

Sharing Your Stories: Sustaining Collaborations

NSDL Annual Meeting 2003

October 12-15, 2003

Washington, DC

Meeting Program Introduction

The NSDL Annual Meeting 2003 Planning Committee worked hard to develop a program that mirrored the comments that we received from last year's All Projects Meeting Survey. Most importantly, NSDL projects wanted more time for sharing stories, problems, and lessons learned. Projects also wanted more workshops on metadata, OAI, intellectual property, and sustainability. Requests were made to have more in-depth sessions on the CI architecture, services, and standards. The posters were seen as an important part of the meeting but hard to get at and even harder to visit with the project staff that made the poster.

For the 2003 Annual Meeting, we have added a pre-meeting day for new projects. This day will be focused on the needs and questions that new projects voiced. The posters, grouped by categories, will be displayed in the room where continental breakfast is served each morning. The posters will be available Sunday evening through Wednesday afternoon. Schedules will be set up so that you know when staff will be **♦**manning♦ their posters.

Monday will bring together people interested in digital libraries, from within the NSDL community as well as other communities, who will offer a wide variety of knowledge, experiences, and visions. The Monday sessions are designed to stimulate a collective conversation among the NSDL community and our colleagues who share a commitment to digital libraries as major education and community resources. Questions to consider include: Where is digital library research taking us? What effect do they have on innovation and education? Do digital libraries foster innovation or are they simply a way to distribute learning resources? Will they disappoint us as so much educational technology has? Will digital libraries fulfill their epistemological promise?

Tuesday and Wednesday♦s sessions, designed specifically for NSDL project staff, will allow us to build on the discussions that occur Monday. The format of the sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday include panels, training, discussions, and presentations.

Meeting Overview

Sunday, October 12, 2003:

The meeting will start with a pre-meeting luncheon on Sunday, October 12 mandatory for newly funded project staff. During the luncheon, new projects will be introduced to NSF NSDL program officers, Core Integration staff, as well as the Policy Committee and Standing Committees. The luncheon will be followed by an afternoon orientation to the NSDL. The afternoon session will be open to all projects, with seating available for 125 participants. The orientation session will include an overview of metadata, the Open Archives Initiative, and the Core Integration architecture.

There will be a poster reception Sunday evening for all meeting participants. This informal reception will include a cash bar and light appetizers where people can meet and greet and get the first look at the posters.

Monday, October 13, 2003:

The meeting officially starts Monday, October 13 and is open to the public. Monday♦s panel and presentation sessions will focus on collaboration between representatives from other communities and NSDL. Broad topics include research on the use of digital libraries and transforming education. Please invite people beyond the community of funded projects to join us on Monday.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 14-15, 2003:

Tuesday and Wednesday have been designed for the NSDL-funded project staff only. A General Session Tuesday morning will provide an update for all NSDL projects. A second General Session will be the wrap up on Wednesday. The meeting will end by 1:30pm on Wednesday, though rooms will be available all afternoon for group meetings. For those of you interested in using one of the session rooms for a group meeting, room sign ups will occur at the hotel starting on Sunday. Governance meetings will also occur during Wednesday afternoon.

Meeting attendees are not required to sign up for specific sessions; however, we would like each of you to go to the draft program and indicate anonymously which sessions might be of interest to you. We would also like to hear any feedback you have on the session descriptions themselves. Your input will help the Planning Committee include sessions that are of real interest to you and your project staff.

We are looking for as many project staff as possible to actively participate as co-presenters in the sessions. If you would be interested in **♦**sharing your story,♦ please use the Call for Co-Presenters Participation form [must get Form URL from Alex] by July 15 to indicate interest. Somebody from the planning committee will be in contact with you.

Thanks for all your help and support,
The Planning Committee

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