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Welcome from the Managing Director

I am pleased to welcome all participants to DC-2010, the tenth International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications, which also marks the 15th anniversary of the work on Dublin Core metadata.



All of us at DCMI are happy to be back in the US, seven years after DC-2003 in Seattle. In the years in between, we have been to China, Spain, Mexico, Singapore, Germany and Korea. These conference locations are a reflection of the fact that DCMI continues to be a truly international organization. Again this year, we have registrants from some twenty countries around the world and representatives of many professional domains and both public and private organizations.

This year's keynote speakers Stu Weibel and Mike Bergman will look back at the fifteen years behind us and forward at what the future may bring. Many of the papers and workshop sessions are also looking at how to build bridges between "classic" implementations based on HTML and XML towards more "semantic", Linked Data, RDF-based, applications.

Within the growing enthusiasm of the Linked Data movement, and with the ongoing involvement of both practitioners and researchers in the Dublin Core community, these are exciting times for DCMI and its community.

In that context, I hope and trust that DC-2010 will be an interesting useful event enabling participants to meet, share and take away new ideas to improve systems and services.

We are looking forward to meeting many of the members of the Dublin Core community in Pittsburgh. Enjoy!

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Introduction



DC-2010 is the second time the *International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications* has taken place in the United States—first in Seattle in 2003 and now in Pittsburgh. Having served as the Chair for DC-2003 and here again with DC-2010, I would like to reflect for a few moments on the journey between these two conferences. In 2003, DCMI had just begun work on what would emerge as the DCMI Abstract Model (DCAM). The synergies between the architecture work of DCMI and the nascent Resource Description Framework (RDF) were high and have continued to be so to this day. Between these two U.S. instances of the Conference, the DCAM gave rise to a suite of specifications—a kind of ‘solution stack’ for those wanting to think about metadata in a principled way and to cross the bridge between the conventional world of bounded records and closed systems to the open environment of Linked Data and the Semantic Web.

Here at DC-2010, we celebrate the 15th year of the Dublin Core as an activity and the 10th year of the *International Conference*. In addition to an excellent set of peer reviewed Papers, Project Reports and Posters, DC-2010 offers a rich set of Tutorials and Special Sessions focusing on transitions from the world of metadata as originally framed by Dublin Core to a metadata environment supporting Linked Data and the Semantic Web. Several sessions address open questions and next steps in the work of DCMI.

Prior to the first *International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications* in Tokyo in 2001, the DCMI community met annually for an invitational workshop to work on issues of interest to the community. During those early ‘workshop’ years, traditions of open discourse and consensus building developed around the various DCMI work agendas—traditions that have carried forward to this day. So, a Dublin Core conference is an amalgam of conference functions—paper, project, and poster presentations and special sessions—and workshop sessions intended to advance the work of the various communities within the Initiative. The community sessions (along with social events) provide new-comers to the Dublin Core with the opportunity to become familiar with the issues and work addressed by these various communities.

Each member of the Conference Committee looks forward to the opportunity to engage with conference participants here in Pittsburgh and wish you all an exciting conference.

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