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

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### ETD 2015 Opens in Style in a Glittering Inaugural Ceremony

The Inaugural ceremony of the ETD 2015 was started with the pious lightening of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana. In his welcome address, Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, Chair-ETD 2015, welcomed the dignitaries and guests and introduced the journey of the ETD and theme of the symposium. He informed that there are around 400 national and international participants from different countries, perhaps biggest so far in all the editions of the ETD. Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director-INFLIBNET elaborated the Shodhganga and different other initiatives of the centre with regard to ETD including Plagiarism. Prof. Prasenjit Sen of the JNU talked about the initiatives of the JNU with regard to theme. Mr Al-Amin Yusuph, Adviser (Communication and Information) for South Asia, UNESCO discussed about the UNESCO's efforts in this regards. Shri Pawan Kumar Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Government of India is one of the first persons who initiated ETD movement in India and he discussed about those early efforts of the government. The Keynote Address of the ceremony was delivered by Prof. Gail M McMillan, Director, Scholarly Communication and Professor, University Libraries, Virginia Tech, USA. An inspiring and motivating Video Message from Prof. Edward A Fox, Chairman & Executive Director, NDLTD was delivered. In the end, Dr. Parveen Babbar, Deputy Librarian, JNU delivered the Vote of Thanks.



*Lamp Lightning Ceremony of the Inaugural*



*Conference Volume Release Ceremony of the Inaugural*

## The Day One of ETD2015 had six workshops on different topics related to implementation of ETD systems and services. A brief report of each workshop is given below

### Workshop 1(A): ETDs for Beginners



The session began with a video lecture by Professor Edward A. Fox, NDLTD Executive Director, with a presentation titled “Introduction to NDLTD and Brief History of the ETD Movement”. In this talk, the speaker discussed about ETD services, infrastructure and information life cycle. He indicated ETD services help the university students in knowledge acquisitions, knowledge discovery and document sharing. He viewed ETD repositories are a kind of digital knowledge repositories which are established to share and disseminate scholarly research. ETD repositories have immediate impact and long terms benefits to the institutional and external scholars. He emphasized on developing sustainable programs in promoting electronic publishing, inculcating computer literacy and fluency as well as computational thinking.

In his presentation titled “ETD Implementation Overview”, Mr. Austin Mclean of ProQuest, vividly discussed ETD implementation strategies that include topics related to ETD program implementation planning, setting timelines, establishing initiatives, campus collaborations, appointing implementation committees, outreach and advocacy promotions, reviewing/selecting information retrieval systems, intellectual property and copyright issues, creating a roadmap to successful implementation, and ETD best practices. He also gave presentations on ETD Submission Systems and Vireo ETD Submission System, which are based on his practical experience with the universities across the world.

### Workshop 1 (B): Lifecycle Management Best Practices in ETD



The session was chaired by Gail McMillan, Director of Scholarly Communication and Professor, University Libraries Virginia Tech. The Speaker of this session was Martin Halbert, Dean of Libraries and Associate Professor, University of North Texas. He gave a vivid presentation on ETD lifecycle management. This workshop session was divided into three modules. In

module 1, he spoke how ETDs are created and managed in the libraries. He discussed DCC Curation lifecycle model. In this session, Mr. Manoj Kumar, INFLIBNET talked regarding metadata standards, language conversion etc. After tea break, Martin spoke on module 2, where he highlighted the guidance documents, how different guidelines can be implemented, who are their internal and external stakeholders, their roles and responsibilities, copyright policies and embargoes of ETDs. He further emphasized on collecting usage assessment metrics and their benefits. He endeavored that we should convert ETDs into PDF-A format for their long term preservation and fixity. In the last and third module, he talked on ETDs lifecycle management tools, FITS (File Information Tool Set) and PREMIS (PREservation Metadata Implementation Strategies).

### Workshop 1C: Trends & Opportunities in Retrospective Digitization and Publishing of Theses and Dissertations

The Workshop was a very informative and interactive one with two panel sessions and eight presentations which was attended by over 60 librarians and academicians. The session was organized by ProQuest and it was designed to bring all the stakeholders on a single platform to discuss on the subject. The session began with Mr. Prathap Das, Regional Manager – ProQuest India who gave an introduction to the program and introduced the panellists. The panel members were Dr. B. Sutradhar from IIT Kharagpur, Dr. D.B. Ramesh, SOA University, Dr. Mayank Trivedi, MSU Baroda and Dr. Swati Bhattacharya, IIM Calcutta. The first presentation was given by Dr. Shailesh Yagnik, Head LIS, KEIC MICA Ahmedabad, who spoke on the benefits of ETD publishing and global exposure. It was an insightful presentation where the importance of arresting plagiarism was specifically highlighted. MICA was one of the first institutes to submit their full-text theses & dissertations to ProQuest. The second presentation was a joint presentation by Mr. Wooma Sankar Dev Nath, Librarian Gauhati University jointly with Mr Keith Furniss, Associate Director of Publishing, ProQuest. Mr. Dev Nath spoke in detail about the retrospective digitization project that was executed by ProQuest at GU. He covered the challenges and the merits of outsourcing the digitization project to ProQuest. Mr Furniss spoke on the metrics of ETD dissemination as well as the new technologies that ProQuest is working on for their PQDT product. This presentation was followed by Dr. Shantashree Sengupta who presented a synopsis of her doctoral thesis on E-theses repositories in the world. At the end of the presentations, all the panellists gave their inputs on the subject and shared their experiences. After a ten-minute’ break,

the session continued with the next set of presentations. Dr Swati Bhattacharya presented on the Lifecycle Management of ETDs in Management Institutions. This was followed by Dr. Mayank Trivedi who presented the second case study on the digitization of doctoral theses & dissertations at Smt. Hansa Mehta Library, MSU Baroda where ProQuest had recently completed the digitization project. Dr DB Ramesh then shared his mixed experiences on the importance of ETDs and its impact on research. The presentation session was concluded by Dr. B. Sutradhar who explained about why technology institutions should publish ETDs in the world? The session panellists Dr. B.M. Pange from University of Pune, Dr. Manju Naika from IIT Bombay, Dr. Yogesh Parekh from Gujarat University and Dr. Shailesh Yagnik from MICA shared their experiences and thoughts on how the libraries can help to improve the quality of ETDs.

## Workshop 2(A): Exploring the Terrain of Qualitative Research



This Workshop was a very informative and interactive with two panel sessions. Prof. Mondira Dutta of JNU chaired the first session titled “Exploring the Terrain of Qualitative Research”.

In this session Professor Ernesto Noronha of IIM Ahmedabad extensively explained different qualitative and quantitative research methodologies and sampling techniques to be used for doctoral research. In the session titled “Legal and Ethical Issues”, Dr Manoj Kumar of INFLIBNET gave a presentation on “Plagiarism: Its Detection and Avoidance”. He explained about what and how Plagiarism is detected with the help of Plagiarism detection tools and what the scholars have to do and not to do. He gave examples of eminent people in caught on Plagiarism. He also explained Urkund Plagiarism detection tool, provided by INFLIBNET to the Indian universities. The next speakers from JNU; Dr. Parveen Babbar spoke on Grammarly software; Mr. Sanjeev K Sunny on Mendeley and Mr. Bibhuti B Pattnaik on Turnitin.

## Workshop 2(B): ORCID (Open Researcher & Contributor ID), and Panel Discussion on Impact of ORCID for the scholarly infrastructure in India



The Workshop was a very informative and interactive one with two panel sessions. In the first session, Ms. Nobuko Miyairi, ORCID Regional Director Asia Pacific, spoke extensively on participation of researchers, institutions and funders in creation of researchers' unique identifiers and maintaining researchers' profiles on ORCID.org platform. Many funders in different countries have collaborated with ORCID for decision making on research. She informed that the dissertations and theses, published by researchers can also be integrated with their profiles. In the panel discussion on Impact of ORCID for the Scholarly Infrastructure in India, panelists Prof. S. Arunachalam of Centre for Internet Society (CIS), Dr. Sunita Reddy of JNU and Ms. Miyairi spoke vividly about ORCID implementation strategies and administrative bottlenecks in Indian universities and research institutions.

## Workshop 2(C): Digital archiving of ETDs using FEDORA

The workshop began with Chair's remarks on use of FEDORA in building digital repositories. The session was chaired by Prof ARD Prasad. The speaker, Mr. Prasant Pandey of Queensland State Library in Australia, started this session by introducing Fedora as free and open source software. It is also collaboratively developed by people around the globe who work together as a community. The speaker also mentioned Fedora as one of the best software for library digitization because of its functionality, user-friendliness, conduciveness, easy installation, security etc. Fedora is capable of serving as a digital content management system for wide variety of users. Among them are digital assets managers, institutional repositories, digital archive, content management system, scholarly publishing enterprises and digital libraries. In the continued session, Mr. Pandey gave a comprehensive explanation on VALET software which is a web based platform for self service or assisted submission. Currently 7 basic ARROW defined content models can be extended to include more models. The speaker also stated that VALET as one of the best bread solution for web submission of ETDs that builds upon our collaboration experience with: NDLTD Project, ADT Programme and ARROW Project. Dr Ana Pavani spoke on ETDs in Latin America and establishment of National Consortia of Latin America, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador and Peru. Dr. Hussein Suleman talked about Metadata standards for ETDs. Dr. Sara Gould discussed about EThOS, the UKs national open e-theses service. In the end, Mr. Charles J. Greenberg talked on ETD implementation lessons learned and concluded with the remarks to “think global act local”.



## Face to Face

ETD 2015 News spoke to some of the participants:

**Kevin Serpanchy, ProQuest**



ETDN: What is your idea about sponsoring ETD in a big way?

We are doing dissertations for last 70 years and ETD 2015 will be wonderful for partnership and it will also help in publishing program of ProQuest.

ETDN: How did you find the event?

Sessions are insightful, knowledge sharing and in fact a great start. Things are very organized and professional. Quality of speakers and attendees is also very good.

ETDN: How many ETD Symposiums ProQuest has so far attended?

ProQuest is always there since the beginning.

**Kamini Perara, Sri Lanka**



Kamini is attending ETD Symposium for the second time, with a generous travel grant from NDLTD. She attended ETD2009 in Pennsylvania, USA. After attending ETD2009, she decided to develop institutional repository (IR) in her country and now she has created a very good open access IR containing theses, dissertations and other scholarly publications of the institute. So is here to present the success story of her ETD repository. She finds the conference venue and ambience fantastic. She is happy to note that for the first time, one of the South Asian universities is hosting ETD Symposium, which in her opinion will give a big boost to ETD and Open Access movement.

**Behrooz Rasuli, Republic of**



Behrooz is first-timer in attending ETD Symposium and this is his first visit to India. He is very excited to be here, because he has heard and read a lot about Mahatma Gandhi. His is doing PhD on ETDs in one of the Iranian universities. He feels that this event will provide him good opportunity to advance his research progress and the experienced gained here will be very helpful to defend his research. He is also enjoying the climate which is somewhat similar to Iran.

**Felicia Nkrumah, Association of African Universities, Ghana and Collece T. Chisita, Zimbabwe**



Felicia is first-timer while Collece is attending ETD Symposium for the second time. Both of them are visiting India for the first time and find JNU very interesting because of easy accessibility, natural surroundings, and its flora and fauna. They are here to share their experiences and also to learn new ways of creating and exploring ETD repositories. They wish to share their experiences with professionals and likeminded people in Africa. They want have an ETD network strengthening the South-South cooperation.

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