

## **Message from Dublin Core Metadata Initiative**

The Dublin Core Metadata Initiative has helped to create a community of people united in the common purpose of promoting cross-disciplinary resource discovery. This community, comprised of practitioners and theoreticians from many domains and sectors, is global in orientation and diverse in perspective.

DC-2001 is the first annual Dublin Core meeting in Asia, recognizing the growth of activities in the Asian metadata community as well as the growing contributions and importance of metadata developments in this region.

DC-2001 also marks the first Dublin Core meeting that includes a conference track and a tutorial track in addition to the workshop track. This broadening of scope recognizes the complementary roles of research and practice as well as the need to provide educational opportunities for new adopters.

These proceedings capture some of the vitality and diversity of the Dublin Core community—the DC 2001 Program committee received submissions from more than 20 countries. Even as the world struggles to regain its equilibrium in the face of turmoil and strife, registrants from nearly thirty countries will be in Tokyo for DC-2001 to share their ideas, work, and expectations for making information easier to find on the Internet.

The DC-2001 Program Committee, Local Organizing Committee, NII staff, and DCMI welcome participants in the hope that our collective efforts will advance the metadata agenda in particular, and the goal of better access to knowledge in general.

With sincere wishes for a productive conference,

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