



Report:

- Visits to Libraries, London,
18-19 September 2008
- DC-2008 Conference, Berlin, Germany,
23-25 September 2008

(Feedback at the Information Specialist Meeting, 7 October 2008 and
Metadata Editors Meeting, 11 November 2008)

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Wellcome Library

- Contact persons:

Christy Henshaw – Digitisation Project Manager

Dave Thompson – Digital curator

- 2.5 million items spanning 3000 years

- The Virtual Library – “Uncover”

- Discover:

- first X-rays , taken in 1895 by Wilhelm Roentgen

- recording of Florence Nightingale’s voice

- van Gogh’s only etching

- an ancient Egyptian medical prescription written on papyrus





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Skeletons Exhibition at Wellcome



Each skeleton has its own story to tell – through metadata



RCVS Trust Library

- Contact person
Clare Boulton and team
- Historical collection of books
“Adopt a book” project
- Classification system
Barnard system

Claire, Mae, Holly, Amelia, Nico





British Library, St Pancras

- Guided tour
- Collection: 150 million items stored on over 625 km of shelves
- 3,000 staff members
- Integrated catalogue, from where the items are ordered, gives details of delivery times
- Workshops on handling books and collection items





DC-2008 Conference, Berlin

- Venue: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Theme: Metadata for Semantic and Social Applications
- 312 participants
- 39 countries
- 38% librarians
- Photos of the conference on Flickr

http://flickr.com/photos/dc_2008/tags/dc2008berlin/

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin: Main building





HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

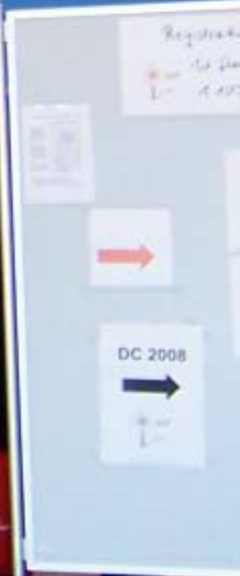
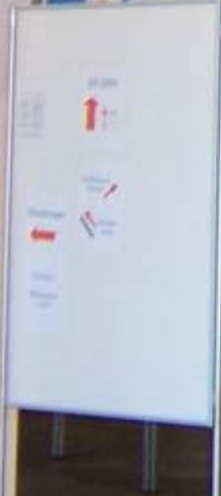
Informational sign on the wall.

Man in a dark suit and backpack talking to a woman in a white jacket.

Woman in a dark jacket talking to a woman in a light blue jacket.

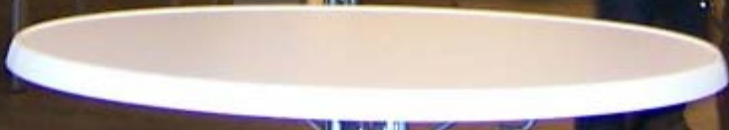
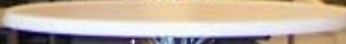
Person in a dark hooded jacket looking at a phone, with a water bottle on a ledge.

Person in a dark jacket partially visible on the right side of the frame.



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Programme

- Keynotes : 4
- Full papers : 12
- Project reports : 8
- Posters : 12
- Workshop sessions: 17
- Special session on Wikis and Metadata

Tuesday, 23 September 2008

- **Full papers:**

1. Encoding Application Profiles in a Computational Model of the Crosswalk / Carol Jean Godby, Devon Smith and Eric Childress (OCLC)
2. Relating Folksonomies with Dublin Core / Maria Elisabete Catarino, Ana Alice Baptista (University of Minho, Portugal)
3. LCSH, SKOS and Linked Data / Ed Summers, Antoine Isaac, Clay Redding, Dan Krech (Library of Congress, USA)
4. Theme Creation for Digital Collections / Xia Lin, Jiexun Li, Xiaohua Zhou (Drexel University, Pennsylvania)
5. Comparing Human and Automatic Thesaurus Mapping Approaches in the Agricultural Domain / Boris Lauser ... [et al.] (FAO, Italy)

Tuesday, 23 September 2008 (cont.)

- **Workshop:**

Tagging / Liddy Nevile (Dept. of Computer Science and Computer Engineering, University of Tsukuba, Japan.)

- Presentation: Tagging Australian Education / Sarah Hayman

Wednesday, 24 September 2008

- **Full papers:**

1. Automatic Metadata Extraction from Museum Specimen Labels /
P. Bryan Heidorn, Qin Wei (University of Illinois, USA)

2. Achievement Standards Network (ASN): An Application Profile
for Mapping K-12 Educational Resources to Achievement
Standards / Stuart A. Sutton, Diny Golder (University of
Washington, USA)

3. Collection/Item Metadata Relationships / Allen H. Renear,
Richard J. Urban, Karen M. Wickett, David Dubin, Sarah L.
Shreeves (University of Illinois, USA)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008 (cont.)

- **Workshop:**

RDA : finding your place on the evolutionary path / Diane Hillmann (Cornell University Library)

- **Goals:**

1. Provide updated information on the progress of RDA development
2. Introduce and discuss the preliminary registration of RDA elements, roles and value vocabularies
3. Discuss current RDA development progress and how the RDF/SKOS representation can support the JSC's three metadata architecture scenarios
4. Discuss implementation planning and testing

Conference Dinner





Thursday, 25 September 2008

- **Full papers:**

1. Answering the Call for More Accountability: Applying Data Profiling to Museum Metadata / Seth van Hooland, Yves Bontemps, Seth Kaufman
2. A Conceptual Framework for Metadata Quality Assessment / Margaritopoulos, Thomas; Margaritopoulos, Merkourios; Mavridis, Ioannis; Manitsaris, Athanasios (University of Macedonia, Greece)
3. Semantic Relation Extraction from Socially-Generated Tags: A Methodological Exploration / Miao Chen, Xiaozhong Liu, Jian Qin
4. The State of the Art in Tag Ontologies: A Semantic Model for Tagging and Folksonomies / Hak Lae Kim, Simon Scerri, John G. Breslin, Stefan Decker, Hong Gee Kim

Thursday, 25 September 2008 (cont.)

- **Special session: Wikis and Metadata**
- **Project reports:**
 1. Building a terminology network for search: the KoMoHe project / Philipp Mayr, Vivien Petras
 2. Cool URIs for the DDC: Towards Web-Scale Accessibility of a Large Classification System / Michael Panzer (OCLC, USA)
 3. The Specification of the Language of the Field and Interoperability: Cross-language Access to Catalogues and Online Libraries (CACAO) / Barbara Levergood, Stefan Farrenkopf, Elisabeth Frasnelli (Goettingen State University Library, Germany)

Conclusions

- Metadata challenges, solutions and innovation in semantic and social applications
- Social computing
- Semantic Web
- “Participatory metadata”
- DC-2009 invitation





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