NDLTD Regional Report – U.S.A. / NDLTD Board Meeting September 2011

The USETDA held a very successful inaugural conference in May 2011 in Orlando, Florida with over 100 participants attending. Keynote presentations included Georgia Harper (UT Austin) and Greg Grossmeier (U-Michigan / Creative Commons Fellow). We also held a very productive panel session on creative writing and open access with Association for Writers and Writing Programs Executive Director David Fenza and 2 creative writing alumni. A conference report was published in D-Lib Magazine, written by conference attendee James MacDonald (Canada); see http://www.dlib.org/dlib/july11/macdonald/07macdonald.html. The Canadian ETD and Open Repositories Workshop and Carleton University provided James a generous travel grant in return for publishing the article.

USETDA Board members include: John Hagen (WVU), Angie McCutcheon (Ohio U), Laura Hammons (Texas A&M U), Bobby Parker (U of Florida) and Karen Plummer (U of Akron).

A bid for the 2012 conference has recently been accepted for Boston, Massachusetts, set for June 13 – 15, 2012; attendance goal is 150 to 200 attendees. We are currently accepting bids for the 2013 conference, which may be held in California, hosted by the California Digital Library Consortium.

Additional activities include formation of networking groups for USETDA members, development of state-wide representatives and ETD associations and development of a newsletter.

Online resources developed:

USETDA Website: http://www.usetda.org/

USETDA on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/usetda

The USETDA would like to continue facilitating new NDLTD institutional and consortium memberships from the U.S. In 2011 USETDA recruited the Florida ETD Consortium to join NDLTD. If agreeable to the NDLTD Board, USETDA would like to request conference sponsorship from NDLTD for the 2012 USETDA conference, as we did in 2011, where NDLTD agreed to provide USETDA one half of new membership fees collected for each new U.S. NDLTD institution or consortium recruited by USETDA.

Respectfully submitted,

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