

First Call of Proposals ICEP2012

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

March 1-2, 2012

**Department of Library and Information Science &
Ananda Ranga Pillai Library,
Pondicherry University, Puducherry – 605 014.**

"An ebook is judged, not by its reference to life, but by its reference to other ebooks."

-- Stephen Fry

Conference Theme

Print form is one of the oldest media of recording knowledge and communication. After the introduction of computers, communication networks and Internet, print form of publications like books and journals in particular have now manifested into electronic formats such as e-books, e-journals, e-newspapers and e-magazines. E-publication is the publication of any kind of information on any form of electronic media. E-publications have got many advantages as compared to its print counterpart like portability, easy and 24/7 access, searchability, space-saving, customized content, multimedia features, user friendly interfaces, etc. However, e-publications also present some issues which need our attention.

One of the main problems we face with e-books and e-journals is their incompatible formats. Even today print publications are cheaper than e-publications. Any new technology provides many new applications but also poses some new problems and challenges. The advent of Internet and Web technologies have given rise to increased concerns regarding plagiarism and illegal copying and distribution of digital content including e-books and e-journals. Digital Rights Management (DRM) addresses these issues and protects the rights of the content providers. Today the main issue for librarians is how library services have to be changed to accommodate e-books and e-journals into the library collections. The problems faced by the libraries that need to be discussed are licensing issues, user authentication, data encryption, cataloguing and providing access to e-collections. Also the library staff needs suitable training in the use and management of e-publications particularly e-books which sometimes require specific reader(s)/reading device(s).

New business models and marketing strategies need to be adopted for e-publications. There are also many problems that are faced by the authors, e-publishers and booksellers yet to be discussed in national professional forums in Indian context so that we can reach to some consensus between these groups. This conference tries to provide a platform for representatives from these groups to discuss and address the key issues in the publishing, usage and management of e-publications.

Conference Objectives

- To provide a forum for discussion among users, librarians, and publishers and suppliers for addressing various issues related to usage, emerging technologies and management of e-publications;
- To discuss the applications of e-books and e-journals in e-learning and life-long learning;
- To address the issues like standards, digital rights management, user interfaces, consortia and interoperability issues in e-publications;
- To provide an opportunity for e-publishers to educate Indian readers on e-publications and their advantages in an Indian context; and
- To provide an opportunity for participants and e-publishers to exchange their views and provide feedback on the use of e-publications.

Scope of the Conference

The conference deals with various aspects related to E-publications, with due emphasis on ***E-books, E-journals and E-newspapers***. The themes of the conference include:

- **General issues related to E-publications:** Issues in design, development and types of e-books and e-journals; E-books and e-journals in teaching and learning; Future trends of e-publications; Problems related to E-publications.
- **Emerging Technologies in e-publishing:** New developments in e-publications; Media usage in e-publications; File formats, user interfaces, e-paper, e-ink, etc.; Software and Hardware technologies in e-publications; Issues related to e-book readers; and Compatibility issues.
- **Standards in E-publications:** Standards for: content packaging & formatting; content storage; e-book readers; e-books software; Proprietary standards vs. open standards.
- **Content authoring and E-publishing:** E-publishing Authoring tools; Content authoring in e-publications; Issues in e-publishing and e-publications; Changing roles of authors, agents and publishers in e-publishing era; Conversion from print to electronic publications.
- **E-Books and E-journals Applications:** Higher Education & Research; Distance learning; E-learning; Enterprise applications.
- **Users and Usage of e-books and e-journals:** Users – perceptions, inhibitions, attitude, expectations, problems; Use and usability issues; Usage of e-books & e-journals in schools, colleges & universities; Evaluation of e-publications.
- **E-publications in different types of Libraries:** Implementation and policy issues; Collection development issues; Lending issues (user authentication, data encryption, etc); Cataloging of e-publications; Preservation, Archiving and Accessibility issues; Obsolescence issues.
- **E-publishing in India:** Case studies of Indian e-publishers, authors and suppliers; Growth of E-publications in India; E-publishing industry in India

- **Library Consortia:** Consortia models; Case studies of consortium initiatives in India & abroad; Issues related to Consortia approach.
- **Digital Rights Management:** Rights Transfer; Copyright issues; Plagiarism and piracy issues; Digital Content Rights management.
- **Business Models for e-publications:** Pricing models of e-books and e-journals; Subscription models for e-journals; E-content delivery models; Marketing trends/opportunities for e-publications; Licensing issues; Issues related to publishers, aggregators and booksellers.

The conference will be conducted through:

- Keynote Speeches
- Contributed Papers
- Product Demonstrations

Who can attend this conference?

- Library & Information Science Professionals and Educators
- E-Publishers and suppliers of e-books and e-journals
- Academics, research students and teachers with an interest in e-publications, e-learning, etc.
- Academics in the fields of publishing, education and training.
- IT professionals with an interest in e-publishing.
- General users of e-publications
- Educators with an interest in e-publishing and e-learning.

Submission of papers

The conference organisers are looking for high quality research / review papers in the areas related to e-publications. Paper may be submitted in MS Word (.doc) or RTF format through Email to the Organising Secretary at: icep2012@yahoo.in or ckramaiah@gmail.com. The last date to receive papers is **30th December, 2011**. Receipt of the paper will be confirmed through email. Notification of acceptance will be sent by the conference coordinator through email by **10th January, 2012**. All papers submitted to *International Conference on E-publications* must be written in English, using appropriate grammar and syntax. Registration and final payment are due by **15th February, 2012**. Late registration fee payments or paper submissions will result in the papers being excluded from the conference proceedings. The pages limit for final papers is **eight** single-spaced pages in 10-point Times New Roman font. Paper will be included in the conference proceedings only after payment of the registration fee.

Important dates

Conference Dates: 1-2 March, 2012

Last Date	Event
30 November, 2011	Deadline for Submission of abstract
30 December, 2011	Deadline for paper submissions
10 January, 2012	Notification for acceptance

Registration Fee

Early Bird registration closes on 10th February 2012

LOCAL PARTICIPANTS	On or before 15.2.2012	After 15.2.2012
All participants	INR 2,000.00	INR 2,500.00
Retired professionals	INR 1,000.00	INR 1,500.00
Students/Research scholars	INR 1,000.00	INR 1,500.00
FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS		
All participants	US \$150	US \$200
Students/Research scholars	US \$100	US \$150

The registration fee for general participants is Rs.2,500.00; retired professionals Rs. 2,000.00; and student participants is Rs. 1,500. All the authorised students/research scholars are allowed to avail this facility but they need to provide a letter from their Department/university certifying that he/she is the bonafied student of the department/university. The registration fee covers a set of pre-conference papers volume, two days lunch, tea and refreshments. Register early by **15th February 2012** to receive Rs.500.00 off on the conference registration fee (not applicable for students and Alumni). Late applicants and day visitors can pay on arrival. Advance payments may be made by bank demand draft or cheque payable *at Pondicherry*. Participants registering on arrival must pay in cash. You are requested to send the registration fee through *bank demand draft* drawn in favour of “*The Finance Officer, Pondicherry University*”, after receiving the same, the department will send you the receipt.

Location

The conference is going to be held at Pondicherry University, R.V. Nagar, Kalapet, Puducherry – 605014. Puducherry is situated on the Coromandal coast, 160 K.M. south of Chennai. It is now a growing city and the capital of the Union Territory bearing the same name. Puducherry, which attracted the French to settle here two centuries ago, still carries several marks of French culture and heritage. It is also the place where the national poet Shri Subramania Bharathiar wrote several of his masterpieces that fanned the flames of freedom and also enriched modern Tamil literature. Bharathidasan, a staunch disciple of Subramania Bharathiar, whose poems stressed social revolution and emancipation of women, was also an eminent son of Puducherry.

The intellectual activities are fostered in many of its institutions such as Sri Aurobindo Ashram and the French Institute which cater to research needs in Science, Indology and Culture. The Romain Rolland Library which is more than 150 years old and preserves a rich collection of several rare French and Tamil manuscripts is a veritable repository of treasures. The Puducherry museum houses rare kinds of pottery from the Arikamedu site which was a bustling port city in the first century A.D. where Roman ships called in for trade and friendship. Some of the other places worth seeing are Auroville, Beaches, Backwaters, Lake and Garden, Temples, Churches and Mosques, Heritage Buildings and Monuments. Puducherry Tourism provides more detailed information in this regard (for more details visit their website at <http://tourism.pondicherry.gov.in/>)

Accommodation

A wide range of accommodation is available in Pondicherry ranging from Rs.500/- to Rs.5000/-.

Pondicherry University

Pondicherry University is a Central University established by an Act of Parliament in October 1985. It is an affiliating University with a jurisdiction spread over the Union Territory of Puducherry, Lakshwadeep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The University’s objectives are: to disseminate and advance knowledge by offering teaching and research facilities; to make provisions for studies in French and integrated courses in Humanities and the Sciences; and to promote inter-disciplinary studies and research. The University’s motto

is 'Vers la lumière' meaning 'towards the light'. The main campus is located in Kalapet 10 km from the town of Puducherry in a serene and beautiful campus of 800 acres adjoining the scenic Bay of Bengal.

The University has also PG Centres at Karaikal and Port Blair. Karaikal Centre currently offers three PG programmes. Port Blair Centre offers two PG programmes and two Ph.D. programmes. The university has signed more than 27 MoUs with reputed international institutions in India and abroad for collaboration and faculty development. The salient features of the University include: i) Add-On Courses in all Schools; ii) Remedial coaching for weaker section students; and iii) Fee waiver for differently abled students. In addition, the University Placement Cell has also MoU with reputed firms like TATA Consultancy Services Ltd. etc.

Department of Library & Information Science

The Department of Library and Information Science was established in 2007 with a new approach to Library and Information Science education in the country. In addition to the regular MLIS course, an Add-on Course – Post Graduate Diploma in Library Automation and Networking (PGDLAN) runs parallel in the evenings. MLIS course duration is of two years and comprises four semesters. The Department focuses on research related to current issues in librarianship to enable the LIS professionals to get professional confidence through various forms viz workshops, seminars, conferences and training programmes. It also motivates the young minds to undertake the challenging areas for their research activity in order to make the system better in the country. The thrust areas of research include ICT Applications in LIS, Digital Libraries, E-Publishing, Hypertext and Multimedia, Knowledge Management, and Heritage & Cultural Informatics. The mission of the department is to educate graduates of any discipline into a new breed of Library & Information Science Professionals who are able to meet the needs of the industry in the country and abroad.

Pondicherry University Central Library

Pondicherry University Library was established on 11th September 1986 and moved to the present independent building in July 1990 with a carpet area of 31,204 sq. m. The Central Library of Pondicherry University was named after Ananda Rangapillai who was the Dubash of Lord Dupleix, the then Governor of Pondicherry, during the British rule. The University Library has transformed into a Knowledge Resource Centre today catering especially to the information needs of the academia with the application of modern ICT tools and equipment. The mission of the Library is to support and supplement learning, teaching and research programmes. The library is housed with various reference materials, bibliographical tools, books, e-resources on different subjects of Science and Technology, Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, Linguistics, Languages, etc.. It has also a valuable and rare collection of back files of periodicals in the above-mentioned subject areas. Due to shortage of space, another building with modern sophisticated facilities is likely to be inaugurated shortly. The new library building will have special sections like 24 hours reading room, children's section, section for physically and visually challenged, etc. Today it has a stock of Books (P) -1,85,296; Ph.D. Theses - 705; M.Phil. Dissertations - 4,482; Research Reports - 532; UN Documents - 2,060; Journals Bound Volumes - 9,899; Current Journals (Print) – 371; and E-Resources -31,414 (E-Books, E-Databases, and E-Journals).

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