

Conference Highlights

according to

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Some had more fun than others.



I'm not lonely anymore!

- **Australian Digital Theses Group**
 - Flexible, sensitive, cautious
- **Statewide systems**
 - World access: now, in 6 months, in 1 year
- **More universities requiring ETDs**
 - From 2 in 1999, to 4 in 2000
- **More NDLTD members**
 - From 30 in 1999, to 78 in 2000

78 NDLTD University Members

Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama	Marshall University	University of Georgia
Australian National University	Miami University of Ohio	University of Guelph (Ontario, Canada)
Baylor University	Michigan Tech	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Biblioteca de Catalunya	Nanyang Technological U.(Singapore)	University of Iowa
Brigham Young University	National U. of Singapore (School of Computing)	University of Kentucky
California Institute of Technology	Naval Postgraduate School	University of Maine
Chinese University of Hong Kong	North Carolina State University	University of Melbourne (Australia)
Chungnam National U., Dept of CS (S. Korea)	Pennsylvania State University	University of New South Wales (Australia)
City University, London (UK)	Rhodes University (South Africa)	University of North Texas
Clemson University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Oklahoma
College of William and Mary	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	University of Pisa (Italy)
Concordia University (Illinois)	St. Petersburg State Technical U. (Russia)	University of Queensland
Curtin University of Technology (Australia)	Universidad de las Américas Puebla (México)	University of South Florida
Darmstadt University of Technology	Universidad Politecnica de Valencia (Spain)	University of Sydney (Australia)
East Carolina University	Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
East Tennessee State University	Universitat d'Alacant	University of Tennessee, Memphis
Florida Institute of Technology	Universitat de Barcelona	University of Texas at Austin *
Florida International University	Universitat de Girona	University of Virginia
Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)	Universitat de Lleida	University of Waterloo (Canada)
George Washington University	Universitat Oberta de Catalunya	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Gerhard Mercator Universität Duisburg (Germany)	Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya	Vanderbilt University
Griffith University (Australia)	Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Virginia Tech
Gyeongsang National University, Chinju (S. Korea)	Universitat Rovira i Virgili	West Virginia University
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Université Laval (Québec, Canada)	Western Michigan University
Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	University of Colorado, Health Sciences Center	Wilfrid Laurier University (Ontario, Canada)
	University of Florida	Worcester Polytechnic Institute

ETDs in the NDLTD

14 Air University

41 Australian DT Group

2 Concordia University

50 Dissertationen (German)

4032 MIT (scanning project)

87 North Carolina St. U.

10 Pennsylvania St. U.

24 Rhodes U. (South Africa)

57 University of Florida

8 University of Maine

200 U. of North Texas

9 U. of Tennessee, Memphis

3 U. of Texas, Austin

17 U. of Virginia

23 U. of Waterloo

2360 Virginia Tech

485 West Virginia U.

33 Worcester Poly.

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NDLTD Steering Committee

- **John Eaton/Virginia Tech**
 - **Terry Noreault/OCLC**
 - **Roberto Bamberger/
MicroSoft:**
 - **Tom Peters/CIC**
 - **Keith Bolton/Solinet**
 - **David Balatti/ Nat'l Library
of Canada**
 - **M.Tawfik/UNESCO**
 - **Henry Gladen/IBM**
 - **Gail McMillan/Virginia Tech**
 - **Ed Fox/VT**
 - **Joan Lippincott/CNI**
 - **Peggy Snyder/Adobe**
 - **Monica Prohinski/Adobe**
 - **Suzanne Dobretz: German
Diss Proj**
 - **Mattias Schulz/Dissertations
Online**
 - **Bob Augustine/Eastern
Illinois University**
 - **Joe Moxley/USF**
 - **Alexandra Barranntes/OAS**
- Met March 15, 2000**









It was a long meeting.



NDLTD Steering Committee issues

- **Training**
 - **Graduate students--North America, international**
- **Stay focused: increase number of ETDs**
- **FIPSE grant: GSDI**
 - **Graduate Student Development Initiative**
- **Committees: program, training, standards and preservation**
- **Next meeting: Sept. 29, Washington DC**

NDLTD Committees

- **Training**
 - **Identify resources at various sites**
 - **Nominate your site**
- **Standards and Preservation**
 - **Identify best practices and make known**
 - **Promote Dublin Core metadata**
- **Program for 4th International Symposium on ETDs**
 - **Cal Tech? (U Georgia, North Texas State University)**

You were a great audience.









Roberto Bamberger: IBM



- **Celebration HS,
Rachel Binn**
 - Are we ready for her
generation?

[More so, due to ETDs]

Clifford Lynch: CNI



- **ETD initiative is a way to advance other agendas**
- **Archiving issues are largely organizational, economic, and institutional (mechanics are easy)**

Stuart Weibel: OCLC



Recurring themes

- **Don't reinvent the wheel**
- **Keep it simple**
- **Solicit input widely**
- **Formalize relationships**
- **Leadership**

Weibel re DC metadata

Lang re Provosting at WVU

Michael Peirsa: Xerox



- **Ubiquitous computing**
- **The Thing Finder**

Straight Talk: Graduate Deans and Provost



- **Eaton: VT**
 - Enhancing graduate education
- **Lang: WVU**
 - Leadership
- **Syverson: CGS**
 - **Dissertation: an original and significant contribution; an initial work, not a magnum opus**

Ann Hart: Claremont Graduate School



**It's not the end of
the world**

**It's just the end of
the world as we
know it.**

Joan Dalton: UWindsor Library



- **Did “yoeman’s duty”**
 - **Planning Committee**
 - **Moderator:
Publishers Panel**
 - **Presenter: Publishers
Survey**
- **Thanks to many who helped.**

Delphine Lewis: UMI



Straight Talk: Publishers Panel

- **Here to learn**

[Aren't we all.]

Eugene Garfield: editor, *Science*



Straight Talk: Publishers Panel

- **If it's excellent, if it will benefit readers--publish it.**

Janet Fisher: MIT Press



- **Straight Talk:
Publishers Panel**
- **MIT Press journals:
not a problem if
earlier versions of
articles (e.g., ETD
chapters) on the
Worldwide Web.**

What about Plagiarism?

Eugene Garfield

easier to detect

Delphine Lewis

those who are intent on doing it, will

Janet Fisher

**no evidence of more due to availability of
ejournals**

Students also participated



- **Suzie Allard,
University of
Kentucky**
 - **“Presenting Attitudes
Towards Becoming a
Digital Library
Document Center”**

Many good sound bites

Bruce Cochrane/USF

- **Digitally-abled**
- **Quill pen problem**
 - **Academic tradition of preserving research on paper**

Daniel Ferreras/WVU

- **ETDs are an inevitability**
- **Empower students to show us the way**
- **We are preceding history in the making**

Conference themes

- **Variety of viewpoints: university administrators, students, librarians; systems administrators, publishers, software vendors**
- **Case studies: national and universities**
- **Scholarship**
- **How to's: for students, for systems administrators**

Next: Ed Fox, Virginia Tech



**“Future
Funding and
the NDLTD
Vision”**