

## News

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### 1. Conferences

#### *1.1. ISMIR 2002 - 3rd International Conference on Music Information Retrieval: October 13–17, 2002, Ircam – Centre Pompidou, Paris, France*

<http://ismir2002.ircam.fr/>

The annual ISMIR Conference is the first established international forum for those involved in music-related contents available digitally, locally or remotely, through networks, and who need to organize and structure, provide tools to search and retrieve, and use them efficiently.

All of these concerns are of interest to education, academia, entertainment and industry. This conference aims at providing a place for the exchange of news, issues and results, by bringing together researchers and developers, educators and librarians, students and professional users, working in fields that may contribute significantly to this multidisciplinary domain, by presenting original theoretical or practical work in peer-reviewed contributions (papers, posters), serve as a discussion forum (panels), provide in-depth information in specific domains (tutorials) and show current products (exhibit).

The conference will be held under the honorary presidency of composer and conductor Pierre Boulez, and will feature the following invited and keynote speakers:

- Leonardo Chiariglione, Vice President, Multimedia of Telecom Italia Lab and Moving Pictures Experts Group (MPEG) chair
- Dave Datta, Vice-President Technology, AllMusic Guide
- Harriette Hemmasi, Associate Dean of the Libraries and Director of Technical Services, Indiana University. Project Investigator, Digital Music Library Project, Indiana University.
- Eric Scheirer, media technology researcher and consultant, formerly of Forrester Research and the MIT Media Lab
- Ted Tanner Jr., Audio-Video Architecture Strategist, Microsoft Corporation (this is a partial list).

Registration has started for the conference through its Web site. Since there is a limited number of seats available both for the (optional) tutorials and the main conference, please register early.

Other important dates:

- 4/19/2002 – Paper and poster submission deadline
- 7/1/2002 – Author notification
- 7/15/2002 – Registration deadline I
- 8/16/2002 – Camera-ready submissions due
- 9/30/2002 – Application for exhibit space deadline

Michael Fingerhut  
General Chair, ISMIR 2002

### *1.2. The LIANZA Conference*

Winds of Change: Libraries in the 21st Century – Ka purea e nga hau a Tawhiri-matea

Wellington Conference Centre  
111 Wakefield Street  
Wellington  
New Zealand  
17–20 November 2002

The themes of “Winds of Change – Libraries in the 21st Century” are:

- Electrical storms – electronic information management issues and the impact on libraries knowledge management the hybrid library management of electronic resources for libraries the future of the book intellectual property issues the impact of electronic publishing on libraries and library services metadata developments.
- Sheltering from the storm – providing library services in a digital world virtual reference services equity of access and the digital divide the role of libraries as cultural institutions partnerships and strategic alliances for libraries in the digital world building new libraries for the digital world developing new library services in a digital world.
- Under the umbrella – professional development for library and information professionals library and information management qualifications in a digital world life-long learning for library and information professionals appropriate in a digital world the role of the information professional in a changing world management skills for librarians in a digital world – e.g. strategic planning, project management, marketing, lobbying.

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For more information about The LIANZA Conference 2002 Winds of Change: Libraries in the 21st Century – Ka purea e nga hau a Tawhirimatea visit our Website: <http://www.confer.co.nz/lianza2002/>.

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*1.3. The 5th International Conference on Asian Digital Libraries (ICADL'02)  
11–14 December 2002, Singapore*

Theme: Digital Libraries: People, Knowledge and Technology  
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Web site: <http://www.cais.ntu.edu.sg:8000/icadl2002/>

**SCOPE**

When Vannevar Bush envisioned his hypertext “memex” in 1945, he dreamed of a personal microfiche-based system that would help him tackle the problem of information overload at that time. In recent years, the information on the Web, the overwhelming example of a shared world-wide collection of information, has been converted into many digital libraries by individuals or groups that select, organise, and catalogue large numbers of documents. We are in the process of creating a global infrastructure that will interconnect many computer networks and various forms of information technologies around the world, digital libraries being one of them.

ICADL'02 is the fifth in a series of annual Asian Digital Libraries conferences, and focuses on the use, adoption and adaptation of digital libraries, which include work

surrounding digital libraries and related technologies, the management of knowledge in digital libraries, and the associated usability and social issues.

Participations from diverse backgrounds are encouraged. Previous conferences have included practitioners, researchers, educators and policy makers from a variety of disciplines such as computer science, library and information sciences, archival and museum studies, knowledge management, and many areas in the social sciences and humanities.

Submissions on all areas are welcome and may include research, system, evaluation, policy and position papers. Topics include but are not limited to:

- social, institutional, and policy issues
- pedagogical issues
- document genres and electronic publishing
- collection development and management
- intellectual property
- provision of services
- user communities
- web cataloging
- metadata and content
- digital preservation
- digital archives and museums
- knowledge management
- content management
- digital library infrastructure and architecture
- human-computer interaction
- information retrieval
- information mining
- ontology-based services
- semantic web
- semistructured data management
- text categorization
- web information gathering
- information filtering
- information extraction
- hypertext and multimedia
- security and privacy

Further details about the conference including registration and conference location are posted on the conference Web site at <http://www.cais.ntu.edu.sg:8000/icadl2002/>.

#### *PAPER SUBMISSION*

Both full papers and short papers will be accepted. Papers must be in English with a limit of 10 pages for full papers (approximately 6000 words) and 2 pages (approximately 1500 words) for short papers. Electronic submission will be used

and accepted file formats are PDF or Microsoft Word. Abstracts for long papers should be submitted to the ICADL'02 Web site no later than June 20, 2002. Full papers should be submitted no later than June 27, 2002 while short papers should be submitted no later than July 26, 2002. All papers must be original contributions and not previously published nor currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

#### *IMPORTANT DATES*

Submission of abstract: June 20, 2002  
Submission of full paper: June 27, 2002  
Submission of short paper: July 26, 2002  
Notification of acceptance: September 2, 2002  
Camera-ready copy due date: September 23, 2002

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*1.4. Restructuring and Adapting LIS Education to European Standards, Thessalonika, 16–19 October 2002*

In 1999 Rectors of Universities and Ministers of Education from throughout the European Union made a commitment at a conference in Bologna to restructure courses to a common European pattern of Bachelors and Masters degrees by 2010 in place of the existing, differing national patterns of awards. Implementing these changes, together with the European Credit Transfer scheme and new accreditation and quality assurance systems is affecting the Schools of Librarianship and Information Sciences in a variety of ways. To discuss experiences in adapting to meet European standards and to overcome regional variations in needs and interests, EUCLID: the European Association for Library and Information Education and Research will hold a conference at the Technological Educational Institution of Thessalonika, Greece from 16–19 October 2002.

The themes of the meeting will be restructuring and adapting LIS education to European standards; overcoming regional variations in needs and interests:

- experiences in adapting to the Bologna agreement in defining and structuring Bachelors and Masters degrees
- issues in implementing the European Credit Transfer scheme (e.g. comparability in assessment)
- experiences of accreditation and quality assurance systems
- experiences of collaborative course development
- developing competencies, critical analysis and personal transferable skills in future information professionals
- strategies for coping with rapid change (curricular development, staff development, resources development)
- distance learning: potential and challenges
- developing research skills

The working language of the Conference will be English.

A small registration fee will be charged to all participants (including speakers) to recover necessary expenses. A differential fee will apply to EUCLID and non-EUCLID members, to delegates from institutions in Eastern and Western Europe, and to students.

Further information and a call for papers may be obtained from the EUCLID web site: <<http://www.elt.sk/euclid/>> or from Mrs Gerda van der Molen, The School of Information and Communication, Hanzehogeschool Groningen, P.O. Box 70030, 9704 AA GRONINGEN, Netherlands. Fax: International +31 50 571 0634 or +31 50 595 2940; e-mail: [g.a.van.der.molen@pl.hanze.nl](mailto:g.a.van.der.molen@pl.hanze.nl).

*1.5. BOBCATSSS*

BOBCATSSS is an annual co-operative activity between European institutes and universities in the field of Library and Information Science, organised under the aegis

of EUCLID. The 10th BOBCATSSS Symposium – “Human beings and information specialists” – was held in Portoroz, Slovenia in January 2002, organised and coordinated in co-operation between Hochschule für Medien, University of Applied Sciences, Stuttgart, and Department of Librarianship, Filozofska Fakulteta, University of Ljubljana. Over 200 people attended, with speakers and delegates from the USA and the Middle East as well as from Europe. Copies of the proceedings are available from the organising institutions.

The next conference will be held in Torun, Poland, 3–5 February 2003, organised by Instituut voor Media- en Informatiemanagement, Hogeschool van Amsterdam, and Uniwersytetu Mikolaja Kopernika, Torun. The theme will be “Information policy and the European Union”, and a Call for Papers is now available on the web site – <http://www.bobcatsss.com>.

#### *1.6. Joint meeting of EUCLID and ALISE, Berlin, August 2003*

The possibility of a joint conference between EUCLID and ALISE has been discussed on several occasions. Plans have now been approved by the EUCLID Executive Board for a meeting the American Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) to be held in Berlin immediately before the IFLA Conference in August 2003. The ALISE Board has also agreed the proposal. Details are now being discussed, and a Call for Papers will be issued during the year.

#### *1.7. Fifth World Conference on Continuing Professional Education for the library and information professions, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland, 14–16 August, 2002*

25 experts from more than 10 countries will be presenting their experiences and leading delegates in discussion at a conference on ‘Continuing education for the Information Society’ to be held in Scotland later this year.

5th World Conference on Continuing Professional Education for the library and information professions is to be held by the International Federation of Library Associations’ (IFLA) Round Table on Continuing Professional Education at the Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland from 14 to 16 August 2002.

To download a copy of the Conference brochure in pdf format and for further information, point your web browser at: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/satellite.htm> or contact Ian Johnson, School of Information and Media, The Robert Gordon University, Garthdee Road, Aberdeen AB10 7QE, Great Britain. Fax: +44 (0) 1224 263553. E-mail: [i.m.johnson@rgu.ac.uk](mailto:i.m.johnson@rgu.ac.uk).

#### *1.8. Learning and Teaching Subject Network for Information and Computer Sciences, Third annual conference, Loughborough, August 2002*

The Third Annual Conference of the LTSN Subject Centre for Information and Computer Sciences aims to bring together academics from the computing and library

and information science disciplines interested in sharing good practice and integrating innovative techniques to enhance the quality of their learning, teaching and assessment. The conference will consist of a number of plenary sessions including keynote speeches by invited speakers, technical sessions featuring papers, interactive posters and demonstrations and is designed to appeal to both new and experienced academics.

Early registration deadline: 26 July 2002

Ordinary registration deadline: 16 August 2002

Details from: Una O'Reilly, LTSN-ICS, University of Ulster, Shore Road, NEWTOWNABBEY BT37 0QB, or email LTSN-ICS@ulst.ac.uk.

#### *1.9. Fifth British Nordic Conference on Library and Information Science Education and Research, 2003*

Plans are being made for the fifth in this successful series of international conferences to be held in Oslo in Spring 2003. The Conference will feature papers on research activities selected from those offered by staff of Schools and Departments in the countries in the region. Staff from Schools and Departments outside the region are welcome to attend and to participate in discussions.

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#### *1.10. World Summit on the Information Society, Geneva, December 2003*

The first phase of the World Summit will take place in Geneva, hosted by the Government of Switzerland, in December 2003. The Summit is being organised by the International Telecommunication Union, in cooperation with other interested United Nations agencies. It will address a broad range of themes concerning the Information Society and adopt a Declaration of Principles and Action Plan, addressing the whole range of issues. The proposed themes address the central issues raised by the Information Society and are likely to include:

- Building the infrastructure
- Opening the gates: universal and equitable access to the information society
- Services and applications
- The needs of the User
- Developing a Framework
- ICT and Education

Under each of these broad themes, consideration will be given to the relevant developmental, economic, policy, social, cultural and technological aspects. Additional information about the Summit can be found on the WSIS website at [www.itu.int/wsis/](http://www.itu.int/wsis/).

## 2. Schools

### 2.1. University of Cape Town, South Africa

Postgraduate Diploma in Library and Information Science (PGDipLIS) This one-year, full-time, programme focuses on the processes of finding, organising and disseminating information within the context of the 'information society'. It is recognised as a first qualification for anyone wishing to follow a career working with information in organisations or specialising in a professional career in libraries and information services.

Applicants must hold a Bachelors degree in any subject. The programme may also be followed part-time, by arrangement; an evening programme for the PGDipLIS is planned, as an alternative to full or part-time day study. It is expected to start in the latter half of 2002, further details will be available shortly.

Tuition fees for students from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries: R11 200 (full time) and R6 000 a year part-time; for students from outside SADC countries: US\$5 200.

Masters Degree in Library and Information Science (MBibl) Two years' duration. The first year (Part 1) is devoted to coursework; for the second year (Part 2), one of three routes to completion may be chosen: (a) dissertation; (b) two additional courses plus a minor dissertation; (c) one additional course, an internship and a minor dissertation. The programme may also be followed part-time, by arrangement. Applicants must hold a Bachelors degree (or a Postgraduate Diploma) in Library and Information Science. Applicants already holding a BBibl (Hons) degree may apply for direct admission to Part 2.

Tuition fees for students from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries: Part 1 – R10 000 (full time) Part 2– R8 300 a year for coursework plus dissertaion options and R6 000 a year for dissertation or dissertation-only option; for students from outside SADC countries: US\$5 200 a year (full-time). Part time fees are charged pro rata.

The Department of Information and Library Studies also offers MPhil and PhD programmes, by research. The study of information use and needs, with a particular focus on information literacy, is the main area of research work of the Department.

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## 2.2. Florida State University, USA

### 2.2.1. FSU Institute receives grant to help develop library plan

The FSU School of Information Studies' Information Use Management and Policy Institute has received a \$40,000 research award from the Division of Library and Information Services to assist in producing a five-year statewide plan for library development in Florida.

The Institute conducts research that focuses on the information user, and the interaction of the user with information products, services, policies, technologies, and organizations.

Charles R. McClure, Francis Eppes Professor and Director of the Information Institute, with John Carlo Bertot, Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Information Institute, will conduct the project. Joe Ryan, Senior Researcher, will also assist in completing the project.

The project will begin in February and will be completed this June. The Information Institute will assist the Division by:

- Holding regional meetings where the broad library community and others can provide input into the development plan. These regional meetings will be held from February–March 2002.
- Conducting a statewide survey assessing key issues and the relative importance of those issues for library development. The survey will be posted on the state library's website during March 2002.
- Providing preliminary findings for public comment at the Florida Library Association annual conference in Daytona Beach, April 10–12.

These efforts will offer the opportunity for all interested in the library development plan to provide input and ideas.

The results from these efforts will be analyzed and reported to the Division to help with library development in Florida over the next five years. The Institute will work closely with staff from the Division to assist them produce the five-year plan.

The Division expects to release the five-year development plan in June 2002.

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### 2.2.2. FSU Researchers Produce First-Ever 'GIS' Map of Nation's Libraries

Public libraries are often a focal point of communities. Besides being a source of information, people turn to them in times of crisis. But never before in the history of the United States has there been an accurate map of the actual locations of every public library in the nation – until now.

Florida State University researchers Dean K. Jue and Christine Koontz of the GeoLib Program in the Florida Resources and Environmental Analysis Center (FREAC) have just completed such a map. It is the first map that shows the 16,228 actual locations where someone can go to check out a book. The digital "basemap", a map

to which other layers of data can be coded, uses geographic information system software (GIS) to map the nation's libraries.

GIS combines layers of information about a place to give a better understanding of that place. Combined layers of information might help a business determine the best place to relocate to, or help researchers analyze environmental or sociological problems or trends in a community. When applied to public libraries, librarians might better assess the public they serve.

The researchers found there are 9,039 administrative or "main" libraries that manage an additional 7,189 outlets or "branch" libraries. The total number excludes the nation's 818 book mobiles. More than half of the total number of public libraries are in rural areas.

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