

News

1. Conferences

1.1. Second European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries

European Union
European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics
ICS-FORTH
University of Crete

19–23 September, 1998, Heraklion, Crete, Greece

Web Page: <http://www.csi.forth.gr/2EuroDL>; E-mail: ecdl@cc.uch.gr.

1.1.1. Objectives

This conference is the second of a series of European conferences on research and technology for digital libraries funded by the European Commission's TMR Programme. Its objectives are: to bring together researchers from multiple disciplines whose science relates to the development of digital libraries; to provide an opportunity for these scientists to form a research community in Europe specific to digital library development and to enable them to discuss issues and strategies specific to the European context; to assist young researchers in establishing relationships with senior scientists in their areas of interest; to enable review and discussion of research under way in Europe, the US, Japan and other countries on digital libraries; to stimulate researchers, especially young scientists, to explore new areas of interest in digital library development; to establish a forum for discussion of issues specific to Europe such as interoperability, multilinguality, intellectual property policy, and information commerce; to provide an opportunity for researchers in the relevant enabling technologies and information sciences, to discuss issues related to interoperability between world wide distributed digital libraries.

From a technical point of view, the European Conferences series aims to contribute to the definition of those digital library parameters which especially influence issues of access, retrieval, and interaction with information; to identify key problems which must be solved to make digital library services an effective reality; to identify a general structure or framework for integrating research and solutions; and to propose and encourage specific, high priority research directions within such a framework.

1.1.2. Topics

The conference organisers solicit papers on topics related to digital libraries, including but not limited to the following list:

- Digital Library Models, Frameworks, and System Requirements
- Metadata
- System Integration and Architecture Issues
- Interoperability, Scalability
- Networked Information Discovery, Agent Technologies
- Information Retrieval, Organisation, Navigation – Tools and Paradigms
- Multilinguality
- Role of Knowledge Representation Systems in Digital Library Interactions
- Collecting, Capturing, Filtering, Cataloging, Indexing, Preserving
- Intellectual Property Rights, Terms and Conditions, Rights Management
- Authoring, Electronic Publishing, Electronic Commerce and Information Economies
- Economic and Social Implications and Issues
- User Interfaces
- Handling of Graphics, GIS, Medical Data, Multimedia Information, Experimental Data and
- Scientific Models

1.1.3. Conference Programme

The conference will be held in Heraklion, Crete, Greece. Tutorials will be organised on the 19th and 20th of September 1998. The opening session will take place at 9 a.m. on Monday the 21st of September 1998 and the final session will take place on Wednesday afternoon, the 23th of September 1998. Full details on the scientific programme of the Conference will be published on our Web site by the 1st of July 1998.

1.1.4. Important Dates

15	March	1998	Proposals for tutorials, panels and demos due to the Programme Chair
15	April	1998	Notification of tutorial, panel and demo acceptance
15	May	1998	Papers and proposals for posters due to the Programme Chair
25	June	1998	Notification of paper and poster acceptance
1	July	1998	Scientific Programme on the Web
25	July	1998	Final papers due
19,20	September	1998	Tutorials
21–23	September	1998	Conference

1.1.5. Panels

Suggestions for the organisation of panel sessions on one of the proposed topics or on related topics are welcomed. Proposals should include a short CV and position paper for each panelist.

1.1.6. Posters

During the conference a space will be reserved for poster sessions. Research projects of any scale are invited to illustrate innovative concepts and prototype systems.

Poster proposals should include title, names of presenters and outline (max. 500 words).

1.1.7. Tutorials

Tutorial days will be held before the Conference, on Saturday the 19th and Sunday the 20th of September 1998. Proposals for tutorials are solicited. Tutorials would be either half day (3 hours) or full day (6 hours).

Each proposal should include a title, a summary (intentions, objectives, etc.), duration and a short CV of the instructor(s).

1.1.8. Demos

Result demonstrations of on-going projects are strongly encouraged. Those interested should submit a description of the intended Demo to the Programme Chair.

1.1.9. Papers

Papers (max. 20 pages, double spaced) should be submitted electronically in HTML format, either by e-mail to the Conference Secretariat, ecdl@cc.uch.gr, or to our ftp site, <ftp://ftp.ics.forth.gr/2EuroDL>.

1.1.10. Proceedings

The Proceedings will be published by Springer as a volume in their Lecture Notes in Computer Science series and will be distributed at the Conference.

1.1.11. Fellowship for Young Researchers

A limited number of fellowships for the Conference and also for Tutorials are available for young researchers who are citizens of European Union countries or Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland. The fellowship offers free registration for the participants and, in special cases where necessary and appropriately justified, may pay for or reimburse travel and lodging expenses.

1.1.12. Programme Chair

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1.1.13. Programme Committee

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1.1.14. Local Organising Committee

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1.1.15. Contact Info

For more information regarding this conference contact the conference secretariat: Rena Kalaitzaki and Maria Stavrakaki, University of Crete, Computer Science Department, Tel.: +30 81 393504; Fax: +30 81 393501; E-mail: ecdl@cc.uch.gr.

You can subscribe to the announcement list of the "Second European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries" by sending electronic mail to 'majordomo@csi.forth.gr' with body 'subscribe ecdl2-announce <your email address>'

1.2. Third International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science (CoLIS 3)

Theme: Digital Libraries: Interdisciplinary Concepts, Challenges and Opportunities.
Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik (IUC), Dubrovnik, Croatia, 23–26 May 1999.
Web sites: <http://www.ffzg.hr/infoz/colis3> or <http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/colis3>;
Email: colis3@ffzg.hr.

1.2.1. Organizers

University of Zagreb, Croatia; University of Tampere, Finland; Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen, Denmark; and Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA.

1.2.2. Co-Sponsors

American Society for Information Science (ASIS) – European Chapter; Association for Computing Machinery, Special Interest Group for Information; Retrieval (SIGIR/ACM); International Federation for Information and Documentation (FID).

1.2.3. Call for Papers and Contributions

The general aim of CoLIS conferences is to provide a broad forum for critically exploring and analyzing library and information science as a discipline and as a field of research from historical, theoretical, and empirical perspectives. CoLIS 1 was held in 1991 at the University of Tampere, Finland, and CoLIS 2 in 1996 at the Royal School of Librarianship, Copenhagen, Denmark.

1.2.4. Theme for CoLIS 3

The goal is to critically explore the evolving concepts, research, and development related to digital libraries from the perspective of a number of approaches and disciplines. The conference aims to focus on fundamental and integrating issues and problems that reflect efforts and thinking from a number of disciplines and countries. Contributions are invited that address the topics listed below. They are further elaborated at conference web sites: Fundamental and theoretical aspects and questions underlying digital libraries. Nature of digital library collections. Organization of digital libraries. Access to digital libraries. Use of digital libraries. Technical infrastructure. Evaluation of digital libraries. Social issues. Economics of digital libraries. Integration of various kinds of information resources. Relations to traditional libraries – roots, comparisons, complements, integration.

1.2.5. Types of Contributions

For details see the conference web sites.

Research papers. Full length papers (4 copies) of up to 12 pages covering any of the topics should be submitted to the Program Chair responsible for the geographic region. A Best Paper Award and a Best Student Paper Award are planned.

Poster presentations. Presentation of a work in progress that is best communicated in an interactive way. A synopsis (4 copies) of up to 3 pages should be submitted to the Poster Chair.

Panels. Proposals for panel sessions on issues and problems of general interest that will stimulate a lively debate should be sent to the Panels Chair.

Tutorials. Proposals for half or full day tutorials held before the opening of the conference should be submitted to the Tutorial Chair.

Workshops. Proposals for one day workshops held at the conclusion of the conference should be submitted to the Workshops Chair. Both, tutorials and workshops are designed to be self-sustaining economically to cover expenses of presenters.

Demonstrations and exhibits. Proposals for demonstrations of digital library projects or for exhibit of related materials should be submitted to Demonstration and Exhibit Chair.

1.2.6. Important Dates and Deadlines

Today: register interest to receive information by completing a form at conference web site, or send an email to colis3@ffzg.hr

15 September 1998 Research papers deadline.

15 October 1998 Deadline for posters, tutorials, workshops, panels, demonstrations and exhibits.

1 December 1998 Notifications and selections.

1 February 1999 Final camera ready copy.

1.2.7. Conference Organization

Conference Chairs: Tatjana Aparac, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia. E-mail: taparac@mudrac.ffzg.hr and Peter Ingwersen (also Regional Chair – Africa, Asia, Australia), Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen, Denmark. E-mail: PI@db.dk.

Program Chair (also Regional Chair – the Americas): Tefko Saracevic, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, USA. E-mail: tefko@scils.rutgers.edu.

Regional Chair – Europe: Pertti Vakkari, University of Tampere, Finland. E-mail: lipeva@uta.fi.

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Workshops Chair: Mirna Willer, National and University Library, Zagreb, Croatia. E-mail: mwiller@nsk.hr.

Demonstrations and Exhibits Chair: Aida Slavic, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia. E-mail: aslavic@mudrac.ffzg.hr.

1.2.8. About the Venue

Dubrovnik, Croatia, is among the unique cities in the world, recognized as one of the World Cultural Heritage sites by UNESCO. It is a walled city, preserved as it existed

in medieval times. It was a city-state of sea-faring citizens, diplomats and merchants, at the crossroads of several medieval empires. A beautiful natural location on the Adriatic Sea, a lavish architecture of squares, palaces, and churches, small, intriguing hill-hugging streets, pedestrian-only traffic within the walls, outings to the enchanting near-by islands – all these and more combine to make Dubrovnik one of the most popular destinations in Europe. The end of May, when the conference will be held, is just before the beginning of the tourist season, with ample opportunities for enjoying swimming in the truly blue sea, sunbathing, and unhurried and uncrowded sight seeing. This is also a paradise for camera buffs. Special post-conference excursions will be offered. Dubrovnik can be reached by air from Zagreb, Croatia and a number of European cities, by road following a picturesque Adriatic highway, and by ferry from Rijeka, Croatia, and Bari, Italy. The main hotels, with special conference rates for participants, will be Excelsior Hotel (category A, on the sea and overlooking the city), and Hotel Lero (category B, across from a beach). The conference hotels are a short walking distance from the walled city and from the conference site. For more information about Dubrovnik visit: <http://www.tel.fer.hr/dubrovnik>, and for Hotel Excelsior visit: <http://www.laus.hr/dalmacija/dubrovnik/hotel/excelsior/Welcome.html>.

1.3. Joint Meeting of PLC (Polar Libraries Colloquy) and IAMSLIC (The International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers)

September 20–25, 1998, Hotel Saga, Reykjavík, Iceland.

[Http://www.hafro.is/hafro/Joint/conf.html](http://www.hafro.is/hafro/Joint/conf.html).

1.3.1. Organizing – and Scientific Committee

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1.3.2. The Theme of the Conference and a Call for Papers

The first joint conference of IAMSLIC (International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers) and PLC (Polar Libraries Colloquy) will be held in Reykjavík, Iceland, between 20 and 25 September 1998. The conference will open on Sunday evening 20 September and close at noon on Friday 25 September. A full day's tour is planned for the Wednesday 23 September.

The conference theme “Electronic Information and Publications” refers to the latest methods of storing and disseminating information, but we must not forget the history of our science or the tried and tested methodologies. So we may be discussing electronic archiving but we want to hear about your libraries involvement in conventional archiving as well. There must be some amazing collections around the

world, how do we find out about them and their holdings? Libraries are operating in the most dynamic environment but are we driving the treadmill or merely holding on? Let us hear how you are coping.

There will be both written paper sessions and poster sessions. You are invited to submit an abstract of your proposed paper or poster. IAMSLIC membership should send their submissions to Pauline Simpson, and the PLC membership should send their submissions to Pálína Héðinsdóttir.

1.3.3. Schedule for Submissions

Deadline for receipt of abstracts of presentations 31 March 1998

Notification of acceptance of papers will be sent 15 May 1998

Conference Convenor for IAMSLIC: Pauline Simpson, National Oceanographic Library, Southampton Oceanographic Center, European Way, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 3ZH, UK. E-mail: ps@soc.soton.ac.uk; Fax: +441703 596101; Phone: +441703 596111.

Conference Convenor for PLC: Pálína Héðinsdóttir, Natturufraedistofnun Islands, Hlemmur 3, 105 Reykjavík, Iceland. E-mail: palina@nattfs.is; Fax: +354-562-0815; Phone: +354-562-9822.

1.3.4. Libraries to be Visited during the Conference

The Árni Magnússon Institute: Collection of Medieval Icelandic Literature – The Sagas, The Eddic Poems and other manuscripts – written on wellum.

The Library of the Central Bank of Iceland: A Numismatic Museum and a collection of precious and beautifully bound Icelandic books.

The Nordic House in Reykjavík opened in 1968 with the principal aim of strengthening ties between Iceland and the other Nordic countries. It was designed by Alvar Aalto, the distinguished Finnish architect and is located close to the University. The heart of the house is the Library, which holds some 30.000 Nordic books, both literary and vocational in the original language. The Library contains a music section with Nordic works, an art lending section and a recently added video section.

1.3.5. Social Programme and Excursions

Friday, September 18; 08:00: Pre-Conference Study Tour to Akureyri

Participants will fly up to Akureyri early in the morning on Friday 18th of September. In Akureyri they will board buses for a tour to a fishing village, Dalvík, and a visit to a fish processing plant there. After that participants will go by ferry to Hrísey, a small island in Eyjafjörður, where they will have lunch followed by another visit to a fish processing plant. In the evening there will be a reception and dinner in Akureyri.

On Saturday the 19th of September, the Rector of the University of Akureyri will introduce the university and talk about the research community which is forming around it. Steven G. Watkins, Director for Library Resources at California State University, Monterey Bay will speak of cooperative approaches to database licensing. The new University Library will also be introduced to the participants.

After lunch there will be an introduction of the new Vilhjalmur Stefansson Arctic Institute which is being founded this year, hopefully given by the not yet appointed director of the Institute. Haraldur Bessason, the former Rector of the University of Akureyri will give a talk about Vilhjalmur Stefansson and his life span and Philip N. Cronenwett, Special Collections Librarian at Dartmouth College Library will speak of the Stefansson Collection at Dartmouth College. There will be some free time in the afternoon and the Akureyri planning committee has promised to guide the participants to the outdoor swimming pool, the down town caffès or to the popular hiking paths in the wood, Kjarnaskogur, for those who wish to run, jog or just walk leisurely and enjoy the magnificent scenery. In the evening there will be a barbecue party and for entertainment an adventure in the woods. Participants will be advised to bring with them warm clothing since a great deal of the activities will be outdoors.

On Sunday the 20th of September, participants will travel by bus to Reykjavík, a 7 hour scenic tour of the northern and western part of Iceland.

The price for this Pre-Conference Study tour is ISK 28.000,- pr. person in a single room and ISK 25.000,- pr. person sharing a double room. All meals and transport is included. It is required that participants register before the 1st of June on the conference registration form. Minimum 20 participants.

For further information please contact: Sigrun Magnusdottir (E-mail sigrun@unak.is) or Astrid Margret Magnusdottir (E-mail astrid@unak.is) University of Akureyri Library, Tel.: +354 463 0528.

Sunday, September 20; 16:00: Arrival from the Study tour in Akureyri; 17:00–19:00: Reception at the National Library.

Monday, September 21; 10:00–15:00: City sightseeing for accompanying guests: The tour will take you around the city with visits to various sites of interest, for example, the Museum of Folklore, the outdoor gallery of celebrated Icelandic sculptor, Ásmundur Sveinsson, and the most popular outdoor swimming pool, open all year round. Light lunch is included. Departure from Hotel Saga; 17:00–19:00: Reception by the Mayor of Reykjavík and the Ministry of Fisheries at Reykjavík City Hall.

Wednesday, September 23; 08:30–17:00: The Golden Circle. Excursion to Nesjavellir, Þingvellir, Gullfoss and Geysir: A classic excursion to many of the scenic natural wonders for which Iceland is justly renowned. We depart at 08:30 from Hotel Saga, first we go to Nesjavellir geothermal field, where plumes of steam rise to the sky. The Nesjavellir area is one of the main sources of hot water harnessed to heat the houses of Reykjavík. Then the tour continues to Thingvellir, the National Park where Iceland's old parliament was founded in 930. On we go under scenic mountains, past Lake Laurarvatn resort. After a stop for lunch, the tour continues to the Geysir area, seething with erupting hot springs and boiling mud pools. Onwards to mighty Gullfoss, The Golden Waterfall, perhaps the most beautiful in the country. Then to the picturesque Kerið, a lake-filled extinct volcanic crater and continuing to Hveragerði, where harnessed geothermal power has permitted a greenhouse industry, with fruit,

vegetables and exotic plants flourishing under glass. Return to Reykjavík in the late afternoon. Duration approx. 8–9 hours.

Thursday, September 24; 19:00–24:00: Reception, Dinner and Auction at Hotel Saga.

1.3.6. General Information

Date and Venue. September 20–25, 1998 at Hotel Saga, v/Hagatorg, IS-101 Reykjavík, Iceland. The Conference centre is well equipped and the hotel offers good accommodation facilities.

Language. The official language will be English.

Posters. Because of limited time in the sessions during the conference, we have decided to offer space for posters. The size of the poster boards are 90 cm width by 120 cm height. Fittings for the posters will be provided.

Slides and Video. Only slide format 5x5 cm can be used. Video (VHS) and video projector will be available if requested in advance.

Registration. The enclosed registration form should be used to register for the Conference, the social programme and for hotel reservations. Registration for events included in the registration fee must also be marked on the form. You can also reserve various excursions in advance.

If payment is received:	before June 1st	after June 2nd
Participants:	ISK 23.000,—	ISK 28.000,—
Accompanying guest:	ISK 9.000,—	

Included for participants: Participation in the scientific programme and full documentation, coffee during breaks, lunches (Sept. 21, 22 and 24); Receptions on Sept. 20th, 21st and 24th and the Conference Dinner on Sept. 24th.

Included for accompanying persons: Receptions on Sept. 20th, 21st and 24th and the Conference Dinner on Sept. 24th.

Please complete the registration form and send it together with your payment to: Iceland Tourist Bureau / Congrex-Iceland, Congress Department, Skógarhlid 18, IS-101 Reykjavík, Iceland. Fax: +354-562 3345 or 562 5895; E-mail: congrex@itb.is.

Accommodation and Confirmation. The official travel bureau of the conference, Congrex-Iceland, arranges for hotel accommodation for participants. Reservations should be made on the registration form, and are booked on first-come, first-served basis. Congrex-Iceland reserves the right to book another hotel if the desired accommodation is fully booked.

All reservation requests should be sent to Congrex-Iceland. If you contact the Conference hotels directly they might inform you that they are fully booked, since the rooms are reserved for the Conference. Special conference rates are available only through Congrex-Iceland.

Accommodation can only be confirmed if the hotel deposit accompanies the registration form. Please note that the accommodation is to be *paid in full* to Congrex-Iceland.

Payment and Confirmation. Payment of registration fees and hotel deposit should be made in advance by:

- 1) Cheque, which should be sent together with the registration form by mail. The cheque should be purchased at your bank and made out in ISK (Icelandic crowns) to Congrex-Iceland c/o "PLC/IAMSLIC '98". We regret that we are unable to accept personal, company or Euro cheques.
- 2) Payment can also be made by Visa or Euro/Master credit cards. Please indicate card number and expiry date on the registration form.

Information about the exchange rate is accessible on the conference homepage.

After having received the payment, Congrex-Iceland will send you a confirmation of your reservation. The balance can either be settled in advance or upon registration at the Conference. Reservations by telephone cannot be accepted. You are, however, welcome to make your reservation by telefax or E-mail.

Cancellation. Pre-registered participants who are unable to attend the Conference will have their fees and hotel deposit refunded less an administrative fee of ISK 2.500,- provided that a written notice of non-attendance is received one month (20.08.98) prior to the Conference. After that time no refund may be expected. All refunds will be processed after the Conference.

Registration and Information during the Conference. The Conference secretariat will be located at Hotel Saga, where Congrex-Iceland will provide you with travel and conference information during the Conference. Opening hours for registration and information will be as follows:

Sunday, September 20th	15:00–18:00
Monday, September 21st	08:00–17:00

and remain open during the Conference

Excursions. A selection of highly interesting one-day excursions is available, all of which may be booked in advance. A variation of longer tours is also available. Congrex_Iceland is happy to assist in any way, in booking tours before, during and after the Conference.

Hotel Saga. Conveniently situated in the quiet surroundings of the University grounds, Hotel Saga offers comfortable accommodation, excellent restaurants and personal service. Nearby attractions include open air swimming pool (free access for hotel guests), the National Museum, National Library, Árnarnaganaeian Institute and the Nordic House. Hotel Saga has 216 rooms.

Guesthouses and Private Accommodation. We offer Guesthouses and private accommodation with in walking distance of Hotel Saga the Conference Centre. Most offer bed and breakfast and bath/shower facilities in a family atmosphere.

1.4. 9th ASIS SIG/CR Classification Research Workshop – An Interdisciplinary Meeting

Pittsburg, PA, USA, October 25, 1998, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The American Society for Information Science Special Interest Group on Classification Research (ASIS SIG/CR) invites submissions for the 9th ASIS SIG/CR Classification Research Workshop to be held at the 61st Annual Meeting of ASIS, October 25–29, 1998 in Pittsburg, PA. The workshop will be held on Sunday, October 25, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Pittsburg Hilton.

1.4.1. Scope

The ASIS SIG/CR Classification Research Workshop is designed to promote the exchange of ideas among active researchers with interests in all aspects of classification theory and application including creation, development, management, representation, display, comparison and compatibility.

1.4.2. Topics

Topics suitable for presentation papers include, but are not limited to:

- Analysis and explication of classification scheme(s)
- Application in information retrieval and expert systems
- Automated document classification
- Automated scheme generation
- Bibliographic classifications in new environments*
- Classification algorithms
- Classification structures*
- Cognitive representations
- Comparison of classification schemes
- Compatibility across classification schemes
- Concept acquisition
- Data structures for classification schemes
- Image classification*
- Inheritance and subsumption
- Interfaces for display of classification schemes
- Knowledge representation schemes
- Mathematical techniques for developing semantic classes
- Natural language understanding
- Procedural knowledge in classification schemes
- Programming languages for classification schemes
- Reasoning with classification schemes
- Relations and their properties
- Semantic classes
- Social aspects of classification*
- Software for management of classification schemes

- Subject analysis
- Terminology
- Thesaurus construction*
- User-based classification strategies
- Warrant for concepts in classification schemes

* These topics served as focus areas for group discussions during the break-out session at the 8th Classification Research Workshop, November 2, 1997, in Washington D.C., USA.

1.4.3. Submissions

The Classification Research Workshop welcomes submissions from various disciplines. Those interested in participating are invited to submit either a full-length research paper for presentation at the workshop or a position paper that will serve as the focus for group discussion during the workshop's break-out session. Any submission may include a background paper as an attachment.

Full-length Research Papers: Researchers who wish to prepare a full-length research paper for presentation at the workshop should submit:

- 1) A two- to three-page, single-spaced extended abstract summarizing substantive work that has been conducted in an area related to classification.
- 2) A brief, one-page statement describing the research interests of the submitter and the reason for participating in the workshop.

One-page Position Papers: Researchers who wish to propose a topic or focus area for group discussion during the break-out session should submit:

- 1) A brief, 250- to 500-word abstract summarizing the topic and its relevance to classification research.
- 2) A brief, one-page statement describing the research interests of the submitter and the reason for participating in the workshop.

Submitted abstracts and topic proposals will be refereed for acceptance. The authors of accepted papers will be asked to submit an expanded version of the original paper which will also be refereed for inclusion in the workshop proceedings. Some of the authors of expanded papers will be invited to speak to their papers in brief presentations during the workshop. Authors of expanded papers and successful proposers of a discussion topic for the break-out session are expected to attend the workshop.

All expanded research papers and position papers will be published in the preliminary workshop proceedings that is mailed to all early registrants prior to the workshop. Following the workshop, authors of expanded papers will be given the opportunity to revise their papers for final publication. Authors of position papers will be expected to include with their papers a summary of the group discussion. All papers will be published in *Advances in Classification Research Vol. 9: Proceedings of the 9th ASIS SIG/CR Classification Research Workshop*.

Previous proceedings have been published as Volumes 1 through 8 of *Advances in Classification Research: Proceeding of the nth ASIS SIG/CR Classification Research Workshop* and are available from the publisher Information Today, Inc., 143 Old Marlton Pike, Medford, NJ 08055, Tel.: 609-654-6266. URL: <http://www.info-today.com>

Submissions of all abstracts should be made via email and should be in ascii format. Abstracts of full-length research papers should be in the hands of the workshop chair no later than April 10, 1998. Abstracts of one-page position papers should be in the hands of the workshop chair no later than June 1, 1998. Confirmation of receipt of a submission will be sent via email.

Send submissions to Elin K. Jacob, Assistant Professor, School of Library and Information Science, 10th St. and Jordan Ave., Library 005F, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405, USA. Tel.: 812 855-4671; Fax: 812 855-6166; E-mail: ejacob@indiana.edu.

1.4.4. Deadlines

Schedule for submission of Full-length Research Papers:

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| April 10, 1998 | Extended abstract in English, single-spaced and 2 to 3 pages in length should have been received by the workshop chair for refereeing by the program committee. The abstract should follow the APA Manual of Style (4th ed., 1994). Submission of abstracts should be made via email and should be in ascii format. |
| May 11, 1998 | Notification of acceptance or rejection provided to submitters of extended abstracts. Instructions for expanded papers will be provided at this time. |
| June 26, 1998 | Extended papers should have been received by the workshop chair for refereeing by the program committee. |
| June 27, 1998 | Refereed papers returned to authors with comments of referees for final revision. |
| Sept. 1, 1998 | Final copies of expanded papers in camera-ready condition are to be in the hands of the workshop chair for publication in the workshop proceedings. |

Schedule for submission of One-page Position Papers:

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| June 1, 1998 | Brief 250- to 500-word abstracts for break-out session position papers should have been received by the workshop chair for review by the program committee. The abstract should follow the APA Manual of Style (4th ed., 1994). Submission of abstracts should be made via email and should be in ascii format. |
| July 15, 1998 | Notification of acceptance or rejection provided to submitters of position abstracts. Instructions for position papers will be provided at this time. |

Sept. 1, 1998 Final copies of position papers in camera-ready condition are to be in the hands of the workshop chair for publication in the workshop proceedings.

1.4.5. Registration

Early registration fees for Workshop Participants are \$35.00 for all SIG/CR members; \$35.00 for presenters of expanded papers and/or position papers; \$45.00 for participants who are members of ASIS; and \$60.00 for participants who are not members of ASIS. Because the workshop is separate from the ASIS Annual Meeting, an additional registration fee is required for the Annual Meeting.

1.4.6. Additional Information

Access <http://newarkwww.rutgers.edu/asis.sigcr/crwork.shtml> or contact the workshop chair via email at ejacob@indiana.edu.

1.4.7. Workshop Organizers

Workshop Chair: Elin K. Jacob, Indiana University.

Program Committee: Hanne Albrechtsen, Royal School of Librarianship; Clare Beghtol, University of Toronto; Raya Fidel, University of Washington; Efthimis N. Efthimiadis, University of Washington; Corinne Jorgensen, University of Buffalo; Uta Priss, Indiana University; Ray Schwartz, Rutgers University-Newark; Phil Smith, Ohio State University; Paul Solomon, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Louise Spiteri, Wayne State University; Padmini Srinivasan, University of Iowa.

1.5. Conference on the History and Heritage of Science Information Systems

The American Society for Information Science (ASIS), the ASIS Special Interest Group/History and Foundations of Information Science (SIG/HFIS), and the Chemical Heritage Foundation announce a call for papers for the Conference on the History and Heritage of Science Information Systems, to be held Oct. 23–25, 1998 (immediately prior to the annual meeting of ASIS) in Pittsburg, PA.

This conference will explore the history and heritage of the nature, development, and influence of all types of science information systems worldwide. Abstracts of papers to be submitted are due April 1, 1998, and authors of tentatively accepted papers will be notified promptly. (Abstract should be approximately 500 words in length.) Full acceptance will be based on receipt of the paper, which should be received no later than June 1, 1998. For accepted papers, several competitive scholarships will also be available for financial support for attendance and anyone wishing to apply for these should submit a completed paper by May 15, 1998. All submissions will be refereed by a panel of experts.

Science information “systems” is broadly interpreted to include not only the history of specific systems and services developed for the sciences but also the ideas,

concepts, and historical context affecting their development. Alternative presentation styles (such as videos, photographic exhibits, demonstration of information technologies) are encouraged.

Specific topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- history of information handling in various scientific disciplines (such as chemistry, biology, physics)
- role of science information systems in scholarly communication
- assessment of the influence of major conferences relating to the development of scientific information systems, such as the 1948 Royal Society Scientific Information Conference and the 1958 International Conference on Scientific Information (Washington, DC)
- role of science and technology information policies
- contributions of specific individuals to the development of science information systems
- pre-computer era science information retrieval systems
- history of computer-based science information systems and technologies
- development of major commercial science information systems (such as BIOSIS, Chemical Abstracts Service, Engineering Index, ISI, Inc.)
- history of the role of specific international organizations in the development of science information systems (such as CERN, FAO, FID, IAEA)

Additional details on the conference may be seen on the Web at: <http://www.asis.org>.

Inquiries regarding the Conference should be addressed to: Robert V. Williams, Conference Chair, College of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208, USA, Phone: 803-777-2324; Fax: 803-777-7938; E-mail: bobwill@sc.edu.

1.6. 4th Annual Reference Research Forum

The Research and Statistics Committee of the Management of Public Services Section of RUSA is sponsoring its fourth annual Reference Research Forum at the 1998 American Library Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., USA.

This is an opportunity to present and discuss your research project covering the broad area of reference services. Both completed research and research in progress will be considered. All researchers, including reference practitioners from all types of libraries, library school faculty and students, and other interested individuals are encouraged to submit a proposal. Suggested areas of investigation include:

- Organization Structure and Personnel
- Electronic Services
- User Behavior
- Reference Effectiveness

The Committee will utilize a “blind” review process to select a maximum of three (3) projects for 25-minute presentations, followed by open discussion. Criteria for selection are:

- Significance of the study for improving the quality of reference service
- Quality and creativity of the methodology
- Potential of the research to fill a gap in reference knowledge or to build on previous studies
- Previously published research or research accepted by December 1, 1997 for publication will not be acceptable.

Please submit a one-page proposal by December 1, 1997. Notification of acceptance will be made by March 15, 1998. Submission must consist of two pages. On the first page, please list your name(s), title(s), institutional affiliation, and address (including your mail address, Fax number, and e-mail address). The second page should NOT show your name or any personal information. Instead, include the title of your project, a problem statement, a description of the methodology, and an explanation of the significance. Electronic submissions are acceptable and must also be delivered in two parts. Please send submission to: Diana D. Shonrock, Coordinator, General Reference Section, Iowa State University Library, 152 Parks Library, Ames, Iowa 50011-2140, USA. 515 294-7866 (work number); 512 294-5525 (fax number); shonrock@iastate.edu (e-mail).

2. Library and Information Science Schools

2.1. Programmes

2.1.1. Professional Distance Masters by Research

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To discuss the course informally, please contact the Course Tutor, Bruce Reid, School of Information Studies, Dawson Bldg, Address as above. Phone: +44 121 331 5625; Fax: +44 121 331 5675; e-mail: brucereid@uc.ac.uk.

2.2. Workshops

2.2.1. Professional Development Workshops

The University of Pittsburg School of Information Sciences is pleased to announce the 1998 summer schedule of professional development workshops. The School's Web site has the complete workshop offerings and schedule: <http://www2.sis.pitt.edu/workshops>

The 50 workshops range in length from one to five days. Some of the topics include:

- Technology foundations (Computer security; Windows 98, NT Workstation, and NT Server Basics; Applications)
- Web technology (Creating Web Pages; Advanced HTML; Graphics; Dynamic HTML and Cascading Style Sheets; Courseware)
- Internet resources (Searching the Web; Evaluating Web Resources; Internet Policies and Filtering; Internet Resources & the Curriculum; Developing a Technology Plan)
- Updating Professional Skills (Metadata; Planning Facilities; Fundraising; Picturebooks for Children; Best Books for Young Adults)

3. Research Grants

3.1. Educational Research Project at the Robert Gordon University

Mr. Brian Wilson MP, Scottish Office Education Minister recently announced the award of a new educational research grant of £27,110 to the Robert Gordon University, School of Information and Media, to investigate teachers' knowledge needs in the area of Information Technology. The project will be undertaken by Dr Dorothy Williams, Mrs Kay Wilson and Mr Robert Newton over the next seven months. It forms part of the Scottish Office Education and Industry Department's annual research programme, which has an important role to play in informing education policy, such as the Government's recent announcements that all schools are to be linked to the Internet and that lottery funding will be used to ensure that all teachers and school librarians are trained in using the Internet.

For further information, contact: Dr Dorothy Williams, Reader, School of Information and Media, The Robert Gordon University, 352 King Street, Aberdeen AB25 5BN, UK. Tel.: +44 1224 262956; Fax: +44 1224 262969; E-mail: d.williams@rgu.ac.uk.

4. Projects

4.1. JISC/JTAP Project 2/10

Project Directors: Dr Alan Cann, Dr Richard Mobbs.

Project Development Officer: Dr Helen Pownall.

Learning Technology Group, University of Leicester.

This is to announce the CAStLe (Computer Assisted Teaching and Learning) project on-line assessment authoring tool.

The CAStLe project is funded by the JSIC/JTAP programme and started on the 1st October last year.

It's aims are to provide a 'High Level Authoring Shell for On-Line Interactive Tutorials and Assessment', by developing a comprehensive courseware authoring tool, which will enable tutors to produce and maintain on-line Web pages. This will enhance the learning resources available to the student for a fairly minimal time investment on behalf of the tutor or course developer.

The project home page can be found at: <http://www.le.ac.uk/cc/ltg/castle/> where you will find more information about the CASTLE project, examples of on-line tests which have been created using the CASTLE MCQ authoring tool, and the CASTLE toolkit itself, which is freely available for use. These pages are best viewed with Netscape v3.0 or higher.

The present toolkit consists of: The mark engine. The 'create' tool. Users enter test via a web form. The 'modify' tool. Users can modify previously created tests to add feedback, HTML tags (i.e. to add inline images, and links, etc.), add and delete options from a question, add and delete entire questions from a test page, and change the title text, and background and text colours. Plus a tool which creates tests in a 2-frame format – coupling an ordinary Web resource with an assessment frame.

One major advantage of this toolkit is that it requires no prior knowledge of HTML or any other form of mark-up tags, as the text is entered via a Web form, and the test pages are returned immediately to the browser. Also with the use of images and pdf files, users can include scientific symbols and diagrams which are not included in the current HTML specification.

Please visit our home page and have a look at the facilities that are available, and feel free to contact me if you require any more information about this project, or wish to make an appraisal of the project to assist in its development.

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5. Publications

5.1. *The Impact of Doctoral Research in Information Science and Librarianship*

The Impact of Doctoral Research in Information Science and Librarianship by Professor Mary Dykstra Lynch, Ph.D. and Professor T.D. Wilson, Ph.D. of the Department of Information Studies, University of Sheffield is now on the Department's Web pages at: <http://panizzi.shef.ac.uk/~tom/publins/impact/impact1.html>

The publication describes the work undertaken to assess the impact of the research undertaken by students in receipt of Doctoral Studentships under the control of the Department for Education and Science in the period 1981 to 1991. The report comments on the difficulties experienced in identifying the Award holders and their present location, as well as in obtaining response from those who were identified. It is shown that the majority of Award holders do make an impact, either through their subsequent employment in academic institutions or through publication, or both. The personal advantages and disadvantages of pursuing a research degree are explored and, overall, it is shown that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

The report is supplemented by a paper on the experience of sixty-six former research-students of the Department of Information Studies, University of Sheffield, as a result of work undertaken separately for a Master's dissertation.

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6. Web Sites

6.1. *World List of Departments of Library and Information Science*

The World List... has a new home as a result of the re-design of the Department's Web site – you'll now find it at: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/~is/publications/worldlist/wlist1.html>.

Please alter your bookmark files, etc., to reflect the change.

As usual, any news of new sites, updates of existing sites, etc., will be welcomed.

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6.2. *OWL (www.lib.ox.ac.uk/owl/index.html)*

The OWL website for library trainees is now up and running. The site is designed

both for existing library trainees and those thinking of a career in the information sector. The site is largely written by current trainees at Oxford University.

From the beginning the aim of the site was to complement – but not duplicate – the range of resources already available. The site has five main sections, including:

1. 'Posts' – descriptions of library trainee posts in Oxford; what it's like to be a trainee; typical duties; salary; what's the most interesting aspect of the job
2. 'Library School' – when to apply; what kind of questions you might be asked in interview; how to obtain funding
3. 'Careers' – includes interviews with librarians in public, academic and corporate libraries. Topics covered include job prospects, salary, key issues/challenges facing each sector
4. 'Links' – a 'gateway' to other useful sites for trainees

As far as possible, the site tries to convey what it's 'like' to work in the information sector – what challenges and rewards potential librarians can expect.

As you might imagine, the site is still at the experimental stage, so your comments and feedback are crucial. Please help!

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