The US ETD Association (USETDA) held a very successful 2nd annual conference in June 2012 in Boston, Massachusetts with over 100 participants attending including 2 librarians from Alaska and 2 librarians from the British Library. Keynote presentations included Michele Kimpton (DuraSpace) and Gregory Crane (Perseus Digital Library / Tufts University). We also held a very popular series of pre-conference workshops on “ETDs for Beginners” lead by John Hagen, “Plagiarism and ETDs” lead by Prof. Dawn Bikowski (Ohio University, Communications Dept.) and “Copyright Essentials for ETD Professionals” lead by Gail Clements (Texas A&M University Libraries).

Plans for the USETDA 2013 conference are underway, to be held July 24-26, 2013, in Claremont, California, hosted by the Claremont University Consortium. The theme for USETDA 2013 is, “Waves of Change: Oceans of Opportunity”.

USETDA Board members include: John Hagen (Renaissance Scholarly Communications), Angie McCutcheon (Ohio U Graduate School), Laura Hammons (Texas A&M U Graduate School), Bobby Parker (U of Florida Libraries) and Stacy Wallace (U of Florida Graduate School).

Additional activities include the continued formation of networking groups for USETDA members, development of state-wide representatives and ETD associations, development of a newsletter. The USETDA hopes to roll out next year an ETD Professional certification program for which modules are being developed to cover major topics such as basic orientation, copyright, plagiarism and automating ETD workflows.

Online resources developed:

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

The USETDA would like to continue facilitating new NDLTD institutional and consortium memberships from the U.S. We may be able to get a California library consortium to join NDLTD in the coming year. If deemed appropriate by the NDLTD Board, USETDA would like to request conference sponsorship from NDLTD for the 2013 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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