Conference Highlights
according to
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3rd International Symposium on ETDs

USF, St. Petersburg
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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

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ETDs in the NDLTD

14  Air University  200  U. of North Texas
41  Australian DT Group  9    U. of Tennessee, Memphis
 2  Concordia University  3    U. of Texas, Austin
50  Dissertationen (German)  17  U. of Virginia
4032  MIT (scanning project)  23  U. of Waterloo
87  North Carolina St. U.  2360  Virginia Tech
10  Pennsylvania St. U.  485  West Virginia U.
24  Rhodes U. (South Africa)  33  Worcester Poly.
57  University of Florida  
8    University of Maine  T = 7455
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”