DL.org: Connecting DL Experts Globally

DL.org - Interoperability, Best Practices and Modelling Foundations

Now 7 months into the project, DL.org has established its six Working Groups which will hold their first meetings over the next two months. The project has also expanded the DL.org community with over 30 strategic alliances identified across a wide selection of Digital Library (DL) projects and initiatives. With another 43 targeted contacts in the EU and 20 globally, the project is on its way to coordinating a common approach and methodology for the interoperability of DLs to reach all corners of the DL community.

This month's newsletter offers highlights of recent developments in digital libraries through an interview with the Programme Director of Europeana project; a spotlight on key directions for the Earth Sciences and Earth Observation community by Luigi Fusco, Euoropean Space Agency; information on upcoming DL workshops; and information on both DL.org Working Groups and Liaison Group.

Culture with a Capital "C": Face-to-Face with Jill Cousins, Europeana

The EC-funded Europeana project, a digital library network at EU level aimed at creating a cross-domain (museums, libraries, archives, and audio-visual collections) portal, is marking a concrete step towards a common, co-ordinated access point to Europe's culture. An interview with Jill Cousins, Programme Director of Europeana, has helped spotlight the project's significance, challenges and links with DL.org.

The significance of Europeana lies in its drive towards enabling access to EU culture to all citizens in Europe, bringing to one place all the treasures currently located elsewhere. As a result citizens will benefit from access to and the sharing of cultural resources with the potential to increase cultural awareness across Europe.

Visit the DL.org website to read the full interview - http://www.dlorg.eu/index.php?page=interview-with-jill-cousins-europeana

Spotlight on Key Directions for Earth Sciences and Earth Observation

Luigi Fusco, European Space Agency, sheds light on key directions for Research Digital Libraries in the arena of Earth Sciences and Earth Observation in a special mini report. An expert in the field with over thirty years experience, Luigi Fusco explores the specific requirements Digital Libraries should seek to meet with particular reference to the value-add of the EC-funded project DILIGENT.

Visit the DL.org website to read the full report - http://www.dlorg.eu/index.php?page=earth-science

More special reports from the DL community are also available - http://www.dlorg.eu/index.php/resource-centre/special-reports-3

DL.org Workshop on DL Interoperability, Best Practices & Modelling Foundations, 1 October 2009, Corfu, Greece within ECDL09

The Corfu Holiday Palace, venue for the workshop

The workshop will raise awareness of the benefits of interoperability as a key factor for the development of global Digital Library infrastructures, defining effective methods for interoperability between DL systems, and exploring interoperability issues and best practices from the perspectives of architecture, content, functionality, policy, quality and users. Stefan Gradmann, Humboldt University, Europeana & DL.org Content Group, will deliver a keynote address illustrating challenges surrounding interoperability in the field of DLs. The workshop will also see reporting sessions and interactive discussion where the current outcomes of DL.org's Working Groups will be presented.

Find out more - http://www.dlorg.eu/index.php/dl-org-events

Register Now for ECDL '09 - http://www.ionio.gr/conferences/ecdl2009/registration.php

DL.org Working Groups

In its quest to integrate current Digital Library (DL) efforts by fostering a common approach and methodology for the future development and interoperability of Digital Libraries (DLs) in Europe, DL.org has put into place **6 working groups** of experts to address core themes identified in the DELOS DL Reference Model: Architecture, Content, Functionality, Policy, Quality, and Users. Each group is responsible for identifying the most urgent interoperability challenges and providing solutions and best practices.

Find about more about the DL.org Working Groups - http://www.dlorg.eu/index.php/dl-org-expertise

The **DL.org Liaison group** is chartered with evaluating the outcomes of the DL.org Working Groups, offering their own perspectives and helping shape the final outcomes of the project. A special feature on the Working Groups and Liaison Group will appear in the next newsletter.

Find about more about the DL.org Liason Group - http://www.dlorg.eu/index.php/laision-group

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