Ron Baecker** (KMDI, CS) provided this month’s photo – a typical scene in the Tokyo shopping district for discount electronics known as *Akihabara* which he took while travelling in the East this summer to give presentations in Tokyo and Beijing. Another reminder of our increasingly global interconnected world.

Gale Moore
Director

- (1) <https://www-927.ibm.com/ibm/cas/cascon/>
- (2) <http://www.ichim.org/>
- (3) http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/events/documents/Bannon_talk.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIAL NETWORK/ING WEEK @ UofT (1)

Bell University Laboratories

Bahen Centre for IT

October 30th- November 2nd, 2007

Social networks have now caught the imagination, be they computer-based Facebook ways to link friends or corporations working together. With the rise of the Internet, social networks and communication networks have become intertwined. Although new to the public, scholars and practitioners have been analyzing social networks for some time. Their social network analysis has joined the general public’s active social network/ing. Social Network/ing Week is a forum to facilitate knowledge transfer and interdisciplinary collaboration between research and industry/government participants. Check out the program (2). The event is free of charge but you need to register (3). KMDI, The Fields Institute, the Department of Sociology and NetLab are co-sponsors of this BUL event.

- (1) <http://www.bul.utoronto.ca/events/social.htm>
- (2) <http://www.bul.utoronto.ca/events/social/eventProg.htm>
- (3) <http://www.bul.utoronto.ca/events/social/registration.htm>

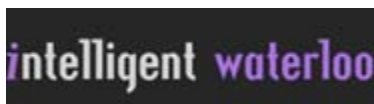
SIXTH ANNUAL FREE SOFTWARE AND OPEN SOURCE SYMPOSIUM (FSOSS)
Seneca College, Seneca@York Campus, Toronto
October 25-26th, 2007 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FSOSS (1) is one of the most important gatherings of open source developers, users, businesses, and educators in North America. Over two days of talks and workshops, attendees have the chance to hear and meet those working at the cutting edge of open source today.

(1) <http://fsoss.senecac.on.ca/>

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ICF TO ANNOUNCE SMART21 AT CONFERENCE IN WATERLOO



On October 25, the 2007 Intelligent Community of the Year – Waterloo, Ontario, Canada – will hold a conference on **Intelligent Communities & Broadband: An Alternative to Energy**

Consumption (1). The conference is a one-day event exploring approaches to using broadband technologies more effectively to lessen dependence on energy, distribute energy and influence energy policy. It explores how broadband applications can save energy, reduce demands on physical space and transportation, and boost environmental sustainability.

(1) <http://www.intelligentwaterloo.com/en/forms/broadbandconference.aspx>

(2) <http://www.intelligentcommunity.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=46>

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THE REVEALED “I”: A CONFERENCE ON PRIVACY AND IDENTITY
University of Ottawa, OCT 25-27, 2007



Hosted by researchers from On the Identity Trail, the Revealed “I” brings together a stellar collection of leading North American and European research talent from academic, public, private, and not-for-profit sectors (1). This two-day discussion focuses on the

impact of information and authentication technologies on our identity, and on our ability to be anonymous. Offering the perspectives of youth, marginalized persons, artists, advocates, academics, entrepreneurs, and governments, the conference will investigate privacy and performativity, the psychological and social construction of identity, and challenges posed by emerging surveillance technologies.

Preceding this event is a day-long student conference, where students from Canada, the US, and Europe, selected through a peer-review process, will present their own research relating to identity, privacy, anonymity, technology, surveillance, and other related topics engaged by the On the Identity Trail project.

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

MEDIAGENERATOR FEATURED

On Monday, October 29th starting at 5:00 p.m. the Institute of Communication and Culture (ICC) is hosting the inaugural event for the *Arts After Dark Festival*, a week of arts activities in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the University of Toronto Mississauga. The Summer MediaGenerator Projects will be showcased. For more information see the poster (1) or the MediaGenerator website (2). For general information on the project see (3).

- (1) <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/icc/events/MGProjectPremiereArtsAfterDark.pdf>
- (2) <http://www.mediagenerator.ca/>
- (3) <http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/research/mediagenerator.aspx>

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Abstract Submission—January 20, 2008

KMDI IS THE HOST OF THIS YEAR'S ELPUB CONFERENCE (June 25-27, 2007, Toronto, Canada)



The **International Conference on Electronic Publishing** is entering its 12th year and ELPUB2008

(1) marks the first time the conference will be held in North America. **KMDI** is proud to serve as the host to this year's event. ELPUB 2008 will focus on key issues in the future of scholarly communications resulting from the intersection of semantic web technologies, the development of cyberinfrastructure for humanities and the sciences, and new dissemination channels and business models. Be sure to be part of this debate about the future of scholarly communication in the ever-changing world of networked information technologies.

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

THE VIRTUAL WATER COOLER: AROUND THE COMMUNITY

IDENTITY, PRIVACY AND SECURITY INITIATIVE HOSTS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

The **Identity, Privacy and Security Initiative** (IPSI) at the **UofT** is dedicated to developing new approaches to security that maintain the privacy, freedom and safety of the individual and the broader community. **Kostas Plataniotis** (ECE, KMDI), **Andrew Clement** (FIS, KMDI) and **Kumar Murty** (Math, KMDI) are among the faculty involved. IPSI has begun a public lecture series featuring notable researches in the field. Lectures are held every Monday from October 1 to November 12, 12 noon to 1 pm at the Galbraith Building, Room 120. Check out the IPSI website for further details.



- (1) <http://www.ipsi.utoronto.ca/site4.aspx>

CITIZEN LAB PRESENTS GUIDE ON INTERNET CENSORSHIP CIRCUMVENTION



The **Citizen Lab** (1) recently completed an Internet censorship circumvention guide intended for non-technical users, called *Everyone's Guide to By-Passing Internet Censorship for Citizens Worldwide* (2). There is a companion guide yet to come on how to publish information online targeted for censorship, and the Lab is presently working on having this guide translated into multiple languages. Feedback is welcome, you are encouraged to distribute as widely as you see fit.

- (1) <http://www.citizenlab.org/>
- (2) <http://citizenlab.org/CL-circGuide-online.pdf>

JMIR RECEIVES SSHRC GRANT



Dr. Gunther Eysenbach MD, MPH, founding editor and publisher of the **Journal of Medical Internet Research** (1) is pleased to announce that the journal has been successful in getting a SSHRC grant under the "Aid to Open-Access Research Journals" program.

- (1) <http://www.jmir.org/index>

PETER WOLF GIVES WORKSHOP AT FSOSS 2007



Peter Wolf (KMDI) will be giving a workshop on **ePresence** (1) at the **Free Software and Open Source Symposium** (2) on October 25, 2007. The workshop is entitled, "Installing and configuring ePresence Interactive Media."

- (1) <http://epresence.tv/>
- (2) <http://fsoos.senecac.on.ca/2007/presentationDetails.php?presentationID=61>

KELLY JUHASZ JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR INTERACTIVE ONTARIO



KMDI & FIS Alumni **Kelly Juhasz** is pleased to join the Board of Directors for **Interactive Ontario** (1) as one of the sector representatives for eLearning. The members of IO elected their 15-position Board of Directors at the AGM held October 2, 2007 in Toronto. Kelly is "excited about the new knowledge [she] will gain from the other Board members; it will be a privilege to work beside them."

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

WHAT WILL YOU DO? CHOSEN AS ONE OF NUIT BLANCHE'S GREATEST HITS

Congratulations to **Nina Czegledy** (KMDI Senior Fellow) and her collaborators for *What Will You Do?* (1), an art installation that was chosen as one of the greatest hits at this year's Nuit Blanche (2). The installation addresses the issue of individual and collective responsibility for making social change. As reported by the *Toronto Star*, "[This] global warming-themed billboard was neither condescending nor dull. SMS responses both amused and provoked."

Source: Toronto Star, Oct. 1/07

- (1) <http://www.criticalmedia.ca/#wwyd>
- (2) <http://scotiabanknuitblanche.com/>

SEVERAL UofT REPORTS RELEASED

1. Two new reports on **Best Practices for Fostering Interdisciplinarity and Governance and Administration** are now online (1). The Interdisciplinary Committee will be meeting later this fall to discuss the recommendations of the working groups in planning the next steps.
2. **Guidelines and Procedures Regarding Access to UofT Faculty, Students and Staff for Research Purposes** (2) The aim is to prevent survey fatigue, protect confidentiality and employee rights, and ensure that access does not conflict with any current or planned research to be conducted by the University or its administrative/academic units.
3. The **Report of the Committee to Review Scholarly Publishing at the U of T Press** is now available (3). The Board of the University of Toronto Press (UTP) invited the University to complete a review of scholarly publishing to assess its academic strength. The last review of scholarly publishing at UTP was done in 1995.
4. Extensively revised **Intellectual Property Guidelines for Graduate Students and Supervisors** (4). The earlier version of this document was created in 1999.
5. The **Report of the Information Technology Services (ITS) Review Committee and the Administrative Response** are now available online (5).
6. The **Report of the Committee to Review the Office of Teaching Advancement at the University of Toronto** is now available online (6). The Office of Teaching Advancement (OTA) was established in 2001 as an initiative to "enhance, inspire and reward good teaching across the University of Toronto, facilitate the growth and transfer of expertise in teaching throughout the community, link the many successful teaching initiatives and broad expertise across the University, and collaborate with them in the further development of programs and services."

- (1) <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/policy/interdisciplinary.htm>
- (2) <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/policy/access.htm>

- (3) <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/committees/reviews/utpress.htm>
- (4) <http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/gradadmin/policies/intellpropertyguidelines.asp>
- (5) <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/committees/reviews/its.htm>
- (6) <http://provost.utoronto.ca/committees/reviews/otareview.htm>

OTHER NEWS

OXFORD INTERNET INSTITUTE LAUNCHES NEW MSc PROGRAMME - *Social Science of the Internet* -FOR ENTRY IN OCTOBER 2009

Understanding the societal implications of the internet and related information and communication technologies requires the joining of multi-disciplinary perspectives. At KMDI we couldn't agree more and congratulations to OII and to Oxford University for their leadership in launching this program. This proposed one-year MSc course at the OII would enable students to take courses in law, policy and social sciences that are focused on the Internet and Web, as well as providing opportunities for involvement in collaborative projects joining the OII with computational and Web science colleagues at Oxford and other major universities in the UK and abroad.

The proposed MSc will provide core theoretical and methodological training for students with a basic background in law and policy, the social sciences, or computer and engineering sciences, as well as offering more specialist options in areas of the OII's expertise. The degree is designed for two types of students:

- (1) Students who wish to focus on Internet studies in the further pursuit of a law degree or a doctoral degree in information, communication, or any of the social sciences, or to move into professional careers in these fields, or
- (2) Professionals who have done original, creative work on the Internet, such as in their early career, and wish to gain a broader understanding of the societal aspects of its design or use.

(1) <http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/teaching/>

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ONTARIO RFP FOR BROADBAND STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND IMPACT ANALYSIS: PROGRAM AND EVALUATION SERVICES

The Advisory Services Unit, Corporate Procurement Policy & Planning Branch of the Ontario Shared Services, on behalf of the Ministry of Government Services invite prospective proponents to submit proposals for **Broadband Strategic Research and Impact Analysis: Program Evaluation Services** for Rural Connections the Ontario Municipal Rural Broadband Partnership Program, as further described in the RFP document (1).

- (1) http://www.merx.com/English/SUPPLIER_Menu.Asp?WCE=Show&TAB=1&PORTAL=MERX&State=7&id=138837&FED_ONLY=0&hcode=Io4YCljSSjQHK27SKYpQ%3d%3d

CREATIVE COMMONS CELEBRATES 5th BIRTHDAY



To commemorate the 5th birthday of **Creative Commons** (1), **Lawrence Lessig** has written to all supporters describing its dramatic growth, yet has acknowledge that as CC works to strengthen the underpinnings of participatory culture others are working equally hard to make sure culture remains proprietary. Lessig asks you help celebrate CC, and to plant the seeds for the next five years by doing the following: use 5 CC-licensed works; license 5 new works; spread the word and send CC your story of why you support it; introduce 5 new people to CC; increase your previous gift to CC by 50% to help sustain its operations for 2008.

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

EUROPENSCHOLARSHIP: SHOWCASE AND TOOL FOR OA IN EUROPE

On October 18, 2007, a European Rectors' meeting was held at the **University of Liege** to establish the foundations of a European movement for Open Access to scientific and scholarly publications: **EurOpenScholarship** (1). The goal of EurOpenScholarship will be to continue efforts by informing the European university communities about the opportunities available to researchers today for providing open access, as well as to establish, in the universities and research centers in Europe, a central institutional repository, allowing publications to be deposited and, wherever possible, made openly accessible to all.

(1) <http://www.ulg.ac.be/relationsexterieur/RecteursOA/>

VIDEO TO PROMOTE OA MANDATES AND METRICS



Related to EurOpenScholar, this **video** (1) presents information the basics of Open Access. Topics range from the basic definition of OA, to the kinds of competitive advantages that OA can bring. Researchers on OA are encouraged to use this video to encourage OA in their institutions.

(1) <http://users.ecs.soton.ac.uk/harnad/Temp/liege22.mov>

MICROSOFT UNVEILS HEALTH VAULT



On October 4, 2007, **Microsoft** was poised to unveil its new health-information product at a big event in Washington, DC. It is called the **Health Vault** (1), in keeping with Microsoft's promise to make storing data on the internet just as secure as keeping it in a bank.

Source: The Economist, Oct. 4/07

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

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GOOGLE UNVEILS PLANS FOR ONLINE PERSONAL HEALTH RECORDS

Less than two weeks after Microsoft announced plans to support online personal health information records, **Google** unveiled plans to follow suit. Marissa Mayer, Google's vice president of search products and user experience, said Wednesday here at the Web 2.0 Summit that Google plans to support the "storage and movement" of people's health records. Although she provided only scant details on the effort, she noted that Google became interested in the personal health record market as it watched Hurricane Katrina take aim at the Gulf Coast and all the paper-based records stored in various medical offices and hospitals in the region.

Source: Computerworld, Oct. 17/07

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WHO CAN YOU TRUST ONLINE? COMPETITION BUREAU COLLABORATES ON INTERNATIONAL INTERNET SWEEP

On September 28, 2007, the **Competition Bureau** announced that it participated in a joint Internet sweep with members of the **International Consumer Protection and Enforcement Network** to expose Web sites that make deceptive health claims for products and services. This action is part of the Bureau's priority to target various health fraud scams due to the serious harm they can cause for Canadians and legitimate businesses.

Source: Competition Bureau Canada, Sept. 28/07

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GARTNER: OPEN SOURCE IS THE BIG DISRUPTOR

Gartner A recent eWeek article (1) highlights findings from **Gartner** (2) research, which declared open-source software the biggest disruptor the software industry has ever seen and postulated it will eventually result in cheaper software and new business models. According to Gartner, open-source products accounted for a 13 percent share of the \$92.7 billion software market in 2006, but should account for 27 percent of the market in 2011 when revenue is expected to be \$169.2 billion. More information on Gartner's opinion on the future of open source can be found linked to the article.

(1) <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,2186932,00.asp>

(2) <http://www.gartner.com>

WIMAX BECOMES STANDARD



The broadband technology **WiMax** has been added to a global standard for mobile devices, boosting its chances of becoming the preferred system for the next generation of high-speed wireless Internet access. The decision by the U.N. telecommunications agency means that airwaves designated for other technologies in the standard known as IMT-2000 can now be used for networks based on WiMax. That's likely to spur development of the wireless technology, attract new investors and eventually drive down hardware costs, analysts said.

Source: Globe and Mail, Oct. 19/07

RESOURCES/PUBLICATIONS

Manuscript Submissions—December 1, 2007

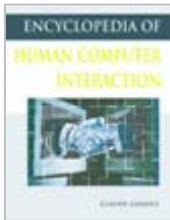
I HAVE AN AVATAR THEREFORE I EXIST: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN METAVERSES – CALL FOR PAPERS



Electronic Commerce Research has announced a call for papers (1) for a special issue on massive multiplayer online role playing games (e.g., *Second Life*, *World of Warcraft*). The rapid development of MMORPGs and metaverses is likely to bring about significant business as well as social, legal, policy, methodological and technological opportunities and challenges. This special issue aims to explore these and contribute to this rapidly expanding field by focusing on issues relevant to electronic business and management.

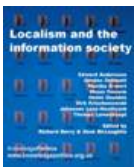
(1) <http://www.ebusiness-newcastle.com/news/article.php?id=40>

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION ONLINE AT UofT



The two-volume Encyclopedia of Human Computer Interaction is now available online through UofT's Robarts Library. This reference compiles encyclopedia-style articles on established and experimental topics in the field, in the areas of HCI paradigms, the design process, theories, and analysis. Material on applications looks at the relevance of HCI research in fields such as e-learning, health informatics, multimedia, and ubiquitous computing.

LOCALISM AND THE INFORMATION SOCIETY



Published by **KnowledgePolitics**, this report (1) argues that a localist approach needs to be at the heart of our approach to the information society, with a strong role for community-based initiatives. The publication includes an extended focus section on the issue of city top-level domains, with arguments presented by campaigners from New York and Berlin.

(1) <http://www.knowledgopolitics.org.uk/publications.html>

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMPUTING AND ICT RESEARCH IN CANADA



The International Journal of Computing and ICT (1) is a peer reviewed international journal with an objective of providing a medium for academics to publish original cutting edge research in the field of computing and ICT. IJCIR publishes two issues per year: June and December of each year. The first issue was released in June of this year.

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

HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL



History and Technology (1) stimulates research in the history of technology from antiquity to the present. It seeks to contribute to our understanding of technology as embedded in society, exploring its links between science, on the one hand, and the cultural, economic, political and institutional contexts on the other. Within that framework, and while not favouring any particular school or methodological approach, it welcomes papers which think about the relations between technology and society in new ways. The latest issue is a special issue devoted to the topic “Risk and ‘Risk Society’ in Historical Perspective”.

(1) <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~db=all~content=g782207044~tab=toc>

VIDEO: HANS ROSLING DEBUNKS MYTHS ABOUT THE “DEVELOPING” WORLD

In this video (1), **Hans Rosling** debunks a few myths about the “developing” world. Rosling is professor of international health at Sweden's world-renowned Karolinska Institute, and founder of Gapminder, a non-profit that brings vital global data to life. (Recorded February 2006 in Monterey, CA)

(1) <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=4237353244338529080&pr=goog-sl>

WILLIAM DUTTON INVITES COMMENTS ON LECTURE THROUGH BLOG

On October 15, 2007, Professor **William Dutton** gave an Inaugural Lecture University Examination Schools on ‘The Rise of a Fifth Estate in Internet Time and Space’. He suggested that it would not be an exaggeration to argue that a new form of social accountability is emerging, enabled by the growing use of the Internet and related ICTs, in what he calls the ‘Fifth Estate’. Prof. Dutton invites you to look at the full text of his lecture on his **blog** (1) and to provide comments by posting on the blog.

(1) <http://people.oii.ox.ac.uk/dutton/>

COPYRIGHT AND RESEARCH: A DEVASTATING CRITIQUE

In observing the debate over copyright and research, Steven Harnad notes, “Andrew Adams (2007) has written a powerful, relentless and devastating critique (1) of Kevin Taylor's (2007) ‘Copyright and research: an academic publisher's perspective.’ (2). Adams cites other archivangelists in support of his position, but this lucid, timely, rigorous and compelling synthesis is entirely his own. It will be seen and cited as a landmark in the research community's delayed but inexorable transition to Open Access.

- (1) <http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/ahrc/script-ed/vol4-3/adams.asp>
- (2) <http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/ahrc/script-ed/vol4-2/taylor.asp>

COOL TOOLS

GOOGLE TOOL: GAPMINDER WORLD 2006, BETA



Gapminder World 2006 is a powerful visualizing tool driven by data from publicly available sources. The timeline/timelapse visualization feature distills 50 years worth of data and presents a moving picture that communicates instantly how the world's nations measure up.

- (1) <http://tools.google.com/gapminder/>

T-SHIRT SHOWS OFF WI-FI MUSCLE



The **Wi-Fi Detector Shirt** (1) sold by the online store **ThinkGeek** for \$29.99, has glowing bars on the front that light up in waves when there's an IEEE 802.11b or 802.11g network in range. As with a network strength indicator on a cell phone or PC, more bars light up as the signal gets stronger. A cartoon of a classic radio tower and the simple expression “802.11” say it all for people who are looking for this kind of thing.

Source: InfoWorld, Oct. 5/07

- (1) <http://www.thinkgeek.com/tshirts/generic/991e/>

INKMEDIA MOBILE COMPUTER



The **InkMedia Mobile Computer** (MC) (1) is a low cost mobile computer manufactured for the developing and developed world to reduce the digital divide. The computer was developed after experiences in India showed how the traditional PC fared badly with respect to overheating, hard drive failures and virus infections, all of which added to the total cost of ownership. Ink MC is ROM based and has no hard disk or moving parts. It draws power more like a mobile phone and can run on

a 12V car battery or solar power solution.

(1) <http://www.ink-media.com/index.html>

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SIMPLIFY YOUR ONLINE LIFE WITH FUSER



Fuser (1) is the first and only online tool that allows you to easily, efficiently and securely manage your email and social networking communications in one place. Fuser is designed for people that juggle more than one email address and/or social networking account, and who inevitably struggle with too many logins, conflicting interfaces and too little time to check them all. Fuser solves that problem by allowing you to manage your online communications on a single Web page that is easy-to-use and completely secure.

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

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ZOHO OFFICE SUITE



Zoho's Office Suite (1) includes a variety of software solutions for freelancers: a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation tool, wiki writer, notebook, project management, CRM solution, database creator, calendar, web conferencing, email and chat.

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

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/SYMPOSIA

Deadline—October 28, 2007

PHD WORKSHOP ON RESEARCHING SOCIAL SOFTWARE (November 28-30, 2007, Instituto de Ciências Sociais, Campus de Gualtar, Braga, Portugal)

This PhD workshop aims to examine and discuss different versions and definitions of social software and how experiences of relation to others can be understood in social software. It also aims to situate software in terms of processes of production, consumption and exchange, and to discuss different approaches, techniques and difficulties involved in researching software. The sessions are as follows: 1. What is social software? 2. Living with social software: self-other relations and sociality; 3. Social software in technological economies; 4. Researching social software. The deadline is October 28, 2007. Write to (1) for further information.

(1) social.software.portugal@gmail.com

2nd WORKSHOP ON INTELLIGENT NETWORKS: ADAPTATION, COMMUNICATION AND REFIGURATION (January 10, 2008, Bangalore, India)

The topic of assured communications between the application end-points in a distributed embedded system is quite important for the military, automotive, aerospace, and e-commerce domains. It synergizes three sub-areas of research: adaptation of system operations to the network resources and environment conditions, reliable communications between end-points in the presence of failures, and self-reconfigurations at various system levels for increased resilience. **IAMCOM 2008** (1) will offer a unique and focused forum for researchers from academia, government and industry to share ideas and disseminate new results in this important area.

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

TCEA EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM (February 5, 2008, Austin, USA)



The Texas Computer Education Association second annual Educational Technology Research Symposium (1) will be February 5, 2008, in Austin Texas. The event will provide a venue for educational technology researchers to present formal papers in educational technology areas. Registration is now open.

(1) <http://www.tcea.org/symposium/Default.htm>

WORKSHOP ON EXERTION INTERFACES AT CHI 2008 (April 6, 2008, Florence, Italy)



This year, the focus of this workshop (1) will be on a multidisciplinary approach to Exertion Interfaces through learning from influencing domains such as sport, medical science, gaming, coaching, social science, and education. This will allow us to discuss the salient areas we identified on the axes generated last year: theory, evaluation, tactics, training, skills, body expression, audiences, teams and new influencing dimensions we identify through our Wiki until then.

(1) <http://workshopchi.pbwiki.com/>

Submission Deadline—December 17, 2007

ISTAS-08

(June 26-28, 2008, Fredericton, Canada)



The 2008 IEEE International Symposium on Technology and Society (1) will be a multi-disciplinary event for researchers in engineering,

computer science, social sciences, arts and humanities; as well as community-based researchers, policy makers and technology user communities. Papers and discussions will address both the social and technical aspects of the specific topics.

(1) <http://www.istas08.ca>

CONFERENCES

COMING TO TERMS WITH 21st CENTURY PRACTICES: ICT, COMPETENCE AND CULTURAL CHANGE

(November 22-23, 2007, University of Oslo, Norway)



The overall scope of the conference (1) is based on the strategic research initiative, **Competence and Media Convergence 2003-2007**. Challenging questions about competence and media convergence will be discussed. There is an increasing degree of specialization taking place that demands systems for integrating different types of competencies. As actors in society, we participate in many different contexts as we move between various arenas in everyday life, institutions and networks involving work and learning processes. A central challenge of contemporary society is thus the challenge to cross borders between everyday life and institutional arenas.

(1) <http://www.intermedia.uio.no/cmc2007>

NEXTMEDIA 2007

(November 27-28, 2007, Toronto, Canada)



nextMEDIA – Monetizing Digital Media (1) is a digital entertainment, interactive advertising and technology conference dedicated to connecting all sides of today's rapidly evolving digital media marketplace. It will bring together representatives from across the value chain of digital publishing, interactive advertising and content creation.

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

17th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL REALITY AND TELEXISTENCE

(November 28-30, Esbjerg, Denmark)



ICAT (1) is the oldest international conference on Virtual Reality and Telexistence. The annual conference began in Japan and apart from New Zealand in 2005 the conference has never been held outside of Asia (Japan, South Korea, and China). Denmark is proud to be the inaugural European host

country with Esbjerg, the Danish city of the year 2006 as host city. ICAT 2007 will not only look for innovations in the technology itself, but also explore novel ways to transfer and express information and creative ideas to the society and people.

(1) <http://www.icat2007.org/>

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CTO CONFERENCE ON OPEN SOURCE IN ICT 2007
(December 4-6, 2007, London, Canada)



Open source software presents an opportunity to cut costs, see inside the software, demystify technology and understand the design so that all users can adapt technology to meet their own needs. It is widely seen as the key enabler for developing countries to achieve technological self-determination. To explore open source further, the **Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation** (1) is hosting a three-day event on this topic (2).

(1) <http://www.cto.int/>

(2) <http://www.events.cto.int/default.aspx?event=opensource07>

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Call for Papers and Posters—November 1, 2007

DIGITAL REPOSITORY FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2008
(January 30-31, 2008, Osaka, Japan)



Open access is a movement aiming to have all scholarly outputs available free online, which now becomes a world-wide trend of scholarly communication, endorsed by Budapest, Bethesda, and Berlin declarations. To realize the ideal, institutional repositories have been introduced all over the world. **DRFIC2008** (1) will focus on the open access movement in the world, in the Asia, and in Japan in order to contribute to a better scholarly communication in the world.

(1) <https://www.tulips.tsukuba.ac.jp/DRFIC2008/>

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2008 ICT SUMMIT
(February 22-24, 2008, Vancouver, Canada)



The theme for the **2008 Strategic Use of ICTs for Communities Summit** is “Turning Capacity into Capital” (1). The Communities around the world are taking advantage of the Internet to improve people's lives. Strategic use of ICTs is helping create social and economic change in health, education, culture, and to increase civic engagement. But the benefits are not evenly distributed. “Digital divides” persist in urban and rural communities, among First Nations

and others. As more communities gain access to broadband, the challenge is turning this IT capacity into community capital in the form of better educated citizens, more prosperous businesses, higher quality healthcare and better access to services.

(1) <http://www.ictsummit.ca/>

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**CONFERENCE ON GENERAL ONLINE RESEARCH
(March 8-10, 2008, University of Hamburg, Germany)**



GOR 08

The aim of this conference (1) is to document the progress of Internet science, innovative developments, and practical experience. Conference topics include theories, methods, and findings pertaining to social and business aspects of the Internet and mobile communication.

(1) http://www.gor.de/gor08/index_en.php

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Proposal Submission—November 9, 2007

**DIGITAL MAINSTREAMS / DIGITAL UNDERCURRENTS
(March 19-22, 2008, San Francisco, USA)**

For many individuals, the Internet has become a familiar feature of mainstream popular culture. At the same time, a great number of activities take place online that are decidedly outside of the mainstream, defining a range of mediated subcultural or countercultural practices. This conference (1) will explore questions about what defines the dominant, the minor, and the subversive in an age of a global, digital popular culture and an increasingly networked everyday life.

(1) <http://cct.georgetown.edu/39060.html>

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Submission Deadline—December 7, 2007

**OPEN REPOSITORIES CONFERENCE 2008
(April 1-4, 2008, Southampton, UK)**



Repositories play a pivotal role in the evolving scholarly information environment of open access research outputs and scholarly collections. With its theme of “Practice and

Innovation”, **OR08** (1) will create an opportunity for practitioners and researchers to share experiences and to explore the challenges of the new scholarly communication.

(1) <http://or08.ecs.soton.ac.uk/>

Submission Deadline—November 16, 2007

MOBILE LEARNING 2008
(April 11-13, 2008, Algarve, Portugal)



The **IADIS Mobile Learning 2008 International Conference** (1) seeks to provide a forum for the discussion and presentation of mobile learning research. In particular, we aim to further our understanding of mobile learning from the standpoint of learner mobility. We seek to explore how the multiple perspectives of mobility and the interactions among these influence and enhance current definitions, design, and evaluation of mobile learning.

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

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Abstract Submissions—December 14, 2007

3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DESIGN COMPUTING AND COGNITION
(June 23-25, 2008, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA)



This biennial conference series (1) provides an international forum for the presentation and discussion of state-of-the-art and cutting-edge design research with a focus on artificial intelligence, cognitive science and computational theories in design. The conference proceedings will form a continuing archive of design computing and cognition research. The conference will be preceded by a series of half-day workshops on specialist topics in design computing and cognition.

(1) <http://mason.gmu.edu/~jgero/conferences/dcc08/>

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Abstract Submission—December 6, 2007

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

The **International Conference on e-Learning** (1) brings together academic research and practical applications of e-Learning from all areas. ICEL brings together varied groups of people with different perspectives, seeking to bring top research and proven best practices together into one location, for the purposes of helping practitioners find ways to put research into practice, and for researchers to gain an understanding of additional real-world problems

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

Submissions—November 14, 2007

**4th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL
INFORMATICS AND CYBERNETICS
(June 29 – July 2, 2008, Orlando, USA)**



The basic purpose of the Organizing Committee of **SOIC 2008** (1) is to provide a forum for disciplinary and interdisciplinary communications, where researchers (in Social and Natural Sciences, as well as in Engineering), intellectuals, policy/decision makers and Consultants would share the results of their research, studies and thoughts, with regards to societies and private/public organizations in the context of the Information Age.

(1) <http://www.socioinfo cyber.org/soic2008>

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Abstract Submission—November 1, 2007

**APPLIED HUMAN FACTORS AND ERGONOMICS 2008
(July 14-17, 2008, Las Vegas, USA)**

This **Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics 2008 Conference** (1) will provide an international forum for the dissemination and exchange of scientific information on theoretical, generic, and applied areas of ergonomics, including, physical ergonomics, cognitive ergonomics, social and organizational ergonomics, ergonomics modeling and usability evaluation, healthcare and special populations, safety and ergonomics in manufacturing.

(1) <http://www.aei2008.org/index.html>

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