

CULTURAL HERITAGE on line

Empowering users: an active role for user communities
15-16 December 2009
Florence - Italy

Following the success of the previous conference held in 2006, the Foundation Rinascimento Digitale, in collaboration with the Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities and the Library of Congress, is delighted to announce the 2nd edition: "CULTURAL HERITAGE online Empowering users: an active role for user communities". The conference aims to explore, analyze, and evaluate the state of the art and future trends in user communities and cultural contents on the web from an international perspective, and bring together academic researchers, policy makers and practitioners, providing a forum for the discussion and dissemination of the selected themes.

Internet continues to have an impressive impact on cultural heritage and humanist communities by affecting the way they work, use, exchange and produce knowledge. New architectures and radically different paradigms arise continuously engendering a deep rethinking of traditional roles and tasks. Though a continuous increase in ICT use has spread in the cultural heritage community, cultural institutions have been slower to adopt new technologies for cultural, economic and organizational reasons. Today it seems that users not only are able to adapt to technological changes faster than cultural institutions, but they are also driving innovation, by proposing new ideas and building up new paradigms of knowledge production.

The conference will start on the 15th of December with keynote lectures that investigate user needs and expectations, analysing how to better involve users and the cultural heritage community in creating and sharing digital resources. The plenary session on the 16th will start with the presentation of national and international scenarios, followed by two thematic sessions with scientific speeches selected through a Call for Papers.

Main Topics

- Cultural heritage and interactive Web
- Digital libraries
- Digital humanities
- Cooperation among museums, archives, libraries
- Digital preservation

Who should attend

- Cultural heritage institutions administrators and curators
- Digital humanities researchers and students
- Cultural tourism operators
- Professional associations in the fields of museums, archives, libraries
- Funding agencies
- Technology providers and developers

INFO AND PARTICIPATION AT THE CONFERENCE

Please kindly register at:
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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Italian and English. Simultaneous translation is available

VENUES

Conference:
Teatro della Pergola
Via della Pergola 30 – Firenze

Tutorial:
Sala Verde - Palazzo Incontri
Via dei Pucci, 1 - Firenze

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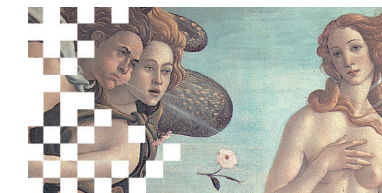
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Florence 15th - 16th December 2009



TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER

TEATRO DELLA PERGOLA

10.00 - 11:00 Welcome

11:00 – 13:30 Plenary Session - Invited lectures

Bernard SMITH

Andrea GRANELLI *Kanso s.r.l.*
Learning processes on the Net: more information or noise?

15:00 - 18:00 Plenary Session - Invited lectures

Martha ANDERSON

Ingrid PARENT *Head of the Library of the University of British Columbia*
Internet-driven convergence between libraries, archives, museums:
an opportunity, an inevitability or both?

PALAZZO INCONTRI - SALA VERDE

Four international experts will develop a one-day full immersion tutorial about issues related to long term preservation of digital objects, they will define needs for the specific cultural heritage sector, providing the audience with some concrete examples of projects and applications currently in use. Target audience is librarians, archivists, digital curators, students, researchers and professionals in the sector of digital archives, digital libraries and Internet applications.

The final programme and the list of tutors will be available soon on www.rinascimento-digitale.it/conference2009

WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER**TEATRO DELLA PERGOLA**

CHAIRMAN

Gianbruno RAVENNI *Dirigente per la Cultura, Regione Toscana*
Tuscany Region policy for digital culture

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Aly CONTEH *British Library*
User collaboration in mass digitisation of textual materials

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

Frank AMBROSIO *Georgetown University Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship*
MyDante and Ellipsis: Defining the user's role in a virtual reading community

11:00 - 13:30 and 14:30 - 17:00 Parallel session II
Sustainable policies for digital culture preservation

Mariella GUERCIO

Brunella SEBASTIANI *Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche*
European Global Resolver Service of Persistent Identifiers

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

Dennis MOSER *William R. Coe Libraries, University of Wyoming*
Second Looks at Second Life

17:00 - 17:30 Closing Session

Bernard SMITH *Fondazione Rinascimento Digitale*
Conclusions and report from the parallel sections