ADL’99: The Report of the Program Co-chairs

In the call for papers of ADL’99 it was stated:
Digital Libraries are a critical component of the emerging distributed knowledge environments that will provide people with universal access to virtually all areas of human knowledge, with the concomitant hope of improving standards of health, education, and economic well-being as well as the quality of life. As such, the field of digital library research and technology encompasses information creation, acquisition, access, distribution, evaluation and processing.

The goal of this conference is to share and disseminate information about important current issues concerning digital library research and technology. This goal will be achieved by means of research papers, invited talks, and panels involving leading experts, as well as through demonstrations of innovative technologies. The conference has the additional goal of indicating the importance of applications of digital library technologies in the public and private sectors of the economy.

As a result of this call we have received a total of 47 full paper submissions and proposals for 6 panels. All papers have been reviewed by at least three reviewers from the program committee. In a physical meeting of the program committee, 16 out of the 47 papers were selected for presentation at the conference and for inclusion into the proceedings. In addition, a number of papers describing the pragmatic construction of digital libraries or evaluating such systems were selected for a poster session. The proceedings contain one-page summaries of those posters. We also selected four panels whose summaries are published as one-page summaries in this proceedings.

All in all the submitted papers were of high quality and we hope you will agree with us on the very high quality of those that appear in the proceedings in front of you. For all the help in preparing the program and the proceedings we wish to thank the general chairs of ADL’99 Nabil R. Adam and Yelena Yesha. We also want to thank Igg Adiwijaya, Dr. Reginald and Barbara Lutes who were essential in their never-ending help. Igg Adiwijaya built up our WEB based paper submission and reviewing system. Dr. Reginald Ferber and Barbara Lutes followed papers through the system, made sure the reviews were in, proofread some of the English, and controlled the submission of final manuscripts to the proceedings. Of course we also want to thank the members of the program committee and the other reviewers of the submitted papers. Finally thanks are due to Mary-Kate Rada from IEEE press who made sure that the proceedings could appear in time for the conference.

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