

## News

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### 1. Conferences

#### 1.1. ISKO BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

8/9 July 2013, London.

Book by April 30<sup>th</sup> for Early Bird rates

The theme is: \*Knowledge Organization – Pushing the Boundaries\*

Knowledge Organization (KO) is not just a fascinating research domain to attract our foremost thinkers; it also presents practical challenges to each of us as individuals, sorting out the files on our desktops physical and virtual, searching for inspiration via the Internet, or participating in the fora of social media. But there's a paradox: while KO practices permeate society, the name "Knowledge Organization" is known only to a few. Invisible boundaries separate KO researchers from the practitioners who could benefit from their findings, and also come between distinct fields of application such as records management, web design, librarianship, information retrieval, etc.

This conference aims to explore such boundaries, challenge them and advance our thinking into new territory. It will be the third biennial conference of the UK Chapter of ISKO. Practitioners as well as theoreticians are invited to attend and participate, along with consultants, researchers, teachers and students. There will be a mix of short and longer presentations, as well as a display of posters. The papers submitted will be peer-reviewed and published electronically on this website, together with slides and audio recordings.

On our website at <<http://www.iskouk.org/conf2013/index.htm>> you can find more details, including a provisional programme. 33 Presentations are scheduled, including keynote addresses from leading lights Patrick Lambe and Martin White, and an invited paper from visualization visionary Manuel Lima. Two of the sessions will be co-organized by our sister associations, UKeIG and LIRG respectively. We're expecting a good number of posters too, and will be encouraging the vendors of relevant software applications, products and services to support the conference by exhibiting their wares.

Registration fees for the two-day event are still the same as for our 2011 conference, just

£180 (full price)

£150 (ISKO members)

£150 pounds (early-bird rate, until 30 April)

£130 pounds (early-bird rate for ISKO members)

Members of UKeIG and/or LIRG will be entitled to the same rates as ISKO members. The electronic proceedings of our first and second biennial conferences are available at <http://www.iskouk.org/conf2009/proceedings.htm> and <http://www.iskouk.org/conf2011/programme.htm> respectively. The 2013 event will be bigger and better, and we hope you will be able to come and enjoy it.

*1.2. 10th Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries and Information Services, Royal York Hotel, York, UK, 22nd–25th July 2013*

We are pleased to announce that registration for the 10th Northumbria Conference is now open. To register for the conference, please visit our website: [www.york.ac.uk/conferences/northumbria](http://www.york.ac.uk/conferences/northumbria)

Delegates at the 10th Conference can choose between an accommodated package, which includes 2 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation in the hotel, or registering without accommodation and choosing from the wide range of hotels and guest houses available in the city. Both options include attendance at all days of the Conference, lunches, refreshments, a drinks reception and Conference Dinner at the National Railway Museum. An early bird rate of £425 (without accommodation) or £575 (with accommodation) is available until 21st March.

The website has been updated with further information about the Conference, the city and an outline programme. We have received a wide variety of proposals for the Conference to date, and will be announcing the detailed programme in March following evaluation of these.

We look forward to seeing you in York in July. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

*1.3. 7th Russian Summer School in Information Retrieval (RuSSIR 2013)*

Monday September 16–Friday September 20, 2013

Kazan, Russia

<http://russir.org>

**3RD CALL FOR COURSE PROPOSALS**

The 7th Russian Summer School in Information Retrieval (RuSSIR 2013) will be held on September 16–20, 2013 in Kazan, Russia. The school is co-organized by the Kazan Federal University (<http://www.kpfu.ru/>) and the Russian Information Retrieval Evaluation Seminar (ROMIP, <http://romip.ru/>).

Proposals on **\*\*all IR-related topics\*\*** are welcome. Each course should consist of five 90-minute-long sessions (normally in five consecutive days). The course may include both lectures and practical exercises.

Summer school organizers will cover travel expenses and accommodation for one lecturer per course; no additional honorarium will be paid to lecturer(s). The school organizers would highly appreciate if, whenever possible, lecturers could find alternative funding to cover the travel and accommodation expenses, and indicate this possibility in their proposals.

Course proposals must be submitted in PDF format to the submission web site <http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=russir2013>, by February 10, 2013. A course proposal should contain the following:

- Title and keywords
- Description of teaching and research experience, and contact information of the lecturer(s)
- Relevance of the course to the school's scope and objectives
- Brief description of the course (up to 300 words suitable for inclusion in school materials)
- Full description (1–2 pages – to be used for evaluation)
- Target audience and expected prerequisite knowledge of the audience
- Relevant references to support proposal evaluation
- Preferred schedule and necessary equipment

All proposals will be evaluated by the program committee according to the school's goals, the clarity of presentation, and the lecturers' qualifications and experience.

Program Committee co-chairs:

- Pavel Braslavski (Kontur Labs/Ural Federal University, Russia)
- Stefan Rueger (The Open University, UK)

#### *1.4. Theory and practice of Digital Libraries*

TPDL 2013 – Call for Tutorials  
17th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital  
Libraries 22–26 September 2013  
Valletta, Malta  
[www.tpd12013.info](http://www.tpd12013.info)

#### Introduction \*

The International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries (TPDL) is the leading scientific forum on digital libraries and related research areas that brings together researchers, developers, content providers and practitioners. The first day of the conference will offer conference attendees and local participants a stimulating and informative selection of tutorials covering current topics in digital libraries and related technologies and areas of research.

Topics should have a direct relevance to the topics of the conference; a full list of current topics of interest can be found at <http://tpdl2013.info/>. Anticipated areas of

interest at the time of TPDL2013 include topics related to digital libraries, their foundations and methodologies, as well as their relevant applications and usages, including cross-disciplinary areas. We especially welcome tutorials bridging multiple areas, or presenting new perspectives in these areas, and tutorials with a practical hands-on approach that educate participants in using a technology after the tutorial. Proposals will be considered for half-day and full-day tutorials. Tutorials may cover material either at an introductory level (introducing new areas of research or practice to attendees) or in depth (advancing the understanding of attendees with basic familiarity of the area). Tutorials may target researchers, practitioners, or the field as a whole.

*1.5. 6th IRF Conference: October 7–9 2013, Limassol, Cyprus Organised by the Cyprus University of Technology and the MUMIA Cost Action*

Conference: <http://cyprusconferences.org/irf2013/>

CALL FOR PAPERS

## THEIRFCONFERENCE

The 6th Information Retrieval Facility Conference 2013 provides once again a multidisciplinary scientific forum for researchers in Information Retrieval and related areas. The conference aims at bringing young researchers into contact with the industry at an early stage, emphasizing the applicability of IR solutions to real industry cases and the respective challenges.

The 6th IRF Conference addresses 3 complementary research areas:

- Information Retrieval
- Machine Translation for search solutions
- Interactive Information Access

The 6th IRF Conference targets researchers who are interested in:

- Learning about complementary technologies for the development of next generation search solutions
- Applying their results to real business needs
- Joining the international research network of the MUMIA Cost Action
- Discussing results obtained by using the IRF or other public data resources

All papers will undergo a review process with each paper being reviewed by at least three members of the programme committee.

The proceedings of all previous IRF Conferences have been published by Springer in the LNCS series, and we have contacted Springer regarding 2013.

All paper submissions must be written in English following the LNCS author guidelines. We welcome two different types of submissions (Science, Industry).

- Science Papers  
For researchers and students in the fields of Information Retrieval, Machine Translation for Search Solutions and Interactive Information Access.  
Papers submitted must refer to novel, unpublished research. Full papers must not exceed 12 pages including references and figures.
- Industry Papers  
For developers and implementers of novel technology in the fields of Information Retrieval, Machine Translation for Search Solutions and Interactive Information Access. For business and industry representatives using IR technologies to search and analyse large quantities of information. Papers of this type should not exceed 4 pages including references and figures.
- Competitive Demonstrations  
Research groups and industry members are invited to demonstrate their information access tools. In previous years, the PatOlympics have proven an exciting interaction driver between users and creators of patent search systems. This year, the competitive demo opens to general purpose IR tools and interested participants are invited to submit a 2 page description of their system. Details to follow.

## ORGANISATION

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John Tait (JohnTait.net Ltd)

Programme Chairs:  
Evangelos Kanoulas (Google) Mihai Lupu (Vienna University of Technology)

## TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED

We seek papers on novel, unpublished research in one or more topics mentioned below:

- IR Models
- IR Evaluation
- User Modeling, Personalization and Interactive IR
- Machine Learning, Categorization, and Clustering for IR
- Cross-Language IR
- Visualization of Search Results
- Ontologies
- Reasoning
- Semantic Annotation
- Information Extraction and Summarization
- Named Entity Recognition
- Machine Translation

- Question Answering
- Patent Analytics
- Scientific Paper Search
- Biomedical Information Search
- Enterprise Search
- Web Search
- Human Factors in IR

Multi-disciplinary papers combining topics from multiple areas are particularly welcome.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for paper submission: May 31, 2013

Acceptance decision and reviews to authors: July 7, 2013

Deadline for submission of final paper: July 22, 2013

Speaker registration: July 22, 2013

Early registration deadline: July 22, 2013

IRF Conference: Oct 7–9, 2013

For more information, please consult our website <http://cyprusconferences.org/irf2013/> or, contact the organising chairs via email: [irfc@cyprusconferences.org](mailto:irfc@cyprusconferences.org)

IRFC 2013 is organised by the Cyprus University of Technology and the MUMIA

#### *1.6. MTSR 2013: 7th Metadata and Semantics Research Conference*

November 19–22, 2013

Alexander Technological Educational Institute of Thessaloniki, Greece

[mtrs2013.teithe.gr](http://mtrs2013.teithe.gr)

#### **Motivation**

Continuing the successful mission of previous MTSR Conferences (MTSR'05, MTSR'07, MTSR'09, MTSR'10, MTSR'11 and MTSR'12), the seventh International Conference on Metadata and Semantics Research (MTSR'13) aims to bring together scholars and practitioners that share a common interest in the interdisciplinary field of metadata, linked data and ontologies. Participants will share novel knowledge and best practice in the implementation of these semantic technologies across diverse types of Information Environments and applications. These include Cultural Informatics; Open Access Repositories and Digital Libraries; E-learning applications; Search Engine Optimisation and Information Retrieval; Research Information Systems and Infrastructures; e-Science and e-Social Science applications; Agriculture, Food and Environment; Bio-Health and Medical Information Systems.

### *Scope and topics*

Contributions are welcome on every topic related to Metadata and their relationships with Ontologies, Semantic Web, Knowledge Management and Software Engineering, including but not limited to:

#### **I. Foundations**

- Typology of metadata and metadata uses
- The value and cost of metadata
- Quality evaluation in the use of Metadata
- Metadata reusability
- New or revised metadata schemas or application profiles
- Metadata standardization
- Empirical studies on metadata and/or ontologies usage

#### **II. Languages and Frameworks for Metadata Management**

- SGML, XML, UML in theory and practice
- Languages and Frameworks for Ontology Management
- Metadata and the Semantic Web
- Metadata and Knowledge Management
- Metadata and Software Engineering
- Metadata application of Semantic Web technologies
- Ontologies and Ontology-based Knowledge Management Systems

#### **III. Case Studies**

- Metadata and ontologies for librarianship, management of historical archives and archeological research
- Metadata and ontologies for the design of innovative products and processes
- Metadata and ontologies for health, biological and clinical information management
- Metadata and ontologies in finance, tourism and public administrations
- Metadata and ontologies in industry
- Metadata and ontologies in education
- Metadata and ontologies in agriculture, food and environment

#### **IV. Technological Issues**

- Technologies for Metadata and ontology storage
- Technologies for Metadata and ontology integration
- Technologies for Metadata extraction and navigation, querying and editing of ontologies
- Technologies for Learning Objects management

#### **Paper submission**

Interested authors can submit to [EasyChair](#). The following types of presentation are invited:

- **full papers** (12 pages) reporting complete research
- **short papers** (6 pages) presenting ongoing or preliminary research
- **posters** (4 pages);
- **demos** (4 pages);
- **European and National projects** (6 pages).

Papers should be original and not previously submitted to other Conferences or Journals. All submissions will be reviewed on the basis of relevance, originality, importance and clarity following a double-blind peer review process. Submitted papers have to follow the [LNCS proceedings](#) formatting style and guidelines. Authors of accepted papers will be asked to register to the Conference and present their work in the form of either oral presentation or poster presentation. The Conference welcomes Workshops and Tutorial on any issues concerning metadata, ontologies, semantic Web, knowledge management, software engineering and digital libraries.

Revised versions of best papers will be published in selected international journals, including the *International Journal of Metadata, Semantics and Ontologies* (InderScience), and *Program: Electronic library and information systems* (Emerald) (list incomplete).

Proceedings will be published by Springer in the CCIS book series. The proceedings will be abstracted/indexed in: Scopus, EI-Compendex, DBLP, Google Scholar, Mathematical Reviews, SCImago. CCIS volumes are also submitted for the inclusion in ISI Proceedings.

#### **Awards:**

*Best paper award.* This award will be presented to the authors of the best full paper submitted and presented to the conference.

*Best student paper award.* The 7<sup>th</sup> MTSR'13 conference sponsors a paper competition to recognize excellence in a conference paper contribution whose primary author is a student (normally at a PhD or MRes level). The student is required to present the paper at the MTSR2013 conference. Submissions are evaluated on their originality, scientific merits, structure, and clarity of composition.

We look forward to see you in Thessaloniki, one of the most beautiful and popular cities in Southeastern Europe.

#### **Important Dates**

2013, March 31<sup>st</sup>: Title and abstract (500 words) submission – not mandatory

2013, May 31<sup>st</sup>: Paper submission

2013, June 30<sup>th</sup>: Acceptance/rejection notification

2013, July 31<sup>st</sup>: Camera-ready papers due

2013, November 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>: Conference at Alexander Technological Educational Institute, Thessaloniki, Greece



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## 2. Schools

Long Island University, United States of America

M.S. in Corporate Learning and Development, Palmer School of Library and Information Science, Long Island University

The information below describes an interdisciplinary MS program being offered by Long Island University including professors from the Palmer School of Library and Information Science. Check it out:

New M.S. in Corporate Learning and Development at LIU Post: Career Options for Educators and Corporate Associates, Offered Largely Online

Educators seeking new career options and corporate associates aspiring to new roles within their organizations may benefit from a new master's degree in Corporate Learning and Development. This unique program is offered in an online and in-classroom format by LIU Post and will meet the growing need for professional skills development in corporations, non-profits and the public sector.

Organizations large and small invest in training their employees as a way to improve staff productivity and motivation, gain competitive advantage, or comply with professional and governmental regulations. The volume of training continues to grow at a rapid rate, with much of the delivery moving online. Especially in demand are instructional designers who can also advise and consult with business leaders to reach the best solution to meet business priorities and fulfill goals.

"Instructional designers, trainers and professional skills developers are key to an organization's success, and the demand for them is growing," said Dr. Robert Hannafin, dean of the College of Education, Information and Technology at LIU Post and a former executive at PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP. "This program also offers new career opportunities for teachers to transfer their classroom skills (i.e. listening, facilitating discussion, and managing difficult conversations), into the corporate setting."

The 30-credit master's degree is taught in a blended format – part online, part face-to-face – and can be completed in 11 months. Students will earn both the M.S. degree and a Professional Skills Certificate, credentials that will expand their professional horizons. The program begins with an intensive, two-week summer term at the LIU Post campus in Brookville, followed by online courses through the fall and spring semesters, and culminates with one more two-week intensive session at the university. Courses provide a broad base of knowledge in communication, instructional design, online teaching and learning, knowledge services, organizational behavior, and leadership development.

Graduates of this interdisciplinary program will gain the knowledge, competency and skills to be successful in organizations needing trainers, instructional designers, facilitators/coaches, and learning and professional skills consultants. The M.S. in Corporate Learning and Development is administered jointly by the LIU Post College of Education, Information and Technology and the LIU Post College of Management.

To learn more, visit <http://www.liu.edu/CWPost/Academics/Schools/CEIS/Dept/Curriculum/Graduate-Programs/Corp/Corp> or call (516) 299-2374 or email [post-educate@liu.edu](mailto:post-educate@liu.edu).