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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



Welcome to the last issue before the summer break. As in previous years the July/August issue will be published at the end of August.

Special honours to two members of the community this month – the ORION Leadership Award of Merit to **Ron Baecker** (CS, KMDI) and election to the Royal Society of Canada for **Barry Wellman** (Soc, KMDI). Congratulations! [More in the *Virtual Water Cooler*]

Andrew Clement's term as Director of the Collaborative Program in KMD comes to an end June 30th. On behalf of KMDI and all our students, I want to thank Andrew for his contribution to the Institute and the program over the past six years in his two terms as Director. The Collaborative Program proposal was approved by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS) in the fall of 2001. Andrew was appointed shortly after and the first course was offered in the spring of 2002. During Andrew's tenure the Program has grown and with our recent admissions we have 34 masters and doctoral students currently active. For more on the program and our increasingly cross-disciplinary student body please visit the web site. Thank you Andrew.

On June 19th we held our 5th annual spring party and graduation. Acting Dean Elizabeth Cowper presented certificates to this year's graduates – seven in all including the first doctoral student to complete the program. The weather cooperated in the end, and as in previous years, we enjoyed the patio. Thanks to **Barbara Soren** of the Collaborative Program, **Susan Hesemeier** and **Cuilin Pan** for making this such a success.

I wish everyone a long, and at times lazy, summer.

Gale Moore
Director

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BILL BUXTON RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE FROM OCAD

On Thursday, June 14, 2007, the **Ontario College of Art & Design** held its 2007 Spring Convocation at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto. **Bill Buxton**, Principal Researcher for Microsoft Research and KMDI Visiting Professor 2004-2005 was announced as one of the 2007 Honorary Doctorate recipients (1).

Source: OCAD News, June 11, 2007

(1) http://www.ocad.ca/about_ocad/news_events/news_releases/hon_doctorates07.htm

TIM McTIERNAN APPOINTED INTERIM VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

Tim McTiernan, Assistant Vice-President (Research) and Executive Director of Innovations at UofT, has been appointed by Governing Council as Interim Vice-President (Research) for a six-month period beginning July 1 or until a new Vice-President takes office. He will fill the position being vacated by Professor John Challis, who is returning to teaching and research.

Source: University of Toronto News, June 5, 2007

2nd ANNUAL UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO TEACHING AND LEARNING SYMPOSIUM

(October 25, 2007, Toronto)

Submission Deadline— June 30, 2007



The Symposium (1) is a full-day cross-divisional forum that is intended again to stimulate discussion and sharing of experiences for faculty and staff. This year's event will be built around the theme of assessment and evaluation of teaching and of learning. The day-long program will include a keynote address by 2001 Nobel laureate in physics, Carl Wieman, and a panel presentation with winners of this year's President's Teaching Awards.

(1) <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/link/tlsymposium.htm>

DOCUMENT HIGHLIGHTS THE ISSUES FACING THE FUTURE OF UofT

Towards 2030: Planning for U of T's Future is an initiative to engage the University community and other interested individuals and groups in discussions about the long-term strategic directions that will advance Canada's pre-eminent institution of higher learning and research. A background document (1) that sets out the key issues confronting the University has been released.

(1) <http://www.towards2030.utoronto.ca>

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ACCESS COPYRIGHT TO MAKE RANDOM VISITS

Access Copyright (1) has advised UofT that it will be conducting an analysis of course pack production across Canada in the coming year in an effort to understand the course pack needs of post-secondary institutions and to assist institutions in correctly reporting course pack copying. As part of this process Access Copyright representatives will visit randomly-selected post-secondary institutions and purchase course packs. These course packs will then be compared to the information submitted in their eLogs.

Source: UofT PDADC Memoranda, #63, June 5, 2007

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

THE VIRTUAL WATER COOLER: AROUND THE COMMUNITY

2007 ORION WINNERS



Congratulations to **Ron Baecker** (CS, KMDI), winner of the **2007 ORION Leadership Award of Merit**, as well as to **Marlene Scardamalia** and **Carl Bereiter** (both OISE/UT) founders of the **Institute for Knowledge Innovation and Technology**, who received the **2007 ORION Learning Award**. ORION Awards (1) are presented to innovators to



recognize their achievements as champions of advanced technologies in scientific research, teaching and learning.

(1) <http://www.orion.on.ca/2007orionawards/home.html>

A few notes from Ron's citation:



Dr. Ronald M. Baecker, University of Toronto Professor of Computer Science, widely recognized as one of the world's pioneers of computer animation and leading authority in the field of human-computer interaction, is the 2007 ORION Leadership Award of Merit winner. ... His current interests include ePresence, his vigorous new webcasting, conferencing, and rich media archiving system. Distributed as open-source technology by the UofT, it is used by 25 Canadian universities and medical schools and a growing number in other countries. Congratulations Ron! For the full citation see (1)

(1) <http://www.orion.on.ca/2007orionawards/baecker.html>



Congratulations to Barry Wellman on being elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1). The Royal Society of Canada is the national academy dedicated to the promotion of exceptional learning, research and accomplishments in the arts, humanities and sciences. Election to Fellowship in the Society is the highest academic accolade in Canada that is available to scientists and scholars.

The Royal Society of Canada has a current membership of more than 1,700 Fellows who are recognized as the leaders in their fields. It adds to its membership each year with the election of up to 60 New Fellows. Nominations for Fellowship are peer-reviewed by current Fellows of the Society with each Academy following criteria of excellence based solely on the quality of the nominee's research and scholarly achievements. Congratulations Barry!

(1) http://www.rsc.ca/index.php?lang_id=1

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Leslie Chan (UTSC, KMDI) recently returned from the 11th International Conference on Electronic Publishing: ELPUB 2007 (1) held at the Vienna University of Technology. This year, Leslie was the Program Chair, and **Gale Moore** (KMDI, SOC) was on the Program Committee. Leslie presented both a paper on his recent work for SSHRC entitled "Feasibility of Open Access for Journals Supported by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada" (2), and a poster on "The Inclusion of Open Access Journals in Academic Libraries: A Case Study of Boline International" (3). **ELPUB 2008** will be coming to Toronto, with Leslie as Conference Chair and KMDI as host and sponsor. The tentative theme is *Open Scholarship*. Leslie is currently working on applications for conference support and is interested in hearing from anyone in the community interested in this issue of critical importance to everyone in the academy today. More on **ELPUB 2008** in the next issue.

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

(2) http://elpub.scix.net/data/works/att/161_elpub2007.content.pdf

(3) http://elpub.scix.net/cgi-bin/works/Show?id=160_elpub2007&sort=DEFAULT&search=year%3a2007%20type%3aposter&hits=9

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 Congratulations to the recent graduates of the KMDI Collaborative Program in KMD. Here's a brief update on three of them. The others will be included in the July/August issue.



KMDI Alum **Timothy Hong** (MEng, MIE) recently left his information architecture position at RBC to continue his academic studies. In the fall of 2007, Tim will be starting a doctoral program at Ryerson. Tim will bring his prior experience in human-computer interaction, ecological interface design and human factors to research on amusement parks; a unique area of research. In the interim, he will be traveling and relaxing during a long-anticipated summer vacation.



KMDI Graduate Fellow, **Ryan Kilgore**, graduated with a PhD from Mechanical and Industrial Engineering in November 2006. Ryan is the first student to have completed the doctoral program to graduate. Ryan is currently a Senior Scientist at Charles River Analytics in Cambridge, MA. He is working on interaction design and evaluation for intelligence analysis, collaborative command and control, and unmanned vehicle supervision.



Vic Chung graduated in March 2007 with a MIST degree from Faculty of Information Studies; also completing the Collaborative Program in KMD. In February 2007 Vic joined Business Objects SA in Vancouver as a dedicated engineer. His role is to maintain premium support accounts and provide engineering support to strategic customers. He currently manages support accounts for Southwest Airlines, AON Corporation, Comair, Bank of New York, and Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. His current job is an interesting switch from what he learnt in the KMD Collaborative program, but is sure the time he spent at KMDI will be very useful for his career down the road.

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Gale Moore (KMDI, SOC) has recently returned from Mexico City where she gave a talk at EGADE-CEM, a business school that is part of the Tec de Monterrey. The talk was entitled *Creating Value: Peer Production and the 21st Century Organisation*.



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On May 7, 2007, Professor **Leslie Chan** (UTSC, KMDI) participated in a launch meeting of the **UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development** (1) initiative for **Community of Expertise: Education Global Alliance for Enhancing Access to and Application of Scientific Data in Developing Countries** (2) in Atibaia, Sao Paulo, Brazil. The goal of the meeting was to establish international projects and partnership that would enhance scientific data sharing and application between institutions in the developing world. Following this meeting, Leslie took part in a workshop on **Strategies for Open and Permanent Access to Scientific Information in Latin America: Focus on Health and Environmental Information for Sustainable Development** (3). There he presented a paper entitled, "Collaborative Approach to Open Access: Experience from Bioline International" (4). Prior to these meetings in Brazil, **Leslie** attended **Promoting 21st Century Scholarly Communication: The Role of Institutional Repositories in the Open Access Movement** (5), in Hong Kong where he presented a paper entitled "Promoting 21st Century Scholarly Communication: The Role of Institutional Repositories in the Open Access Movement" (6). Leslie was also part of a roundtable discussion on funding and institutional policy framework for enabling open access in Hong Kong.

- (1) <http://www.un-gaid.org/>
 (2) <http://www.un-gaid.org/en/node/165>
 (3) <http://www.cria.org.br/eventos/codata2007/>

- (4) http://www.cria.org.br/eventos/codata2007/apresentacao/Presentations_09-05/Session7/panel7.4/lchan.ppt
- (5) http://lib.hku.hk/scholarly_communication/conf/
- (6) <http://hub.hku.hk/handle/123456789/44098>

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IBM FACULTY AWARDS FOR JUTTA TREVIRANUS AND STEPHEN HOCKEMA



Congratulations to **Jutta Treviranus** (ATRC, KMDI) and **Stephen Hockema** (FIS, KMDI), who have been awarded **IBM Corporation Faculty Awards** for 2007. The award will support their ATRC research to develop an “Ajax software development kit” that will produce accessible software over the next year. The gift, totaling more than \$81,000, recognizes ATRC's importance to the industry, the quality of the program, and the researchers' achievements.

IBM Corporation Faculty Awards are awarded yearly, and are renewable.

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A recent article in the Toronto Star (1) highlights **Christopher Collins'** (PhD Candidate, CS, KMDI) KMDI Technical Report, *DocuBurst: Radial Space-Filling Visualization of Document Content* (1). The author of the article writes, “Created as a course project by a U of T student, this conceptual pinwheel could change the way we read and retrieve information.”

- (1) <http://www.thestar.com/News/article/223620>
- (2) <http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/publications/documents/KMDI-TR-2007-1.pdf>



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Nina Czegledy (KMDI Senior Fellow) has been appointed **Honorary Fellow** to the **Moholy Nagy University of Art and Design** (1) in Budapest. Nina is a media artist, curator, and writer, who has collaborated on international projects, produced time-based and digital works, and participated in workshops, forums and festivals around the world.

- (1) <http://w2.mome.hu/>

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Wojciech Gryc, winner of a **Project OS|OA Student Experience Program** award is off to Nairobi for two months, to work on the latest **Five Minutes to Midnight** project (1). FMM will be helping to set up an open source, youth-led newspaper in Kibera, one of the poorest areas in Africa. The newspaper is FMM's longest project yet, as the team is in Nairobi until July 27, 2007. To keep up with project, visit the public blog (2).

- (1) <http://i2r.org/fmm/a13i/english/>
- (2) <http://www.11-55.org/a13iblog/>



We say good-bye to Cuilin Pan, KMDI's undergraduate assistant who has helped us in so many ways over the past two years. Cuilin is heading to New York City and graduate school at Columbia where she is taking a masters in socio-organisational psychology. As her convocation was the same day as our Garden Party she and her friend Andy Toh continued their celebration with us. Best of luck in your future studies.

OTHER NEWS

DON NORMAN SPEAKS AT UofT



On June 11, 2007, Don Norman, spoke at a **Human Factors Interest Group** (1) event at UofT. Professor Norman shared insights from his soon-to-be published book: *The Design of Future Things* (2). HFIG members consist of students and faculty members that are affiliated with the University of Toronto and local professionals who are interested in the field of Human Factors.

- (1) <http://www.mie.utoronto.ca/hfig/index.php>
- (2) http://www.jnd.org/dn.mss/the_design_of_future_1.html

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TORONTO #1 DIGITAL MEDIA LOCATION, SAYS IBM REPORT



Marking the launch of the first annual **Techweek.TO** (1), the **Toronto Region Research Alliance** (2) released a study by IBM's New Jersey-based Global Location Strategies Team, positioning Toronto as a leader in digital media. The study, *Toronto's Competitive Positioning in the ICT Sector*, found that Toronto's information and communication technology sector ranks with world leaders and finishes well ahead of the pack in digital media.

Source: TO Business, June 2007

- (1) <http://www.techweek.to/>
- (2) <http://www.trra.ca/trratorontoregion/>

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WATERLOO NAMED TOP 'INTELLIGENT COMMUNITY' OF THE WORLD

From a 19th Century mill town, to the heart of Canada's technology triangle, to recognition as the world's most intelligent community – Waterloo, Ontario has come a long way. Beating out six other finalists, Waterloo was named as the "Intelligent Community of the Year" by **The Intelligent Community Forum** (1) a New York-based non-profit think tank that focuses on economic development in the broadband economy. **Mima Vulovic** (Ministry of Government Services), **Gale**

Moore (KMDI, SOC) and a number of Torontonians interested in broadband attended this event at the Polytechnic University in Brooklyn, May 17th and 18th.

Source: ITWorld Canada, May 22, 2007

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

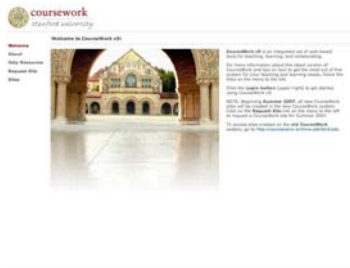
SAKAI FOUNDATION NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Earlier this month, it was announced that **Michael Korcuska** will be the new Executive Director of the **Sakai Foundation** (1), effective July 23, 2007. In this role, he will lead the Foundation's activities in developing technology, sharing best practices, and fostering collaboration on behalf of the Sakai community.

(1) http://sakaiproject.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=297&Itemid=507

STANFORD LAUNCHES SAKAI AS UNIVERSITY LMS +



After a year-long pilot, Sakai went into full production at Stanford today, fully replacing the legacy home-grown system. "We've taken a long, careful path toward deployment to assure a seamless transition to the new system. It is localized, integrated and well tested ... This is a big achievement for us, fulfilling the commitment we made to ourselves, and to our collaborators at Indiana, Michigan and MIT three years ago when we started this project. We've had a lot of ideas, support and encouragement from the whole community along the way, and are delighted to be part of the Sakai community". The portal (1)

features the arches and chapel in the Stanford Quad, and carries a "powered by Sakai" label.

(1) https://collab.sakaiproject.org/access/content/attachment/bc14f779-187a-45d7-806f-5a5f417ad601/Stanford_sakai.tiff

CANADA'S NEW GOVERNMENT ENSURES SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM



The **Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry**, announced that Canada's New Government will extend its support of the **Community Access Program** (1) by providing funding for 2007-08. "Canada's New Government has pledged to work to improve opportunities for all Canadians," said Minister Bernier. "We are proud to contribute to a community-driven program such as CAP that has so many positive

benefits across the country.” A Government of Canada initiative, administered by Industry Canada, CAP provides Canadians with affordable public access to the Internet and the skills they need to use it effectively.

Source: Industry Canada News Release, June 6, 2007

(1) <http://cap.ic.gc.ca/pub/index.html?iin.lang=en>

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Pre-qualification Deadline—August 10, 2007

Application Deadline—August 27, 2007

THE ENTERTAINMENT AND CREATIVE CLUSTER PARTNERSHIPS FUND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



The **Ontario Media Development Corporation** has launched a call for applications for **The Entertainment and Creative Partnerships Fund** (1), a program of the Ministry of Culture, co-administered by the Ontario Media Development Corporation. The Fund assists Ontario's Entertainment and Creative Cluster stakeholders by supporting strategic partnerships to develop fresh approaches and solutions for the priorities and needs of the cluster.

(1) <http://www.omdc.on.ca/Page3231.aspx>

EUROPEAN COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING ITS GREEN PAPER



Last April, the European Commission adopted a Green Paper on *The European Research Area: New Perspectives* (1). This paper identifies “effective knowledge-sharing” as a key area for the ERA and asks whether there is a need for EU-level policies and practices to improve and ensure open access to and dissemination of raw data and peer-reviewed publications from publicly funded research results. The European Commission invites you to participate in an online questionnaire (2) addressing in more detail the questions in the paper.

(1) http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/consultation-era_en.html#greenpaper

(2) http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/questionnaire_en.html

IBM BRINGS CLIENTS TO SECOND LIFE



IBM recently announced a new business centre that won't actually exist at all – it is in the online 3D virtual world **Second Life**. The new virtual business centre would function as a gathering place, according to Lee Dierdorff, IBM's

vice-president of Web strategy and enablement. "IBM salespeople, clients, and partners can meet, learn, and collaborate, and conduct business," he said. "It would be staffed by real salespeople -- not kiosks or robots."

Source: ITBusiness.ca, May 15, 2007

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PEARSON ACQUIRES eCOLLEGE



eCollege (1), a leading provider of value-added information services to the post-secondary education industry, recently announced that it has entered into an agreement to be acquired by **Pearson Education, Inc.**, in a transaction with a total value of approximately \$538 million. The proceeds will include \$41 million from the separate sale of Datamark, the Company's Enrollment Division, to an investor group led by Oakleigh Thorne, eCollege's chairman and CEO. Source: eCollege Press Release, May 14, 2007

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

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GOOGLE'S 'UNIVERSAL SEARCH' TO INTEGRATE RESULTS



Google has announced a major restructuring of its online presence that will integrate regular Web page search results with news stories, blogs, videos, maps and several other products. **Universal Search**, as Google executives described it, will also include contextual navigation links in case users still want to search for only Web pages, videos or books. Its Gmail messaging service will also be available off its home page for the first time.

Source: ITBusiness.ca, May 16, 2007

RESOURCES/PUBLICATIONS

Submission Deadline—July 30, 2007

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: INTEGRATING EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY INTO MAINSTREAM UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Nova Science Publishers, NY, will be publishing [Integrating Educational Technology into Mainstream University Teaching](#). This book will contain practical solutions to problems of integrating educational technology into mainstream university teaching from practitioners in the field. Although it is aimed at University teaching, contributions are invited from all levels and sectors of training and education. If you are interested in contributing to this book, please complete your submission online (1).

(1) <http://survey.cet.uct.ac.za/index.php?sid=10>

Submission Deadline—September 1, 2007

CALL FOR PAPERS: CANADIAN JOURNAL OF COMMUNICATION

CANADIAN JOURNAL of COMMUNICATION

This special issue of will feature the topic
“Wireless Technologies, Mobile Practices.”

Mobile wireless devices such as handheld PDAs, cellular telephones, and portable computers are part of a changing landscape of communications and culture. The Canadian Journal of Communication invites submissions, in English or in French, for a forthcoming special issue on mobile communications and wireless technologies.

(1) <http://www.cjc-online.ca/>

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OREDI NEWSLETTER REVAMPED

The **Ontario Regional Economic Development and Innovation** newsletter (1) has been revamped to provide a new and improved look and feel. The publishers have tried to accommodate a variety of user views and would appreciate feedback regarding the design, format and search tool. Please contact OREDI's co-editor, Jen Nelles (2) to comment on this new look.

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

(2) <mailto:jen.nelles@utoronto.ca>

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SAKAI REGISTRY



The **Sakai Registry** (1) was created to help you find what you need for your Sakai environment. It is a place where you can browse through available applications, look at screen shots, and maybe read comments by other people on how they use it. You are invited to comment on tools and later you'll be able to rate them.

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

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GREEN PAPER II: THE FUTURE OF TELEVISION IN CANADA



Following up on last year's lively debate at the **Banff World Television Festival** (1) organizers have released **Green Paper II: The Future of Television in Canada** (2). The Paper will provide the

background and impetus for BWTVF's Town Hall session entitled, "Town Hall Part 2: Revisiting the Green Paper on the Future of Television in Canada." The Green Paper II takes a hard look at the truth behind the hype of the last year, particularly the alarm bells warning of the possible break-up of the traditional programming value-chain.

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

(2) http://www.bwtvf.com/pdf/2007_Banff_Green_Paper_WebVersion.pdf

CATA PUBLISHES MOBILE CONTENT AND SERVICES INDUSTRY PROFILE



2007 will be the year when Canada's mobile content and services industry takes off: such is the conclusion of CATA's newly published *Mobile Content and Services Industry Profile* (1). This publication will assist you in assessing the opportunities of mobile technologies. It covers the full scope of mobile services including infrastructure, content and applications and discusses both technology and market trends. As well, Canadian industry's capacity to respond to these market trends is profiled.

(1) http://www.cata.ca/Media_and_Events/Press_Releases/cata_pr05230702.html

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BROADBAND FACT BOOK

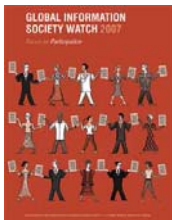


Working on the premise that informed policy makers make the right decisions when they have the most accurate and current information at their fingertips, the **Internet Innovation Alliance** has attempted to gather the relevant data on high speed Internet access in one single location. The *Broadband Fact Book* (2) covers Internet basics and access speeds, demographics of Internet users, broadband deployment in the US and abroad, the consumer and economic benefits of broadband, and the growth in Internet traffic.

(1) <http://www.internetinnovation.org/ija>
(2) <http://www.internetinnovation.org/ija/page/show/facts>

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NEW REPORT MONITORS POLITICAL WILL TO MAKE THE INFORMATION REVOLUTION REALITY FOR ALL



The *Global Information Society Watch 2007* report (1) – the first in a series of annual reports – looks at the state of the field of information and communication technology policy at local and global levels and particularly how policy impacts on the lives of people living in developing countries. The report concludes that when it comes to ICTs for development, there are some conspicuous similarities between countries. The report also includes provocative, analytical essays on five international institutions, questioning the extent to which they allow all stakeholders to participate in their processes. There is a special section on how to measure progress.

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

COOL TOOLS

FREE CONFERENCE – PROVIDING CONFERENCING SERVICES AT LITTLE OR NO COST

FreeConference® (1) is a service of **Global Conference Partners**™. Founded in 1985, GCP has continuously advanced new telecommunications technology solutions to bring highly automated, enterprise quality conferencing services to organizations that want top-tier performance at little or no cost.

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

GIRAFFE ENABLES PEOPLE WHO ARE FAR AWAY TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF REAL-LIFE FACE-TO-FACE COMMUNICATION

HeadThere Inc. recently released the **Giraffe** (1), a remote-controlled mobile video conferencing platform. Use the Giraffe whenever you want to communicate with far away people in a way that makes them feel like you are right there with them. The Giraffe robot is composed of a video screen and camera mounted on an adjustable height robotic base. The Giraffe user operates the robot to maintain a presence at a remote location. Using the robot, the user can see and hear far away people, and the far away people can also see and hear the user. The user can move the Giraffe device from afar using the client application.

(1) <http://www.headthere.com/products.html>

PCWORLD.CA RANKS SEARCH ENGINES IN ‘SEARCH ENGINE SHOOT-OUT’

Whether you're searching for text, video, images, news, or local information, you have lots of options beyond Google. PCWorld.ca tried dozens of search engines and found some worthy challengers to the king. Jeff Bertolucci gives you a summary (1) of contenders in the search engine world.

(1) <http://www.pcworld.ca/news/column/d2a0f6220a010408018f5a0414620591/pg0.htm>

AKAMAI'S VISUALIZATION TOOLS TELL YOU HOW HEALTHY THE INTERNET IS

Akamai Technologies (1) has unveiled “**Visualizing the Internet**,” a set of tools to let you see how healthy the Internet currently is. Continually-updated visualizations provide a picture of global Web traffic, viruses/attacks, the speed of data moving between major cities, and the volume of data and users on the Akamai platform.

(1) <http://www.akamai.com/visualize/>

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/SYMPOSIA

SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTELLIGENT DATA ANALYSIS
(September 6-8, 2007, Ljubljana, Slovenia)

IDA 2007
6-8 September

IDA 2007 (1) will bring together a wide variety of researchers – academic, industrial, and otherwise who are concerned with extracting knowledge from data, including researchers from statistics, machine learning, neural networks, computer science, pattern recognition, database management, and other areas. The conference will consist of a stimulating program of invited talks by leading international experts in intelligent data analysis, contributed papers, poster sessions, and an exciting social program.

(1) <http://www.ida2007.org/index.html>

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INTERNATIONAL OPEN FORUM ON ‘SUPPORTING HUMAN DIVERSITY THROUGH INCLUSIVE DESIGN’
(September 13-14, 2007, Toronto, Canada)

This **International Open Forum** on “Supporting Human Diversity Through Inclusive Design” (1) is being held in conjunction with the September 2007 **International Plenary Meeting of the IT Standardization for Learning, Education and Training** (2). The two-day Open Forum serves as an opportunity for a wider public debate on the challenges for international standards development for inclusion in elearning and to promote better awareness of the need for the same globally, across Canada and in Ontario. The **Adaptive Technology Resource Centre** is one of the hosts for this forum.

(1) <http://openforum.elsacc.ca/>

(2) <http://jtc1sc36.org/>

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Paper Submission—August 31, 2007

CHANGING POLITICS THROUGH DIGITAL NETWORKS: THE ROLE OF ICTs IN THE FORMATION OF NEW SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTORS AND ACTIONS
(October 5-6, 2007, University of Florence, Italy)

This small symposium (1) addresses leading scholars, policy practitioners and activists who are involved in the critical study and adoption of ICTs as a means to facilitate the formation or transformation of social and political identities and organizations. Theoretical and empirical works focusing on political and sociological aspects of such analytical dimensions as power structures, organization, technologies, communication, individual and collective behaviors are welcomed.

(1) <http://www.york.ac.uk/res/siru/dispo/index.htm>

SYMPOSIUM ON NEW MEDIA AND THE GLOBAL DIASPORA (October 5-7, 2007, Bristol, Rhode Island)

This symposium (1) focuses primarily on the migrations of the past 100 years and how the “living traditions” transmitted by these communities are continually subject to loss, gain and interpretation. New Media plays a role, both direct and indirect, in this process as these traditions become transplanted into their “new home.”

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

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Poster and Demonstration Submissions—July 9, 2007

INTERNATIONAL WIKI SYMPOSIUM (October 21-23, 2007, Montreal, Canada)



The **2007 International Symposium on Wikis** (1) brings together wiki researchers, practitioners, and users. The goal of the symposium is to explore and extend our growing community. The symposium has a rigorously reviewed research paper track as well as plenty of space for practitioner reports, demonstrations, and discussions. Anyone who is involved in using, researching, or developing wikis is invited to WikiSym 2007!

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

CONFERENCES

SOCIAL TOOLS FOR BUSINESS USE (July 11-12, 2007, London, UK)



Due to popular demand, **UNICOM** has organized its third conference to provide a timely update on new advances in this fast-moving field of corporate communications. The conference on **Social Tools for Business Use** (1) presents new viewpoints and case studies explaining the value, application and (sometimes) the downside of social tools in a business context. It looks beyond the "why" of Enterprise 2.0 to explain the "how", giving all participants a true learning experience.

(1) <http://www.unicom.co.uk/socialtools>

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ICTs IN EDUCATION
(July 12-14, 2007, Island of Crete, Greece)**



ICICTE 2007 (1) will seek to address the many challenges and new directions presented by technological innovations in educational settings. Following in the tradition of previous ICICTE conferences, ICICTE 2007 will bring together an international community of scholars and practitioners in a forum setting. Opportunities for discussion on current thinking and practices in applications of technology to education are enhanced by the limited number of participants.

(1) <http://www.icicte.com/bsite/home/default.asp>

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION PROCESSING
(August 10-12, 2007, Bangalore, India)**



The First **International Conference on Information Processing** (1) invites high-quality recent research results in the areas of Information Processing, Image

Processing, Digital Signal Processing, Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, Networking and Security aspects in Computers and Communications. The main goal of the Conference is to bring together scientists and engineers who work on Adhoc Networks, Information Processing and Network Security.

(1) <http://www.icjip.org/index.php?section=1>

Paper Submissions—July 9, 2007

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL GLOBALIZATION AND
TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION
(August 29-31, 2007, Shanghai, China)**

The goals of the conference (1) are to enhance the global competitiveness of the business enterprises through the application of information and management sciences, industrial globalization and technology innovation; and to foster the international collaborations between Asian scholars and scholars from North America, Europe and other parts of the world.

(1) <http://www.sbs.edu.cn/forum/English/index.htm>

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS

(September 4-7, 2007, Wrexham, North Wales, UK)



ITA07 (1) will draw together researchers and developers from academia and industry across all fields of Internet computing and engineering. The

scope of the ITA conference series is wide and covers all aspects of Internet activity ranging from technical hardware and software solutions to applications and the wider issues arising from them.

(1) <http://www.ita07.org/login/index.php?code=mainInfo>

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MEDIA IN TRANSITION CONFERENCE

(September 12-13, 2007, Munich, Germany)



The **Media in Transition Conference** (1) is a forum for discussing how the Internet is driving structural change in media. We have invited innovative media companies, researchers and strategists from U.K., U.S.A. and Europe. Gain insight into the techniques of the so-called Social Web, or “Live Web” –

Web 2.0, Social Networks, Blogs, Video/ Audio, Digital Rights, Rich Media, Peer 2 Peer, and Mobile Web.

(1) <http://www.mediainttransition.com/indexe.html>

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THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR DIGITAL LIBRARIES

(September 16-21, 2007, Budapest, Hungary)

This unique and well-established series (1) brings together researchers, developers and practitioners working in various disciplines and related areas of digital libraries all over the world. The conference will consist of a three days technical program, preceded by a tutorial day and followed by workshops. The technical program will include refereed paper presentations, plenary sessions, panels and poster sessions. The tutorials will provide in-depth looks at areas of current interest.

(1) <http://www.ecdl2007.org/index.php>

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GROUP '07

(November 4-7, 2007, Sanibel Island, Florida)



GROUP '07 (1) is interested in topics related to computer-based systems that have an impact on groups, organizations and social networks. A strong emphasis of **GROUP '07** is to foster a discourse on collaborative technology that bridges the

fields of Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Information Systems. Relevant issues include the design, implementation, deployment, evaluation, and impact of these systems as well as examinations of relevant research methodologies.

(1) <http://www.acm.org/conferences/group/conferences/group07/index.html>

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Paper Submission—July 1, 2007

**CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND INTERNET RESEARCH
(November 6-7, 2007, Joondalup, Western Australia)**

The conference (1) aims to bring researchers together in the related fields of information management and the Internet. Researchers are encouraged to submit research papers on aspects related to the broad themes of managing information, the Internet, and systems and technology in organizations.

(1) <http://www.business.ecu.edu.au/cimir/index.htm>

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**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIETIES OF DESIGN RESEARCH 2007
(November 12-15, 2007, Hong Kong Polytechnic University School of Design, Hong Kong)**



The **International Association of Societies of Design Research 2007** conference (1) is a large, international design research conference with an intensive and high quality program. Keynote speakers will be invited from other disciplines—the social sciences, computing, and business, for example. Multiple paths through the papers will be suggested to help participants find synergies among people and papers.

(1) <http://www.sd.polyu.edu.hk/iasdr/>

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**ON THE MOVE: OTM FEDERATED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS
(November 25-30, Vilamoura, Algarve, Portugal)**

OnTheMove (1) co-locates five successful related and complementary conferences: DOA = infrastructure, ODBASE = meaning of data, CoopIS = application in organizations, GADA = grid computing, high-performance and distributed applications, IS = information security. Each conference covers multiple research vectors, viz. theory (e.g. underlying formalisms), conceptual (e.g. technical designs and conceptual solutions) and applications (e.g. case studies and industrial best practices). All five conferences share the scientific study of the distributed, conceptual and ubiquitous aspects of modern computing systems, and share the resulting application-pull created by the WWW.

(1) <http://www.cs.rmit.edu.au/fedconf/index.html?page=home>

*Paper Submission—July 15, 2007***E-SCIENCE 2007****(December 10-13, 2007, Bangalore, India)**

The **e-Science 2007** (1) conference is designed to bring together developers and users of e-Science applications and enabling IT technologies from leading international and interdisciplinary research communities. The conference serves as a forum to present the results of the latest research and product/tool developments, and highlight related activities from around the world.

(1) <http://www.escience2007.org/>

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GK3: AN EVENT ON THE FUTURE
(December 11-13, 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

The **3rd Global Knowledge conference (GK3)** (1) will bring together over 2,000 visionaries, international leaders, practitioners and policy-makers to engage on the theme of Emerging People, Emerging Markets, Emerging Technologies. GK3 will be presented in a wide array of expert panels and hands-on workshops. Delegates attending GK3 will walk away from the conference confident in the knowledge that they too will be able to make a positive impact on the growing concerns around the world.

(1) http://www.gkpeventsonthefuture.org/GK3/dsp_page.cfm?pageid=628

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