



ETD 2009 2ND CALL FOR PAPERS, POSTERS, PRESENTATIONS AND TUTORIALS

Deadline for Abstract Submission EXTENDED to February 23, 2009.

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On behalf of The Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD), the University of Pittsburgh and West Virginia University, we would like to invite you to submit a paper, poster or presentation for "ETD 2009: Bridging the knowledge divide" - the 12th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations to be held June 10 - 13, 2009 at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. ETD 2009 will focus on ETDs, Institutional repositories and Open Access - Integrative E-Learning Processes in Higher Education. The ETD 2009 conference also includes a joint call for participation in a Developing Nations Colloquium co-sponsored by [eIFL](#) (Electronic Information for Libraries) Network.

The NDLTD initiative consists of hundreds of contributing member universities, libraries, information organizations, consortia and individuals. Membership details are available on the NDLTD website and dues-paying members are offered a discount on the conference registration fee. The NDLTD's activities are focused on those who produce, manage, store and use electronic theses and dissertations in order to support the authoring, indexing, archiving, dissemination and retrieval of ETDs worldwide. Conference attendees typically include librarians, graduate school administrators, information technology professionals and graduate faculty, staff and students.

"ETD 2009: Bridging the knowledge divide" is organized by the NDLTD, The University of Pittsburgh and West Virginia University, with generous sponsorship provided by non-profit interest groups and corporations that produce hardware, software, and knowledge management solutions for digital archives and repositories.

The purpose of "ETD 2009: Bridging the knowledge divide" will not only be to present research outcomes and demonstrate new developments and initiatives in the field of electronic theses and dissertations, but also to encourage even more universities around the world to become a part of the NDLTD and to promote free, open and long-term access to online scholarship. For institutions and individuals that are at the early stages of investigating how to operate and promote an ETD project or program, the conference will also offer a range of learning and networking opportunities within an international collegial atmosphere of a premier university for graduate professional education.

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You are invited to submit proposals that address any of the following themes:

Open Access

ETDs, Institutional Repositories and the Changing the Face of Academia. Topics may include the following areas:

- Intellectual Property
- Open Access, Citation Impact and the Research Cycle
- Faculty and Student Perspectives on ETDs, IRs and Open Access
- Institutional Repository Usage Statistics: Case Studies
- Open Access and Publishing in Arts/Humanities and Science/Technology/Medicine
- Information Literacy for Graduate Students and Faculty

New Trends

ETDs, IRs & Open Access. Topics may include the following areas:

- Metadata and Open Access - Subject Keywords and Search Behavior
- Digital Preservation
- Standards
- Special Projects

Platforms

ETD / IR System Providers and Users. Topics may include the following areas:

- Submission Workflows
- Experiences with Systems: Case Studies
- Issues and Solutions
- Commercial and Open Source System Demonstrations

Collaborations

Projects in ETD and IR Collections. Topics may include the following areas:

- Consortium Projects in Open Access

- Institutional Repositories and University Communities
- Extended Learning Initiatives with Institutional Repositories

Global Outreach

Global Outreach through ETDs - Developing Nations Colloquium. Topics may include the following areas:

- eIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries) Joint Call for Papers: Promoting Open Access in Developing and Transitional Regions. Best practices in populating and promoting Open Access ETDs in developing and transitional countries

Abstract Proposal Requirements

If you are interested in giving a paper or presentation, running a tutorial within a workshop, or contributing a poster, please read the following criteria.

Submit a 200-300 word, structured abstract online via the ETD2009 Paper and Poster [Submission site](#). Create your own account, and submit both abstracts and final paper submissions through this portal. Structured abstracts should be 200 - 300 words in length in a standard word processing format using a research abstract style that includes:

- Format: paper, poster or tutorial
- Title: of paper, poster, tutorial
- Authors: including institutional or corporate identity
- Length of presentation: 20 minutes or (for multiple presenters only) 1 hour
- Objective: the purpose of the project or development activity being described
- Methods: the way in which the project or development activity was undertaken
- Results: the key results of the project or development activity (successes and / or lessons learned)
- Conclusions: future plans, recommendations, etc.

Papers, presentations, tutorials and posters will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- Relevance to the conference themes
- Significance of the content
- The extent to which the project/development activity is up to date/novel

- The extent to which the project/development activity could be transferable to other situations

Dates and Procedures

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Authors will be able to use the [online portal](#) to view abstract approval status and to upload revised versions of the abstract. Completed, final versions of abstracts for papers are due by Monday, February 23, 2009. Notification of paper/poster acceptances will be announced to authors on March 16, 2009. Final versions of research papers for conference proceedings must be deposited in the ETD2009 paper repository by May 11, 2009. Print poster presenters must also deposit a PDF version of the final poster or e-presentation by May 11, 2009 or bring the poster with them to the conference. Electronic poster presenters may submit a multimedia version of their "poster", approximately two minutes in length, with narrative.

Each of the parallel sessions of the conference (Open Access, New Trends, Platforms, Collaborations, and Global Outreach) will contain a number of one-hour slots. In order to allow as broad a range of presentations as possible, individual speakers should aim to talk for 15-20 minutes (including questions). Multifaceted presentations involving a number of speakers may be submitted in the form of a one-hour session. Abstracts should be submitted via the ETD2009 paper repository. If you have queries about the submission procedure, please send email to etd2009@pitt.edu.

Submission Information for Papers

The template for papers may be downloaded [here](#). ETD 2009 Template for Papers (doc) Papers should be submitted by May 11, 2009 online via the ETD2009 Paper and Poster Submission site.

PowerPoint Presentations should be submitted by May 29, 2009 via the ETD2009 paper repository.

Posters: Specifications for acceptable poster format and size are forthcoming. Please check here again for updates.

If you have queries about the submission procedure, please send email to etd2009@pitt.edu.

We hope to see you in Pittsburgh at ETD 2009.

Warm regards,

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Co-Chairs, ETD 2009 Symposium