

Training Report

1. Details of the Training Program

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Programme Attended: **International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Library (including workshop)**

Duration: 4 days (9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.) 26th – 29th September 2011.

Organizer: **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**, School of Library and Information Science, Berlin, Germany.

Sponsor: **Bibliothek & Information International Deutschland (BID)**, Germany.

2. Conference Programme and Contents

2.1. Conference:

A total of 40 papers (research reports and case studies) were presented in 2 stream sessions in 3 days. Half of the research papers were on the technical and system architecture aspects of digital libraries. The other half were on application and user aspects of it. The papers are all of high standard and peer-reviewed. It is a balanced combination of research and application of digital libraries.

2.2. Workshops:

There were 6 workshops conducted on the 3rd and 4th day. I enrolled for Workshop 4 - Linking Research and Education in Digital Libraries. The workshop was divided into 4 sessions. Each session was conducted by a facilitator. The facilitators explain the principles, the techniques and share their experience to participants.

3. Benefits Gained From This Conference

Follows are the benefits I gained from attending this programme:

- 3.1. Knowledge on the latest development in the software architecture, linking technology and storage platform for digital libraries.
- 3.2. The application of the technology in developing institutional repositories, better search facilities and archiving of digital contents.
- 3.3. Tools and checklists for migration or merger of digital contents.

3.4. Management aspects of developing digital libraries and facilitating access to contents.

4. Applicability of Knowledge and Skills

The knowledge and skills gained from this course can be applied in personal level, as well as in coaching my digital library development team. The theory and practical aspects of managing digital library learned from the workshops will help me and my team members understand the problems and challenges that they may face in future. With sufficient knowledge and skills we could handle most of the challenges without having to rely solely on vendor and therefore could save my institution money on system enhancement and maintenance.

5. Overall Evaluation

This conference and workshops is very comprehensive and suitable for manager, head and those involved in developing, and maintaining the in-house developed digital libraries. Case study approach was very effective to help participants understand the issues.

6. Moving Forward

A workshop will be conducted for all officers involved in our institutional repository and digital library project in order to share the knowledge and skills learned from this conference.

7. Acknowledgement

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