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Report on Website

A sub-committee of board members has been redesigning the information architecture and core content of the site in collaboration with Shelley Sperry. Regular maintenance (such as updating member lists) has been continuing, but at a minimal level. Some effort has gone into changing the appearance and functionality of some parts of the site as per requests of the sub-committee.

Report on South(ern) Africa

The South African National ETD Portal is now available online at www.netd.ac.za. The next version of the software is under development already, after collecting feedback from local institutions. In all likelihood, this version will be made available to the broader ETD community in 2011.

Repository growth continues at a slow pace in the region – nothing significant to report. There are very few significant thesis-producing institutions without ETD projects.

Planning for ETD 2011 is on track. More details are in the conference committee’s report. Approximately 6 attendees at ETD 2010 will represent the South African team organising ETD 2011, led by general chair Dr Daisy Selematsela from the NRF.

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