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8th conference with internationally renowned experts in the field of Web technologies in Berlin

Organization

The *8th International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications* will be held, for the first time in Berlin, from 22 to 26 September 2008. The conference - eighth in a series of meetings of internationally renowned metadata experts - is co-organized by the Competence Center for Interoperable Metadata (KIM), Göttingen State and University Library (SUB), Max Planck Digital Library (MPDL), German National Library, Humboldt-University zu Berlin, and the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI). The internationally renowned conference - to be held at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - will cover innovative topics in digital information and Web technologies.

Topics

The annual conference, which takes place each year in a different country, focuses on standards and technologies in the field of metadata. Metadata - structured descriptions of people or resources such as books, documents, or products, whether on the Internet or in databases - is a key topic of information management. The use and sharing of metadata improves the quality of search and of access to information generally. This year's conference highlights the use of metadata in applications of social computing and Semantic Web. Social applications are software systems such as blogs and wikis, which support communication and collaboration over the World Wide Web. Semantic Web applications use Web-based technology to integrate data gathered from a wide variety of sources into a coherent whole.

Program

The conference agenda has been set by a program committee of more than 50 scientists and experts from 20 countries. German- and English-language tutorials and introductory seminars will be held on the days before and after the main conference event. The conference itself will feature workshops, paper presentations, and poster sessions.

Events

The workshops will be held for various interest groups (in areas such as Libraries, Government, Research and Development) and on a variety of metadata-related topics (such as software tools, long-term archiving, and knowledge management). Keynote speaker will feature on topics such as Semantic Web, Resource Description and Access (RDA), and social tagging. Plenary presentations will cover topics ranging from folksonomies and taxonomies to application profiles and digital collections. Project presentations will be held in parallel to workshops on topics such as microformats, controlled vocabularies, interoperability models, and metadata registries.

Registration

Between 250 and 350 experts from science, business, and research from 30 nations visit the conference every year. Participants are invited to register online and to book accommodation for their stay in Berlin by 12 September 2008.

Links

Conference program: **http://dc2008.de/programme**
Registration: **http://dc2008.de/registration**

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