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ETD Awards Committee Report

ETD Awards Nominations Review

We have received sufficient nominations to move forward with reviewing. We were a bit nervous if we'd receive enough nominations, but by deadline day they all finally rolled in. Nomination review process is underway; we should have winning finalists ready to announce by mid-May. We believe the special awards program promotion we ran earlier in the year helped get the word out.

The committee discussed possible options to change the number of winners and amounts awarded. Will continue to study and make recommendations for the fall NDLTD BoD meeting.

Ed and John have been working on getting Adobe representatives’ attention and re-gaining awards program funding.

Journal of Visualized Experiments (JoVe) Awards Program Proposal

Discussions for an ETD awards proposal with JoVe have fallen through. They wanted NDLTD to contact and convince graduate students and their faculty mentors to pay $2K for subscription access or $4K for open access to produce video and publish in JoVe. JoVe did not want to offer up-front award prize or provide up-front funding to produce winning video, but preferred to retro-actively select winner with possible reimbursement of publication costs for one out of 50 entrants. Benefits for NDLTD would only be tangential (i.e. further interest in multimedia). There may be opportunities for collaborative funding to pull together an awards program. I have not heard from them since, but I'll stay in touch with them.

Working Group to Revise the ETD Guide Report

The working group has made considerable progress with updates to the ETD Guide site at http://curric.dlib.vt.edu/wiki/index.php/ETD_Guide. Max Read completed initial recommendations for revisions; Christine Jewell and John Hagen reviewed and approved revisions for entire site. Main goals were to update text and examples to provide current information and to trim down sub-pages to basic points for ease of navigation and readability.
Project Status:

The old ETD Guide Site has been pdf’d and archived in NDLTD Doc. Archive; it is interlinked from main page and sub-pages in revised guide sub-pages.

The site revision has been 50% completed. John has been completing actual updates in the wiki site as time permits; however, progress is slow and laborious due to required re-formatting of entire document using wiki formatting code. Projected completion date: summer 2011.

U.S. Regional Report

USETDA 2011 Conference

USETDA conference will be upon us soon (May 18-20), and as you may have noticed, we're doing so well with registration that we've had to end registration early due to popular demand. We'll have over 100 attending; 2 from Canada, one from UK (Sheridan of EPrints sponsored); thus far 30 of 50 U.S. states are represented, from as far as Alaska. I'm extremely pleased with the turnout.

I hear too that a new Florida NDLTD membership will be forthcoming, so we'll both benefit from that development we've helped to facilitate.

Keynote presentations include Georgia Harper – “ETDs, Open Access and Intellectual Property Issues”; Greg Grossmeier – “Creative Commons and Open Access in Higher Education”. David Fenza, Executive Director of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs will participate in a panel discussion “Publish or Perish? A Panel Discussion on the Quandaries of Creative Writing, ETDs and Open Access,” and will be joined by two creative writing students with various perspectives. Pre-conference workshops include Preservation (NDLTD / MetaArchives initiative), retrospective digitization and ETD office automation. We’ll also host an IR Vendor Breakout – overviews and demonstrations of various IR systems and Technology Fair / Poster Exhibition – representatives from IR and technology providers will be available for more in-depth consultation including Adobe, BePress, Eprints, ETD-db and ProQuest/UMI. Participants will have opportunity to attend over 24 special interest breakout sessions.

Note: If NDLTD/ VT cannot send a representative regarding ETD-db, I would be willing to represent NDLTD ETD-db in the vendor breakout session and technology fair, but would need someone to provide a 10-minute PowerPoint slide show.

Conference highlights are available at http://www.usetda.org/?page_id=315.
We'll also promote ETD 2011 while there; I'm shipping PR materials about Cape Town / SA to Orlando to distribute at the USETDA conf. and will include a promo in a plenary session as well.

USETDA will solicit bids for the 2012 conference and will guide future hosts with annual conference planning details.

**4Cs Conference Invitation**

I received an invitation from a colleague of Joe Moxley to chair a panel session at the 4Cs Conference (Conference on College Composition and Communication) to discuss the impact ETDs have had on scholarly communications, including multimedia and IP issues. I was delighted to receive the invite and have accepted. If the proposal is accepted, this will be part of their national conference in March 2012. The National Council of Teachers of English is the sponsoring organization. I think this will be a good opportunity for NDLTD outreach to diverse yet related groups.

**ETD 2012 Promotions**

I am working with Libio Huaroto (Peru), Liliana Elespuru (Peru), Ana Pavani and Sharon Reeves to assist with ETD 2012 conference planning and promotions. I will help with promotions for ETD 2012 at ETD 2011 in Cape Town.

The Peruvian National ETD Conference is set for the week of October 17th. I have been invited to be their keynote presenter and will help kick off promotions for ETD 2012 while there.