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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



Everyone is saying that they can't remember a busier September. In spite of a summer spent writing in the foreign office, September turned into a month of very late nights but at last it ended with a nuit blanche. Did anyone get into the ghost subway? Write on my wall and let me know!

Two major institutional reports were due this month – a report on Project Open Source|Open Access and the director's report for the Five-year Review of KMDI. Institute faculty, students, fellows and staff should all have received the call from the Vice-Dean, Program for nominations for members of the Review Committee. These are due Oct. 9th. In consultation with the

Executive I had submitted a list in August, including suggestions for external assessors who are part of this process. All institutes and centres are reviewed in the last year of the director's term, and with a recommendation for continuation, the review committee becomes the search committee for the next director. It's a big process and an important one. Please get in touch if you have questions. Or better yet, join us for lunch in early October. Susan will be sending out invitations shortly.

I am delighted to report that the web pages on open source licensing at UofT drafted by **Sheila Crossey** (ATRC) and myself in cooperation with **Jennifer MacInnis** of the Intellectual Property & Contracts Office are now online (1).

Congratulations to the NECTAR team (2), led by KMDI Chief Scientist **Ron Baecker** (CS), who received a major NSERC Strategic Network Enhancement Initiative grant to support technology transfer, international networking and additional training for HQP award. ePresence Interactive Media 4.0 (3) was released to considerable fanfare. A link to the site from the UofT home page, an article in [NEWS@UofT](#), another in [IT World Canada](#) and then last week a delightful piece on three

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of the students who have worked so hard to help make this project a success(4). You can read more about this in the *Virtual Water Cooler* later in this issue.

Don't forget to mark your calendar and to register for two major events in October – **CASCON2007**, Oct. 22- 25 (5) and **Social Network/ing Week** (6) which starts Oct. 30th. They are free, but require you register. Both will be great opportunities for networking.

We're going to the polls in Ontario this month. **Greg Elmer** (Ryerson) and his colleagues at Infoscape Research Lab track both official and unofficial online campaigning for the Ontario Election 2007, and be sure you learn more about MMP before you arrive at the polling station. Both these items are later in this issue.

I took this picture at a lake in New Brunswick in late August where it was already beginning to feel like fall as the evening light was getting thinner. As well it evoked a time of reflection and self-study as I drafted the KMDI review.

Gale Moore
Director

- (1) <http://www.research.utoronto.ca/ipc/pdf/opensource.pdf>
- (2) <http://www.nectar-research.net/>
- (3) <http://epresence.tv>
- (4) <http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/press/>
- (5) <https://www-927.ibm.com/ibm/cas/cascon/>
- (6) <http://www.bul.utoronto.ca/events/social.htm>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND THE LAW

Oct. 10, 2007

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Faculty of Information Studies, Room 728

Heather Robinson is the author of the U.K. Law Society's practice management handbook chapter on knowledge management. This interactive session will be of particular interest to faculty and students in law, education, information studies, knowledge media design as well as to practitioners in these field. Co-sponsored by KMDI.

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CASCON 2007: IBM CENTERS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES CONFERENCE

October 22-25, 2007

Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel and Conference Centre, Markham, Ontario

CASCON 2007 is the 17th Annual International Conference hosted by the IBM Centers for Advanced Studies. This "Meeting of Minds" provides an exciting forum for exchanging ideas and

experiences in the ever-expanding and critical fields of software development and computing. There is no charge to attend CASCON but you do need to register (1).

Gale Moore (KMDI, SOC) and **Chris Paterson**, Government Programs Executive, IBM are hosting a workshop on *Open Innovation* (2) on Monday, October 22nd, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Barry Wellman (KMDI, Soc), Director of NetLab, University of Toronto, is giving a keynote address entitled *Connected Lives* on Tuesday, October 23 at 8:30 a.m.

(1) <https://www.ibm.com/ibm/cas/cascon/index.shtml>

(2) <https://www927.ibm.com/ibm/cas/cascon/workshoptsignup/displayWorkshop?PublicView=true&Slot=M ONPM&Num=45>

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UofT 2nd ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON TEACHING AND LEARNING (October 25, 2007, 89 Chestnut Street, Toronto)



The **Symposium on Teaching and Learning** (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 Symposium arises out of the Council on Student Experience, a body formed in 2006 to enhance communications and exchange ideas on matters that impinge directly on the student experience.

(1) <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/tlsymposium/2007tlsymposium.htm>

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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>

Proposal Submissions Due—October 31, 2007, 5:00pm

BELL UNIVERSITY LABS FALL FUNDING



Bell University Laboratories at UofT is soliciting proposals (1) for new exploratory or mission-oriented projects, as well as seed projects from researchers at UofT and the affiliated hospitals.

Exploratory or mission-oriented research projects may be one or more years in duration with an annual budget of \$30K to \$120K. Multiyear project funding is provided on an annual basis, based on an approved annual report. Submissions should be sent by email to bul.admin@utoronto.ca and arrive by October 31, 2007 by 5:00pm to be eligible in this competition.

(1) <http://www.bul.utoronto.ca/fund.htm>

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Proposals Due—November 1, 2007

CANARIE: CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



CANARIE Inc. is pleased to invite the submission of proposals under a funding program called the “Infrastructure Extensions Program” (1). The purpose of program is to support the creation of extensions to Canada's research and education network that will enhance/accelerate research,

enable national and international collaboration, improve access to knowledge, and contribute to the development of cyber infrastructure and e-research in Canada. Specifically, connections of government laboratories, education institutions and other facilities are to be supported.

(1) <http://www.canarie.ca/funding/iep/proposals.html>

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Nomination Deadline—December 1, 2007

2008 MOLSON PRIZES: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



The **Canada Council for the Arts** and the **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada**

are pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the **2008 Molson Prizes** (1) in the Arts and in the Social Sciences and Humanities. You are invited to submit nominations for these prestigious prizes and also solicit your kind collaboration in publicizing this call for nominations throughout your institution. The prizes are intended to encourage continuing contributions to the cultural and intellectual heritage of Canada.

(1) <http://www.canadacouncil.ca/prizes/molson/sg127237757005156250.htm>

THE VIRTUAL WATER COOLER: AROUND THE COMMUNITY

GREAT NEWS FOR NECTAR (1)



NSERC has approved NECTAR's **Strategic Network Enhancement Initiative** grant proposal, which provides the network with an additional \$300K in grant monies to run concurrent with the NECTAR funding. This funding will be used for the enhancement of HQP, international network interactions, knowledge dissemination and technology transfer.



NECTAR is also pleased to announce that NSERC has awarded **Sheelagh Carpendale** (CS, UofC) and **Saul Greenberg** (CS, UofC) the Industrial Research Chair to match the iCore/SMART one. This brings the total endowment to \$2M over 5 years.

(1) <http://www.nectar-research.net/index.php>

KMDI CLASS HOLDS PANEL ON HOMELESSNESS

On September 27, 2007, **Michael Shapcott**, Senior Fellow in Residence, Public Policy, Wellesley Institute (1), **Jolynn Connelly**, Street Outreach Coordinator, Toronto North Support Services (2), and **Philip Stern**, author of the HomelessManSpeaks blog (3) were invited to KMD1001. The design project in the class this year responds to an international student design competition sponsored by ACM Special Interest Group on Computers and Human Interaction (SIGCHI)(4) to "design an object, interface, system, or service intended to support the state of living without a house." The best teams from around the world will be invited to attend and present their work at CHI'2008 next April in Florence. Last year, there were 55 entries from 18 countries, and not one from Canada. Anyone working with the homeless who might be willing to serve as a resource for KMDI students working on the ACM SIGCHI Design Competition or who have ideas to contribute or resources to suggest, please drop a note to course instructor Prof. Ron Baecker at rmb@kmdi.toronto.edu.

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

(2) <http://www.crct.org/choices/print.cfm?p=show.cfm&id=66>

(3) <http://homelessmanspeaks.wordpress.com/>

(4) http://chi2008.org/student_design_competition.html

KMDI is a partner in the new **Institute for the Study of Law, Technology and Culture (ISLTC)**

(1) established through an AIF award from the Provost and announced in May 2007. ISLTC will be dedicated to the idea that technological innovation is not merely an economic phenomenon but rather also a social, cultural and political phenomenon, raising fundamental issues of authority, democracy, participation, identity, agency and ownership that centrally concern the interface between law, technology and culture. ISLTC and KMDI share many common interests; two on which we will collaborate this year are through **Project Open Source | Open Access** (2) around

issues of intellectual property and open innovation and the **UofT CONCERT (3)** Academic Working Group in which KMDI is the lead partner.

- (1) <http://www.innovationlaw.org/Page240.aspx>
- (2) <http://open.utoronto.ca>
- (3) <http://www.yorku.ca/ylife/2007/03-March/03-12/concert-031207.htm>



UofT students **Brendan Reilly**, **James Vaughan** and **Rhys Causey** were recently featured in an issue of the University of Toronto Bulletin (1) about their contribution to **ePresence (2)**. It states, “As part of the core team, the trio has been involved in all aspects of building the software; Vaughan is credited with a great deal of the background work, while Causey and Reilly have continued to take things forward, working on aspects like the interface and graphics.”

- (1) http://www.news.utoronto.ca/bulletin/Current_Issue/09-25-07.pdf
- (2) <http://epresence.tv/>

Dr. Liss Jeffrey (KMDI Steering Committee Member) reports that the McLuhan global research network's 2007 innovation in non-traditional learning networks – the ‘nomad circles’ – were productive and resilient. Highlights in the **Media Ecology Café** include: hosting doctoral candidate **Mogens Oleson** from Copenhagen, and UofT political science masters candidate **Frieda Luk** and introducing them to Toronto's community of McLuhan scholars. Also in August, Professor **Liza Tsaliki**, a visiting from the University of Athens, presented a moving talk on the role of media in the tragic forest fires in her country. Tsaliki was hosted by Dr. Jeffrey as a Greek recipient of the **Canadian Studies Faculty Enrichment Program (2)**. The **New Democracy Workshop** was also active, with two members presenting to the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform, and a special event on “Three dialogues in search of democracy” featuring **Peter Pennefather** (Pharm, KMDI), **Peter Jones** (Redesign Research), and Jeffrey. More about this fall's events can be found on **NetiZen News (3)**.

- (1) http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/FEP_en.asp?shownav=4
- (2) <http://netizen-news.ca/>



On September 17, 2007, **Peter Wolf** (KMDI) presented at **DemoCamp (1)**, a variation of the un-conference style of event, started by the **TorCamp (2)** group as an excuse to have more regular meetings. Peter demonstrated the **ePresence (3)** technology to a sold out audience. More about DemoCamp can be found on the **ClutterMe** blog (4).

- (1) <http://barcamp.org/DemoCampToronto14>

- (2) <http://barcamp.org/TorCamp>
 (3) <http://epresence.tv/>
 (4) http://blog.clutterme.com/2007_09_01_archive.html

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 >From August 12-16, 2007, **Nina Czegledy** (KMDI Senior Fellow) was an invited lecturer to the **Summer Academy** (1) in Bratislava, Slovakia. The aim of the educational working sessions is to involve participants in theoretical knowledge transfer as well as new practical skills for work and everyday life in contemporary information society. This was Nina's second time at the Summer Academy.

- (1) <http://www.13m3.sk/?id=83>

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INFOSCAPE LAUNCHES PROJECT ON THE USE OF USER-GENERATED SITES/CONTENT DURING THE 2007 ONTARIO ELECTION



How is the internet changing provincial politics in Ontario? The **Infoscape Research Lab** (1) led by our colleague Greg Elmer (Ryerson) has begun a research project that tracks both official and unofficial online campaigning for the Ontario Election 2007. The research investigates politics in a variety of formats including YouTube, Facebook, Wikipedia, and the blogosphere. During the election, the Infoscape Lab will be posting weekly updates. And while on the topic of the upcoming election, be sure to check out the site below. Whatever your view, you'll want to be sure you've thought about this **before** you see it in the polling station.

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

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VOTE FOR MMP CAMPAIGN SEEKS PARTICIPATION VIA THE INTERNET



The **Vote for MMP Campaign** (1) is site that leverages the Internet to get its message across. According to the campaign, "Ontario politics is being driven by an old system, fiercely protected by an old guard. We have a historic opportunity to choose a new and better voting system, for a new kind of politics - based on voter equality and fair election results." This campaign is meant to provide more choice, lead to fairer election results, and foster stronger representation. Go to the website for more information.

- (1) <http://voteformmp.ca/>

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 Steering committee member **Dr. Liss Jeffrey** (McLuhan global research network) delivered the keynote address 1 to the 40th anniversary meeting of the Kitchener Waterloo Social Planning Council. She spoke about the challenges and opportunities of integrating new information and

communication technologies into values-based community work. She followed up the next day with an intensive workshop on ethics in community research practice. Jeffrey's Electronic Commons/Agora électronique pan Canadian not-for-profit is currently working on applications of media ecology and social networking media to community building, civic engagement and creative city planning. Newcomers are always welcome. For further details see (1).

(1) <http://netizen-news.ca>

On Sunday, September 9, 2007, **Nina Czegledy** (KMDI Senior Fellow) chaired the annual ISEA@ARS2007 public meeting at the **ARS Electronica Festival** (1) Europe's leading forum on media and electronic arts. With the theme "Goodbye Privacy" this year's festival delved into what the public and private spheres have come to mean and the interrelationship that now exists between them.

(1) <http://www.aec.at/en/festival2007/>

OTHER NEWS

ONTARIO FUNDS GAMING TECH DEGREE TO SPUR ECONOMY



The Government of Ontario has approved a grant to help **Algoma University College** (1) establish the first academic program in computer gaming (2) in Canada. The \$250,000 grant from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corp. will be used to hire an advisor to establish a computer gaming technology center. The ultimate goal is economic, its sponsors said, is to help graduate students in gaming technology connect with the private sector to see their projects to commercialization.

Source: Campus Technology, July 31, 2007

(1) <http://www.algomau.ca/index.php?try=2>

(2) http://www.algomau.ca/view.php?page=n_newsDetails&id=84

EMUSIC LAUNCHES AUDIOBOOKS



eMusic (1) the world's largest retailer of independent music and the world's second-largest digital music service after iTunes, recently announced the availability of more than a thousand downloadable audiobook titles in the universally compatible MP3 format. Consumers, who have long wondered why they can't simply use audiobooks with their existing MP3 players, can now enjoy them without restrictions.

Source: Yahoo! Finance, September 17, 2007

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

IT WORLD CANADA WRITES ABOUT 'THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY'

ITWorld Canada recently published an article (1) about the '10 cool futuristic technologies on the horizon,' drawn from **Computerworld's 2007 Horizon Awards**. A technology from ElekTex (2) is a fabric-based, pressure-sensitive control interface that can be integrated into jackets, bags and other textile products. The article will get you up to speed on some emerging technologies.

(1) <http://www.itworldcanada.com/Pages/Docbase/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=idgml-9c48ad3a-e48e-461b-a34d-5925d2c1fe9a&sub=464628>

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

JAPAN'S WARP SPEED RIDE TO INTERNET FUTURE

Americans invented the Internet, but the Japanese are running away with it. Broadband service there is eight to 30 times as fast as in the United States – and considerably cheaper. Japan has the world's fastest Internet connections, delivering more data at a lower cost than anywhere else, recent studies show. Accelerating broadband speed in this country – as well as in South Korea and much of Europe – is pushing open doors to Internet innovation that are likely to remain closed for years to come in much of the United States... and we might add to Canada as well. We continue to watch the Ontario broadband research initiative (1) with interest.

Source: Washington Post, August 29, 2007

(1) <http://kmdi.utoronto.ca/broadband>

TIM BERNERS-LEE WARNS THAT WEB SECURITY IS A 'NEVER-ENDING BATTLE'

The dark side of the web needs to be addressed through technical and educational means, according to Sir Tim Berners-Lee. Speaking at a lecture hosted by the Institution of Engineering and Technology in London on September 20, 2007, Berners-Lee said that, while he was against web censorship per se, both technological and educational means should be employed to tackle internet security issues.

Source: ZDnet UK, September 21, 2007

Contest Open—September 17-December 14, 2007

NGOMOBILE COMPETITION



NGOMobile (1) is a text message-based competition aimed exclusively and unashamedly at grassroots non-profit organizations working for positive social and environmental change throughout the developing world. Behind the scenes, these unsung heroes of the NGO community battle against the daily realities of life in a developing country, where it can take all day to fulfill the simplest task. NGOs from developing countries are invited to submit a short proposal outlining how text messaging could make their job easier.

(1) <http://www.ngomobile.org/?id=1>

OPEN STANDARDS

More and more organizations around the world are interested in achieving document processing interoperability, and creating digital archives using open formats. But what standard should be the open standard? In May 2007 **The Standards Council of Canada** (SCC) sought comments on a proposal to adopt Microsoft's Office Open XML (1). After much debate Canada voted to "Disapprove with Comments" joining with other nations to defeat the standard as written. The official statement from the ISO reporting on the results is at (2). There are alternatives. One is ODF (Open Document format). The ODF Alliance (3) argues that as documents and services are increasingly transformed from paper to electronic form, there is a growing problem that governments and their constituents may not be able to access, retrieve and use critical records, information and documents in the future. The Alliance works globally to educate policymakers, IT administrators and the public on the benefits and opportunities of the OpenDocument Format, to help ensure that government information, records and documents are accessible across platforms and applications, even as technologies change today and in the future. As knowledge media designers you'll want to be informed on this important issue.

- (1) http://www.scc.ca/en/news_events/pr/pr_details_220.shtml
- (2) <http://www.iso.org/iso/pressrelease.htm?refid=Ref1070>
- (3) <http://www.odfalliance.org/>

RESOURCES/PUBLICATIONS

CULTURE MACHINE 9 NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

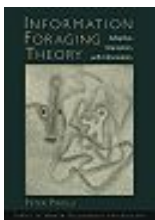


The latest issue of Culture Machine (1) asks: What is the current state of aural art media in 'in era of digital reproduction'? Contributors to 'Recordings' consider the residues of technologies, the anachronisms, the failures, the less-than-excellent, the dated, the outmoded, and even the yet-to-work. Taking into account the material (or dematerialised) art object, they also ask about collecting cultures, recycling, destroyed and broken media (the TV thrown from the window), new broadcast media, turntablism, noise, radio and its avatars, podcasting, any casting, the range of material 'supports' (vinyl, the 8 track, betamax, different audio files).

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

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INFORMATION FORAGING THEORY : : BOOK REVIEW



Frameworks, theories and models of the information foraging theory, the science that "aims to explain and predict how people will best shape themselves for their information environments and how information environments can best be shaped for people" are explained and discussed in Peter Pirolli's new book, Information Foraging Theory (1). Through the 10 chapters of the book, the author clearly explains the various models of information foraging theory: elementary (chapter 2), cognitive (chapter 6) stochastic (chapter 7) social (chapter 8), design heuristics, and engineering

(chapter 9) and two chapters are on the ecology of information foraging on the World Wide Web (chapter 3) and Rational Analyses of information Scent and Web Foraging (chapter 4).

(1) <http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Psychology/Cognitive/?view=usa&ci=9780195173321#>

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DRAFT CODE OF ETHICS FOR COMMUNITY INFORMATICS RESEARCHERS OPEN FOR COMMENT



The Journal of
Community Informatics

A draft Code of *Ethics for Community Informatics Researchers* has been published in the current issue of the *Journal of Community Informatics* (1). CI

researchers are invited to contribute their feedback and suggestions based on their experiences of doing CI research (or of being the object of CI Research). The open journal system that publishes the JoCI has a built-in commenting system allowing readers to post comments below this article. Readers are invited to contribute their energies to this drafting process by posting their comments on the system.

(1) <http://ci-journal.net/index.php/ciej/article/view/441/307>

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LEADING SOCIOLOGY JOURNAL GOES OPEN ACCESS

CJS Online

The *Canadian Journal of Sociology* (1) announced plans to do away with its hard-copy edition and move to an exclusively online open-access format, making it one of the first leading Canadian scholarly journals to do so. Kevin Haggerty, editor of CJS, says he made the decision principally to broaden the journal's readership in Canada and abroad and attract a younger generation of scholars. "Like any good editor, one of the things I wanted to do was increase the impact of the journal," says Haggerty, a sociology professor at the University of Alberta where the journal is based.

Source: University Affairs, October 2007

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

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STUDY: INTERNET USE IN SMALL TOWN AND RURAL CANADA



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Despite the potential of the Internet as a tool to overcome distance, living in rural and small town Canada continues to be a factor associated with lower rates of Internet use, according to a new study released today in the **Rural and Small Town Canada Analysis Bulletin** (1). The study, which uses data from the Canadian Internet Use Survey, found that geographic location has an independent influence on Internet use after controlling for other factors, including age, education and household income.

(1) <http://www.statcan.ca/bsolc/english/bsolc?catno=21-006-XWE>

2007 ECAR STUDY OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



This **2007 ECAR research study** (1) is a longitudinal extension of the 2004, 2005, and 2006 ECAR studies of students and information technology. The study, which reports noticeable changes from previous years, is based on quantitative data from a spring 2007 survey and interviews with 27,846 freshman, senior, and community college students at 103 higher education institutions. It focuses on what kinds of information technologies these students use, own, and experience; their technology behaviors, preferences, and skills; how IT impacts their experiences in their courses; and their perceptions of the role of IT in the academic experience.

(1) <https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=page&name=js&ver=1lqman54363me>

COOL TOOLS

CRAZYEGG: VISUALIZE YOUR VISITORS



CrazyEgg (1) provides the ability to track, evaluate, and optimize your site based on where your visitors click. Heatmaps and overlays quickly provide perspective into user behavior and habits. Like most good ideas, the idea behind CrazyEgg is simple – show the hotspots where users click on in a site.

CrazyEgg's approach lets you understand the difference between where you *want* your users to click and where they are *actually* clicking.

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

STIKKIT: LITTLE YELLOW NOTES THAT THINK



Stikkit (1) makes organizing your daily details as simple as jotting down a note or firing off email. Stikkit's "little yellow notes that think" talk to the productivity applications you already use, as well as to friends, coworkers and family, giving you a universal remote for your life. It gathers phone numbers, addresses, birthdays, and other useful bits of information about the people you meet and know — over time and across stikkits. More than outdated scribbles in your address book, Stikkit peeps are up to date, in context, and as interconnected as your life is.

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

GET PROJECTS DONE WITH BASECAMP



Basecamp (1) takes a fresh, novel approach to project collaboration. Projects don't fail from a lack of charts, graphs, stats, or reports, they fail from a lack of clear communication. Basecamp solves this problem by providing tools tailored to improve the communication between people working together on a project.

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

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XDRIVE: STORAGE ONLINE

Xdrive® Xdrive, your 5GB personal hard drive on the Internet, is an alternative to other physical storage devices. Easy backup and secure storage with protection for your files. And all of this without the worry of losing or damaging a piece of hardware.

(1) <http://xdrive.com/index.jsp>

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/SYMPOSIA

PARTICIPATE ONLINE: OECD-CANADA FORUM ON THE PARTICIPATIVE WEB: STRATEGIES AND POLICIES FOR THE FUTURE (October 3, 2007, Ottawa, Canada)



This first-ever **international policy forum** (1) on the participative web will bring together experts from around the world, from policy makers and academics to business executives and a wide range of civil society to address these questions. The presentations and discussions around the themes of Creativity, Confidence and Convergence will contribute to the **OECD Ministerial Meeting on The Future of the Internet Economy** (2) in Seoul, Korea, June 17-18, 2008.

(1) http://www.oecd.org/site/0,3407,en_21571361_38620013_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

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

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RIDE PROJECT HOSTS SCIENTIFIC SESSION (October 9, 2007, Leipzig, Germany)

On October 9, 2007, the **RIDE Project** (1) is organising a Scientific Session called "eHealth Systems Interoperability: Trends and Opportunities." RIDE is a roadmap project for interoperability of eHealth systems leading to recommendations for actions and to preparatory actions at the European level. This roadmap will prepare the ground for future actions as envisioned in the action plan of the eHealth Communication COM 356 by coordinating various efforts on eHealth interoperability in member states and the associated states.

(1) <http://www.ehealthserver.com/ride/>

**PRESENCE 2007: THE 10th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON PRESENCE
(October 25-27, 2007, Barcelona, Spain)**

The goal of the **PRESENCE 2007** (1) conference is to bring together academic researchers studying presence, content and technology developers, and interested commercial parties so they can meet, share experiences, present research, and exchange ideas. This conference is organized by the **International Society for Presence Research (ISPR)** and **Starlab** (2) in collaboration with **PEACH** (3).

- (1) <http://ispr.info/>
- (2) <http://starlab.es/>
- (3) <http://peachbit.org/>

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Paper Submissions—October 14, 2007

**WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGIES FOR INTERACTIVE STORIES
(January 7, 2008, Playa del Carmen, Cancun, Mexico)**

The **Integrating Technologies for Interactive Stories** workshop (1) aims to encourage the integration of techniques for interactive stories and further collaboration between research groups. It will bring together researchers from different aspects of interactive stories, and should aid in ultimately leading to interactive story systems which are more complete and entertaining. This workshop will take place as part of, and prior to, **INTETAIN 2008** (2).

- (1) <http://www-users.cs.york.ac.uk/~hmbarber/itis.htm>
- (2) <http://www.intetain.org/>

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Paper Submissions—October 10, 2007

**WORKSHOP ON SECRETS AND LIES IN COMPUTER-MEDIATED INTERACTION
(April 6, 2008, Florence, Italy)**

The keeping of secrets and the practicing of deception are a commonplace and important part of everyday social interaction. A clear understanding of why and how people deceive and keep secrets in computer-mediated interaction (CMI), and when they choose to reveal intimate aspects of themselves, is central to the design of socially intelligent tools. The **Workshop** (1) will be held as part of the **ACM CHI 2008 Conference on Human Factors in Computing** (2).

- (1) <http://people.bath.ac.uk/aj266/CHISecretsLies/Site/Home.html>
- (2) <http://www.chi2008.org/>

CONFERENCES

IDEA 2007

(October 4-5, 2007, New York City, USA)

The logo for IDEA 2007, featuring the word 'idea' in a lowercase, pink, sans-serif font, followed by '2007' in a larger, grey, sans-serif font.

IDEA 2007 (1) addresses issues of design for an always-on, always-connected world. Where 'cyberspace' is a meaningless term because the online and offline worlds cannot be made distinct. Where physical spaces are so complex that detailed wayfinding is necessary to navigate them. Where work processes have become so involved, and so digitized, that we need new processes to manage those processes.

[IDEA stands for Information: Design, Experience, Access]

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

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IADIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: WWW/INTERNET 2007

(October 5-8, 2007, Vila Real, Portugal)



The **IADIS WWW/Internet 2007** conference (1) aims to address the main issues of concern within WWW/Internet. Aspects of concern are no longer just technical anymore but other aspects have aroused. This conference aims to cover both technological as well as non-technological issues related to these developments.

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

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E-SOCIAL SCIENCE 2007

(October 7-9, 2007, Ann Arbor, Michigan)

The aim of this third **E-Social Science conference** (1) is to bring together international representatives of the social science and cyberinfrastructure research communities in order to create better mutual awareness, harmonize understanding, and instigate coordinated activities to accelerate research, development, and deployment of cyberinfrastructure to support the social science research community. A related objective is to articulate both the technical and social/organizational prerequisites for success in these endeavours.

(1) <http://ess.si.umich.edu/index.htm>

2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PRAGMATIC WEB (October 22-23, 2007, Tilburg, The Netherlands)



The **Pragmatic Web Conference** (1) is a unique forum to envision and debate how the emerging social, semantic, multimedia Web mediates the ways in which we construct shared meaning. While there is much research and development into

topics relevant to this challenge such as collaboration, usability, knowledge representation, and social informatics, the Pragmatic Web conference provides common ground for dialogue at the nexus of these topics.

(1) <http://www.pragmaticweb.info/>

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2nd EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SMART SENSING AND CONTEXT (October 23-25, 2007, Kendal, Lake District, UK)

This annual conference (1) provides a forum in which to present research results in all areas related to the design, implementation, application and evaluation of smart surroundings involving networked embedded sensing systems and intelligent objects.

(1) <http://www.comp.lancs.ac.uk/eurossc2007/>

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IEEE CONFERENCES: VISUALIZATION 2007, INFOVIS 2007 & VAST 2007 (October 28-November 1, 2007, Sacramento, California)



These 2007 conferences are co-located with one another. **Vis 2007** (1) and **InfoVis 2007** (2) are the premier forums for data and information visualization advances for academia, government, and industry. These events bring together researchers and practitioners with a shared interest

in tools, techniques, and technology. **IEEE VAST** (3), founded in 2006, is the first international symposium dedicated to advances in visual analytics science and technology.

- (1) <http://vis.computer.org/vis2007/>
(2) <http://conferences.computer.org/infovis/infovis2007/>
(3) <http://conferences.computer.org/vast/vast2007/>

Paper Submissions—October 27, 2007

**SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEGAL, SECURITY AND PRIVACY ISSUES IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAW
(December 5-7, 2007, Beijing, China)**



LSPI 2007 (1) is an opportunity for academics, practitioners and consultants to come together, exchange ideas, and discuss emerging issues in IT law and the emerging technological environment. We invite contributions focusing on Legal, Security and Privacy Issues of IT.

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

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**2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON *IN*TELLIGENT *TE*CHNOLOGIES FOR INTERACTIVE ENTER*TAIN*MENT
(January 8-10, 2008, Playa del Carmen, Cancun, Mexico)**



INTETAIN 2008 (1) aims to stimulate interaction among academic researchers and commercial developers of interactive

entertainment systems. In addition to paper presentations, posters, and demos, the conference will foster discussions through workshops and special events. The focus will be on the development of novel user-centered intelligent computational technologies and interactive applications for entertainment, being made possible through the use of a wide range of interactive device technologies and media delivery infrastructures.

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

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Paper Submission—November 4, 2007

**EUROPEAN MEETING ON CYBERNETICS AND SYSTEMS RESEARCH
(March 25-28, 2008, University of Vienna, Austria)**

Since 1972, the biennial **European Meetings on Cybernetics and Systems Research** (1) have served as a forum for discussion of converging ideas and new aspects of different scientific disciplines. As with previous occasions, a number of sessions providing wide coverage of the rapid developments will be arranged and complemented with daily plenary meetings, where eminent speakers will present latest research results.

(1) <http://www.osgk.ac.at/emcsr/>

Abstract Submission—January 31, 2008

**INVISIBILITIES: THE POLITICS, PRACTICE AND EXPERIENCE OF SURVEILLANCE
IN EVERYDAY LIFE**

(April 2-3, 2008, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK)

While many of the world's nations are becoming surveillance societies, the nature of life with surveillance in those societies is far from homogeneous, and is not widely researched or theorized. This conference (1) focuses on the lived realities of surveillance and is keen to encourage empirical studies, which document its everyday experience.

(1) <http://www.surveillance-and-society.org/conference.htm#third>

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Proposals Due—November 2, 2007

POLITICS: WEB 2.0

(April 17-18, 2008, University of London, London, UK)



Has there been a shift in political use of the Internet and digital new media – a new Web 2.0 politics based on participatory values? How do broader social, cultural, and economic shifts towards Web 2.0 impact, if at all, on the contexts, the organizational structures, and the communication of politics and policy? Does Web 2.0 hinder or help democratic citizenship? This conference (1) provides an opportunity for researchers to share and debate perspectives. Conference presenters will be invited to submit their papers to a peer review process for publication in a special issue of the new Journal of Information Technology and Politics.

(1) <http://newpolcom.rhul.ac.uk/politics-web-2-0-conference/>

(2) <http://www.jitp.net>.

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Paper Proposals—October 21, 2007

GAZING INTO THE 21st CENTURY: CONFRONTING IMAGE NAIVITÉ

(April 24-26, 2008, Göttweig Monastery near Krems/Danube, Austria)



A multitude of new possibilities in producing, projecting and distributing individual images has led to the formation of new image genres. The spiral movement of image history from innovation, understanding and iconoclasm results in the 21st Century in a global interweaving. These major transformations have hit society to a large extent unprepared and as we gradually start to recognize the demand to address the current knowledge explosion appropriately, we face the challenge to expand our forms of visualization, our “orders and systems of visibility”, and to reflect critically and scientifically on them. This interdisciplinary conference (1) aims to step up to the challenge of building a “visual inventory”.

(1) <http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/en/departement/bildwissenschaft/veranstaltungen/id/10528/index.php>

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