

INVESTING IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

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CALL FOR PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS

Around the theme *Investing in the digital world*, information professionals will reflect on the revolution transforming our interaction with knowledge and documentation. Over the past few years, numerous conferences, colloquia and publications have dealt with the myriad facets, implications and possible applications of the digital world on libraries and beyond. This new dimension has become a permanent reality in our workplaces; we must now seek to harness its power, and reflect on new approaches and methods of adapting it to our ever-changing needs. The digital world has become an omnipresent tool and, as professionals, we are in a position to influence its development in the interest of improving the field of library and information services.

The sub-themes of the conference will include : 1) **libraries without walls**, 2) **information overload**, 3) **'documents' in the point-and-click age**, and 4) **under the banner "Passons à l'action !"**, lessons learned from actual practice. These themes touch on the varied attitudes and different strategies adopted by professionals working within a digital environment that has become more and more familiar.

You are invited to submit a proposal for a **presentation** or a **workshop** on one of the subjects that will be the responsibility of your organisation. Your contribution might concern research results, reflections, or practical experiences.

- Tools and methods to know and understand user and clients needs (survey methods, needs analysis, *i-Clicker*, etc.).
- Implementation and offering of information services to users outside the walls of the library or documentation centre (physical and digital spaces).
- Strategies to invest our users and clients environments (outreach librarians, etc.).
- Beyond the digital world: how to put technology to use in the cultural world and in our imaginations?
- After the last 10 years of experimentation, how should we now proceed with our digital projects (procedures, standards, challenges, collaborations)?
- The stakes involved in managing and providing access to digital collections.
- The challenge of long-term preservation of digital documents (procedures, encoding format, permanent referencing, legal deposit, etc.).
- Tools and approaches to resolve information overload.
- Multidisciplinary teams to provide service to users of the information: the keys to the integration of different and/or complimentary competencies.
- How to promote and make known the availability of digital documents (and their interfaces).
- Any other subject pertinent to the general theme.

Format for the presentation

Sessions are 20 minutes long with an additional 10 minute question period. They can be presented in French or in English.

Format for the workshops

The workshop may be organised as a round table of 3 or 5 presentations for a total of 90 minutes. The workshop organiser ensures the coordination of the event, the communication between the participants and presides over the workshop during the conference. The organiser is responsible, according to the schedule set by the Program Committee, to transmit all the information necessary for the program (titles and abstracts of the presentations as well as the names, titles and a short biography of the participants).

Schedule

Deadline for submissions: March 2nd 2009

A reply from the Program Committee will be received by March 16th 2009.

An acknowledgment will be sent for each presentation or workshop proposal received.

Please note that conference organisers will not reimburse travel or other expenses.

You can submit your proposal by completing a form available at the following address:

<http://www.asted.org/congres2009.php>

E-mail : congres2009@asted.org

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