

# International Forum Digital Humanities, Digital Libraries and Virtual Museums: videoconferencing and beyond

## Program

Date: March 2, 2007

Conveners: CENIC and Internet2

Organizer: Ed Johansen

Chair: Willeke Wendrich

The purpose of the forum is to bring together an international group of scholars, librarians and information technologists to discuss the role of the applications of broadband networks or “thick pipe” internet (e.g. Internet2, RENATER, ENSTINET, GARR, GEANT and TERENA) in the cyber-infrastructure for Digital Humanities, Digital Libraries and Virtual Museums. During the videoconference there will be brief presentations of projects that show innovative ways of using high-bandwidth or high-performance computing for the humanities—uses that go beyond video-conferencing. The presentations will spark off a quite informal discussion on the four main themes of the conference. One objective is to provide ideas and direction for the technological community, to determine how “thick pipe” internet and the middleware that is developed, would best benefit the humanities, libraries and museum world.

The forum will last for four hours (UTC-time 13:00-17:00), with four moderators in different countries. We will have approximately 20 venues online at the same time. In order to enable a fruitful, organized discussion we ask your cooperation to abide by the following rule: during the meeting we will have primary participants and “listeners”. The microphones will stay open but the listeners are requested not to participate in the discussion until invited by the chair or the moderator of the session. The listeners can make their question known to the chair and the moderator by participating in a Skype chat session (see section below).

Venues:	Cairo <i>Alexandria</i>	Paris Bologna Amsterdam Umaee	Oxford Cambridge	New York Washington DC Fargo <i>New Haven</i> Boston Baltimore Ann Arbor	Los Angeles Berkeley Stanford
First hour	15:00	14:00	13:00	8:00 am	5:00 am
Second hour	16:00	15:00	14:00	9:00 am	6:00 am
Third hour	17:00	16:00	15:00	10:00 am	7:00 am
Fourth hour	18:00	17:00	16:00	11:00 am	8:00 am
End	19:00	18:00	17:00	12:00	9:00 am

The lines will remain open for another hour, for informal exchanges.

<b>Hour</b>	<b>Main Theme</b>	<b>Presentations</b>	<b>Participant venues</b>  (those at other venues please Skype questions to "udhig9")
<b>First</b> starts at 15:00 14:00 13:00 8:00 5:00	<b>Virtual Museums and Digital Libraries</b>  Moderator: Sabine Jaume	SCA representative <i>Alexandria Library/CultNat</i> Gregory Crane (Perseus Project)  Moderator: <i>Ann Okerson</i> Sofia Pescarin Ann Doyle, Arts and Humanities, Internet2	Paris Cairo <i>Alexandria</i> Tufts University  <i>Yale University</i> Bologna Ann Arbor UCLA
<b>Second</b> starts at: 16:00 15:00 14:00 9:00 6:00	<b>Technology</b>  Moderator: Patrik Svensson	Stephen Murray Jeffrey Clark Mario Gerla CENICA  Discussion points: Access: the last mile Applications and middleware Humanities and outreach	Umaee Fargo Paris Bologna Amsterdam New York UCLA
<b>Third</b> starts at: 17:00 16:00 15:00 10:00 7:00	<b>Digital Libraries</b>  Moderator: Terry Ryan	John Oudenaren will introduce plans and policies of the Library of Congress. Stephen Davison will highlight cooperative efforts at UCLA. John Baines (Oxford University) will introduce the online Encyclopedia of Egyptology Wijnand Mijnhardt will introduce the Picart project	Amsterdam Oxford Cambridge Washington DC UCLA
<b>Fourth</b> starts at: 18:00 17:00 16:00 11:00 8:00	<b>digital asset management / cyber-infrastructure</b>  Moderator: Diane Favro	Michael Shanks will introduce activities of the Stanford humanities lab. Lewis Lancaster, will introduce the electronic cultural atlas. Todd Presner will present Hypermedia Berlin Virtual Rome will be presented by Lisa Snyder	Stanford UC Berkeley Washington DC UCLA

## Venues in order of time zone :

1. **ENSTINET in Cairo**  
Nezar Nabil Sami  
Ola Wagieh Laurence  
Eight participants from Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities
2. ***Library of Alexandria***  
*Fathi Saleh*  
*Noha Adly*
  
3. **Cineca Supercomputing Center in Bologna**  
Sofia Pescarin  
CINECA speaker
4. ***GARR office in Rome***  
*GARR staff members*
5. **RENATER's Office in Paris**  
Sabine Jaume  
Michael Fingerhut  
Don Foresta
6. **Humanities Lab, University of Umeaa, Sweden**  
Patrik Svensson
7. **TERENA's Office in Amsterdam**  
Catalin Meirosu  
Paul Wouters
8. **Oxford University**  
John Baines  
Elizabeth Froom
9. **Dante's Office in Cambridge**  
John Chevers
  
10. **Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore**  
Sayeed Choudhury
11. **Tufts University, Boston**  
Gregory Crane
12. **Library of Congress, Washington, DC**  
John van Oudenaren  
Michelle Rago
13. **World Bank's Office in Washington, DC**  
Heather Boyles  
*Lisa Kahn*
14. ***Yale University, New Haven***  
*Ann Okerson*
15. ***Columbia Universit, New York***  
*Stephen Murray*
16. **North Dakota State University, Fargo**  
Jeffrey T. Clark
17. **Internet2's Office in Ann Arbor, MI**  
Ann Doyle

**18. UC Berkeley**

Lewis Lancaster

**19. Humanities Lab, Stanford University, Palo Alto**

Michael Shanks

Henry Lowood

*Alain Schnapp*

**20. UC Los Angeles**

Zoe Borovsky

Stephen Davison

Jacco Dieleman

Diane Favro

Mario Gerla

Todd Presner

Terry Ryan

Joseph Vaughan

Wijnand Mijnhardt

Willeke Wendrich

Participants or venues listed in *italics* have not sent final confirmation of their participation, or did not finalize the test by the time this program was sent out. An alphabetical list of participants with their affiliation and email will be available on March 2.

**How to use the Skype chat functionality to participate in the discussion:**

Please prepare this at least a day ahead of the meeting.

The set up is as follows:

All venues will have open microphones, but a limited number will be considered 'active' participants. The others are asked to send in questions and will be called upon by the moderator or the chair. These questions can be sent in through Skype. I have created a separate account for this meeting (and similar future activities).

If you do not use skype, please download the program (for free at:

<http://www.skype.com/download/> ) and create a username.

Then add as a contact: **udhig9**

This should send us a request, and we will allow you access. This has to be done before the meeting starts, preferably a day or two ahead. Please, also send an email to Willeke Wendrich with your Skype name, because sometimes the requests do not come through. One Skype contact per venue is sufficient to communicate the questions to the chair and moderator.