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Research Discussion Breakfast

Copyright for Scholarly Authors: What Are Our Rights and Should We Keep Them?

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Scholarly authors need to know what their rights are now more than ever. Commercial scholarly publishers often ask authors to sign over all their rights to the distribution of their work. This work is then sold back to the scholarly community by the publishers, sometimes at prohibitive costs that pose significant barriers to access. Are there other options? What does copyright mean for authors? Author rights and negotiations with publishers for rights will be the main topic of this discussion. There will also be a brief discussion of the current Open Access movement within scholarly communication and scholarly publishing.

For more information and to register to attend, please go to: <http://www.ctg.albany.edu/about/events?eventID=29>.

Workshop on Telecommunications Response in the New York State Region

In an increasingly interconnected world, the public and private sector need to work together to provide a stable telecommunications infrastructure. The Center is partnering with the NYS Public Services Commission to explore approaches to secure cross-sector sharing of telecommunications incident information. A recent workshop facilitated by CTG and attended by representatives from the federal government, state agencies in New York and Connecticut, and telecommunications providers kicked off this effort.

CTG Releases Updates to the XML Toolkit

The XML Toolkit www.thexmltoolkit.org has been updated with its third release, containing scripts on integrating the use of XML with relational databases and scripts for using Cocoon, the open source Web development framework. This latest release completes the initial design of the XML Toolkit, which was to offer scripts, tips, and resources on all the basic Web site environments. A future release will redesign the toolkit as a wiki to enhance ongoing maintenance and collaboration.

dg.o Keynote Topics: Cyber Security and Global Warming; Online Registration is Now Open

The 8th International Conference on Digital Government Research is a forum for presentation and discussion of interdisciplinary research on digital government and its applications in diverse domains. The keynote speakers at dg.o 2007 will address two critical issues facing government today: cyber security and global warming. William Pelgrin, Director of the New York State Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC) and Founder and Chair of the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), will deliver the opening keynote address on collaborative emergency response strategies that government agencies use to share information about networks and computing infrastructures across state, national, and private sector boundaries.

The Global Climate Change keynote panel will address the role of digital government in predicting and responding to global warming. Panelists include Richard P. Hooper, Executive Director of the Consortium of Universities for the Advancement of Hydrologic Science, Robert C. Worrest, Chief Scientist for the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) at Columbia University, and several other prominent research scientists with extensive experience tracking the evolution of climate change.

For more information on the program and to register online, go to: <http://www.dgsociety.org/conference.php>

