



18th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations

“Evolving Genre of ETDs for Knowledge Discovery”, ETD 2015 India

November 4 - 6, 2015,

Convention Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India



ETD 2015 begins with NDLTD Board Meeting

The 18th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD 2015) began with the meeting of Board of Directors of the NDLTD (Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations) at Committee Room of Central Library, JNU. In this meeting, twelve Board Members were present in person and five members were present through video conferencing. Professor Edward A. Fox, Chair of Board of Directors, NDLTD, presided over the meeting and

the following members were present in person: Ana Pavani, Austin McLean, Charles J. Greenberg, Gail McMillan, Hussein Suleman, Joan K. Lippincott, James MacDonald, Ramesh C. Gaur, Sharon Reeves, Sara Gould, Scott Eldredge and Libio Huaroto. Following members were present virtually: Edward A. Fox, Joachim Schöpfel, Iryna Kuchma, Eric F. Van de Velde, and Suzie Allard. In the meeting, the Board appraised the efforts made by the organizing committee of ETD 2015, particularly for the Awards and quality of accepted papers. The Board also informed launching of *Global Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Search Service* in July 2015.





The following is the text from the announcement:

NDLTD ANNOUNCES GLOBAL ELECTRONIC THESIS AND DISSERTATION SEARCH

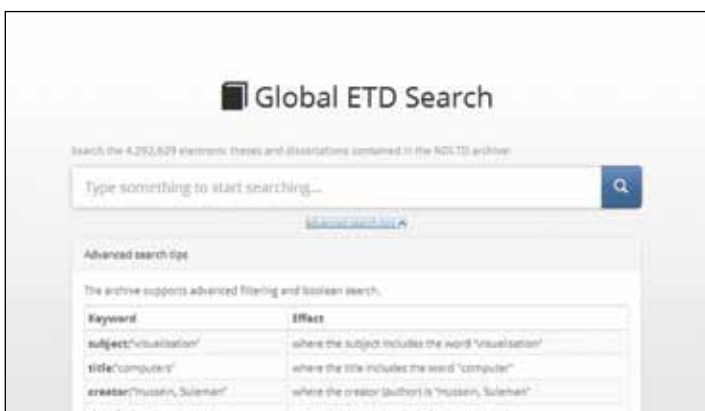
6 July 2015 | Cape Town, South Africa – The Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) today announced the launch of an exciting new service. Researchers now have a central portal to search and locate Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) from universities around the world.

Visit the new search service at:

Global ETD Search - <http://search.ndltd.org>

NDLTD is an international organization dedicated to promoting the adoption, creation, use, dissemination, and preservation of ETDs. It supports electronic publishing and open access to scholarship in order to enhance the sharing of knowledge worldwide.

Global ETD Search – developed in partnership with the University of Cape Town, South Africa – is a free service that allows researchers to find ETDs based on keyword, date, institution, language and subject. Researchers may submit queries and view results using the familiar style of popular Web search engines. This new search service will allow researchers to locate relevant theses and dissertations far more effectively than current tools.



Global ETD Search is based on a growing collection of approximately 4 million ETDs from more than 200 universities on all continents. Metadata records are automatically collected daily from individual institutions and consortia. These records form the basis of the search service. Once researchers have located the ETDs of interest, they are able to access the original documents from the originating institutions.

Universities that wish to participate in this service can find further information about the NDLTD and the Global ETD Search service at <http://www.ndltd.org/> and <http://www.ndltd.org/resources/manage-etds/help-build-global-etd-search>.

NOTES FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Welcome to a vibrant country- India. The Organizing Committee of ETD Symposium welcomes the delegates, speakers and NDLTD board members to New Delhi. This 18th Symposium is now being held for the first time in Asian region. ETD symposium is an annual event, organized for the mutual learning and knowledge sharing of the ETD practitioners, institutional policymakers and repository administrators. The delegates share their experiences, challenges and success stories while reporting their national or institutional ETD initiatives, which are not only physically located in developed countries, but also in developing countries. The NDLTD, JNU, INFLIBNET and SAU are co-organizers of this conference. The Organizing Committee is happy to note the ETD symposium is taking place with active participation and presence of 12 NDLTD Board members. The NDLTD Board meeting was held at Committee Room of JNU Central Library, on 3rd November, where 12 board members joined in person and another five members joined through video conferencing.

We also take note of a new set of sustainable development goals (SDGs) that the member states of the United Nations adopted in September 2015 in the United Nations General Assembly, to be achievable by 2030. ETD symposium takes notes the innovative and fascinating doctoral and pre-doctoral studies being undertaken in universities across the world. Many of these theses and dissertations will address the new set of SDGs and their sectoral targets.

NDLTD COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP TO PAID-PARTICIPANTS OF ETD 2015.

In a special gesture NDLTD Board of Directors has approved a complimentary membership of each paid participants of ETD 2015, a one-year complimentary membership of NDLTD. Benefit of NDLTD members is as follows:

NDLTD is an organization dedicated to the Open Access Movement. As such, all NDLTD services and resources are available at no cost to anyone, regardless of membership status. This is made possible through the efforts of unpaid volunteers who organize NDLTD's activities. As a result, NDLTD's administrative overhead is extremely low.

NDLTD funds travel awards so students and library staff from developing nations may attend NDLTD conferences. NDLTD funds research projects and the NDLTD Union Catalog. Finally, NDLTD needs some resources to run and administer the organization and the yearly conferences. To raise funds for these activities, NDLTD has a membership program for individuals and institutions.



The primary benefit of membership is the knowledge that you and/or your institution contribute to the goals of NDLTD, the knowledge that you support the growth of high-quality ETD repositories, and the knowledge that you support individuals and institutions around the world that may not be able to afford active participation in NDLTD activities, but still benefit from its online resources.

Membership also has tangible privileges:

- Support for harvesting your institution's ETDs into the NDLTD Union Catalog, thereby increasing their visibility,
- Support for developing a long-term preservation strategy through the NDLTD's partnership with the MetaArchive Cooperative,

- Eligibility for NDLTD ETD awards,
- Eligibility to serve on NDLTD committees and working groups,
- Eligibility for a mentoring program,
- Discounts on exhibits and displays at annual symposia,
- Conference registration fee discounts for selected events.

We cordially invite individuals, academic libraries, universities, and other organizations involved in disseminating and archiving electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) to become members of the NDLTD. Membership will connect you to a growing community dedicated to improving access to scholarly works.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Pre-Conference Workshops Date: 4 th November 2015 Venue: JNU Convention Centre	Time
Workshop 1(A): ETDs for Rookies	09:30 am – 01:00 pm
Workshop 1(B): Lifecycle Management Best Practices in ETD	09:30 am – 01:00 pm
Workshop 1(C): Trends and Opportunities in Retrospective Digitization of Theses & Dissertations	09:30 am – 01:00 pm
Workshop 2(A): Exploring the terrain of qualitative research	02:00 pm–03:30 pm
Workshop 2(B): ORCID Open Researcher & Contributor ID)	02:00 pm–03:30 pm
Workshop 2(C): Digital Archiving of ETDs using Fedora	02:00 pm–03:30 pm
Workshop 2(A): Legal and Ethical Issues	03:45 pm - 05:30 pm
Workshop 2(B): Panel Discussion on Impact of ORCID for the scholarly infrastructure in India	03:45 pm - 05:30 pm
Workshop 2(C): Digital Archiving of ETDs using Fedora	03:45 pm - 05:30 pm
Conference Inauguration	06:00 pm – 08:00 pm





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