

Message from the Organizing Chair

DC-2001, International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications 2001, is the first attempt to hold an event where researchers and practitioners can exchange new ideas and demonstrate practical aspects of metadata standardization and applications by means of technical presentations, tutorials and discussions.

Since 1995 the Dublin Core workshop series has provided a forum for international, crossdisciplinary metadata development. In this context, DC-2001 is the ninth in the series, and for the first time, includes an international technical conference for the broader metadata community.

In 2000 the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) asked us to hold the ninth workshop in Tokyo, 2001. It is our pleasure to hold the first expanded conference here in Japan. At the same time we wished people, in particular Japanese and Asian people, to have an opportunity to obtain the latest information on a variety of aspects of metadata standardization, applications, and practices.

Despite the tragic attacks of September 11, we have among us participants from nearly 30 countries. I really appreciate the attendance of each one of you at the conference at this terrible time. The organizing committee and I also extend our condolences to those who have suffered because of this tragedy.

Six organizations, the National Institute of Informatics (NII), the National Diet Library (NDL), Japan Science and Technology Corporation (JST), the University of Library and Information Science (ULIS), the Communication Research Laboratory (CRL), and the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) jointly organize DC-2001. I would like to express our special thanks to these six organizations for their financial support of our activities through the domestic advisory board.

Many people have worked tirelessly to organize this conference, and, in particular, I mention Dr. Keizo Oyama, the local organizing chair, Dr. Hironobu Gotoda, Dr. Noriko Kando, Dr. Koji Eguchi, Dr. Ichiro Ide, Ms Yuko Miyamoto and Ms Urara Numata for their endeavors to make this conference successful. I also express our deepest gratitude to the Dublin Core Advisory Committee members who gave us advice.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all attending DC-2001.

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