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News

Call for Papers: the Second International m-libraries Conference

Following the successful First International m-libraries Conference <http://library.open.ac.uk/mLibraries/2007/index.html> in 2007 we are delighted to call for papers for the Second International Conference in Vancouver in 2009. For more information visit the conference Web site <http://library.open.ac.uk/mLibraries/>.

The conference will be hosted by the University of British Columbia in collaboration with Athabasca University, the Open University (UK) and Thompson Rivers University. The aim of the conference is to explore and share work carried out in libraries around the world to deliver services and resources to users 'on the move' via mobile or handheld devices, including mobile and smartphones, PDAs, portable gaming devices, MP3 players and e-book readers.

The conference will bring together researchers, technical developers, managers and library practitioners to exchange experience and expertise and generate ideas for future developments.

If you would like to be involved in this exciting conference please submit your abstracts (up to 300 words) to <m-libraries-conference@open.ac.uk> by 15 December 2008. These will be subject to peer review and authors will be notified by mid-January.

We expect that papers may include research reports, demonstrations of technical developments, practical case studies or reviews. Posters are also invited.

Themes will include:
- service models for library services delivered to mobiles
- cost and sustainability factors for m-library service development
- the changing relationships between libraries and users resulting from innovation in ubiquitous computing
- partnership projects for developing integrated services to mobiles
- implications of mobile technologies on library space planning
- reconfiguring library collection development to enhance ubiquitous access to resources
- exploring methodologies for evaluating the impact of mobile and ubiquitous computing on library service development

Papers or presentations should last no longer than 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for

discussions.

Poster Sessions

Posters will be displayed throughout the conference and time will be allocated in the program for poster viewing. A prize will be awarded to the best poster.

Conference proceedings will be published online.

The conference will be held at the University of British Columbia campus in Vancouver, British Columbia. Situated on Canada's

West Coast, Vancouver is a popular travel destination and is a host city for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. For more information see <http://hellobc.com/en-CA/RegionsCities/Vancouver.htm>.

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