

Message from the Programme Chairs

The programme for ETD 2011 has a mixture of keynote addresses, papers, panel sessions, posters, tutorials and workshops, to meet the needs of a diverse range of attendees.

The keynote speakers are: Adam Habib, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Johannesburg, who will provide a local South African perspective; Olugbemiro Jegede, Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities, who will provide a broad African perspective; and Michele Kimpton, CEO of Duraspace, who will speak to the more technical issues.

Papers were selected in a 2-phase peer-review process.

In phase 1, abstracts were solicited and each was peer-reviewed by 3 members of the programme committee. 55 abstracts were submitted and 23 were accepted (41%) for presentation as full papers. A further 25 (46%) were accepted for presentation as posters.

In phase 2, the authors of accepted abstracts were invited to submit full papers for peer review. Each paper was reviewed by 3 members of the programme committee. 14 papers were submitted and 12 were accepted (86%) as peer-reviewed papers.

All papers are part of the conference proceedings, with peer-reviewed papers clearly marked as such in the proceedings.

2 Panels features in the programme – one on the NDLTD Union Catalog and the other on Open Access ETDs and Publications in the Humanities and Social Sciences. There are 3 post-conference workshops on: Distributed Digital Preservation, Data Curation and Institutional Repositories. In addition, there is a pre-conference tutorial to update attendees who are new to this domain.

We wish to thank all members of the Programme Committee for diligently reviewing abstracts and full papers, as well as helping to solicit submissions and publicise the symposium in general.

Regards,

Elsabé Olivier and Hussein Suleman

Programme Chairs