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OPEN REPOSITORIES CONFERENCE 2007

The 2nd International Conference | Achieving Interoperability
on Open Repositories | in an Open World

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Open Repositories 2007, the Second International Conference on Open Repositories, provides a significant opportunity to anyone involved in the design, development, deployment, or management of open repository software. The conference will allow attendees to keep abreast of the rapidly changing repository landscape, share experiences, exchange ideas, and plan for the future.

Under the theme of "Achieving Interoperability in an Open World", Open Repositories 2007 will continue the very successful format of concurrent Open User Group meetings for DSpace, Fedora, and Eprints, followed by general conference plenary sessions that cover cross-cutting and overarching issues. This year, the user groups will partition their programs into Plenary, Technical Issues, and Management Issues, and the partitions will be staggered so that IT directors can attend all management sessions and technical staff can attend all technical sessions.

The general conference program will feature two keynote talks, as well as six plenary sessions for papers and panels that address interoperability across open repositories. San Antonio's Riverwalk will provide ample opportunities to meet, socialize and share experiences in a relaxed atmosphere.

OR07 is hosted by Texas A&M University, The University of Texas, and The Texas Digital Library. The conference will take place January 23-26, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR OR07

Sponsorship represents a valuable opportunity for your organization to demonstrate active involvement in the global effort to build and sustain interoperable open repositories that provide broad access to scholarly information and resources.

You will be able to reach an international audience of possible collaborators, partners, and customers, and to align your goals with others involved in an important new technology. Sponsoring OR07 will bring world-wide visibility to your organization.

WHO IS TAKING PART?

The conference will attract attendees from all over the world. The Open Repositories community is particularly well-established in the U.S., Europe, Canada and Australia. The Steering Committee anticipates approximately 500 registrants for OR07. Participants may include deans/directors of digital initiatives, technical staff responsible for repository software, management and policy setters, and applied researchers in digital libraries and similar fields.



VENUE

The conference will be held at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The hotel is connected to the Rivercenter shopping complex and located on the famous San Antonio Riverwalk, lined with lush gardens and quaint shopping. San Antonio is a popular tourist destination, with The Alamo, the San Antonio Zoo, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, and Sea World, as well as cultural attractions such as the Institute of Texan Cultures, The Missions of San Antonio, and the Witte Museum.

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

James L. Hilton

James Hilton is a national expert on information technology policy and an advocate for strong collaboration between academic and technology cultures in a university environment. He believes that technology has the potential to revolutionize classroom teaching in higher education and predicts that undergraduate education will look more like graduate education and collaboration will infuse the teaching environment.

As Vice President and Chief Information Officer at the University of Virginia, he is responsible for planning and coordination of academic and administrative information technology, voice communications and network operations on a university-wide basis. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Hilton was a member of the faculty at the University of Michigan in the Institute for Social Research and in the Psychology Department where he served as the Chair of Undergraduate Studies between 1991 and 2000. He is a three-time recipient of the LS&A Excellence in Education award, has been named an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor (1997-2006), and received the Class of 1923 Memorial Teaching Award. Dr. Hilton received a B. A. in Psychology from the University of Texas in 1981 and a Ph.D. from the social psychology program at Princeton University in 1985.

**Tony Hey**

As corporate vice president for technical computing, Tony Hey coordinates efforts across Microsoft Corp. to collaborate with the global scientific community. He is a top researcher in the field of parallel computing, and his experience in applying computing technologies to scientific research helps Microsoft work with researchers worldwide in various fields of science and engineering.

Before joining Microsoft, Hey worked as head of the School of Electronics and Computer Science at the University of Southampton, where he helped build the department into one of the pre-eminent computer science research institutions in England. Since 2001, Hey has served as director of the United Kingdom's e-Science Initiative, managing the government's efforts to provide scientists and researchers with access to key computing technologies.

Hey is a fellow of the U.K.'s Royal Academy of Engineering and has been a member of the European Union's Information Society Technology Advisory Group. He also has served on several national committees in the U.K., including committees of the U.K. Department of Trade and Industry and the Office of Science and Technology. In addition, Hey has advised countries such as China, France, Ireland and Switzerland to help them advance their scientific agenda and become more competitive in the global technology economy. Hey received the award of Commander of the Order of the British Empire honor for services to science in the 2005 U.K. New Year's Honours List.

Hey is a graduate of Oxford University, with both an undergraduate degree in physics and a doctorate in theoretical physics.



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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

	Tuesday Jan 23	Wednesday Jan 24	Thursday Jan 25	Friday Jan 26
8:30-9:00	Coffee Break			
9:00-10:30	DSpace Plenary	DSpace Management Issues	Conference Session 2	Conference Session 6
	Fedora Technical Issues	Fedora Plenary		
	Eprints Management Issues	Eprints Technical Issues		
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break			
11:00-12:30	DSpace Plenary	DSpace Management Issues	Conference Session 3	Closing Keynote Tony Hey
	Fedora Technical Issues	Fedora Plenary		
	Eprints Management Issues	Eprints Technical Issues		
12:30-2:00	Lunch			
2:00-3:30	DSpace Technical Issues	Opening Keynote James L. Hilton	Conference Session 4	
	Fedora Management Issues			
	Eprints Plenary			
3:30-4:00	Coffee Break			
4:00-5:30	DSpace Technical Issues	Conference Session 1	Conference Session 5	
	Fedora Management Issues			
	Eprints Plenary			

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