

## ***Introduction to the Digital Documents Track***

This is the eighth year in which Digital Documents has been a major focus at HICSS. We have lost one minitrack from last year (Digital Technology and Educational Culture). However, the remaining five minitracks from last year are still going strong; and we have tried to expand the scope of Video Use in the Office and Education to the more general theme of Multimedia Documents in the Office and Education. We have also introduced one new minitrack on XML, which we believe is particularly relevant to the Internet age. We thus continue to have six minitracks with a slight change in content:

Digital Documents in Socio-Technical Networks  
Digital Documents: Understanding and Communication  
Knowledge Management, Organizational Memory, and Organizational Learning  
Multimedia Documents in the Office and Education  
Persistent Conversation: Perspectives from Research and Design  
XML: Implications and Applications

Unfortunately, while we tried to broaden the scope of our video minitrack, the emphasis in Multimedia Documents in the Office and Education is still very much on video. It thus appears that, while we have been trying to broaden our scope, there has been a natural process to tighten it. Meanwhile, we are also gradually tightening our acceptance rate, providing greater competitiveness and quality throughout the entire Digital Documents Track.

I wish to thank all the people who have contributed to the cultivation of this track. I am particularly indebted to the minitrack coordinators for recruiting and reviewing so many interesting contributions. I shall let each of them provide their own introduction to the material they are presenting. I also wish to thank everyone who participated in the review process and the HICSS administration for all the help they have provided in the preparation of our materials.

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