

The International Context

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E-Theses Developments

NDLTD

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Annual ETD Conferences

- ETD 1998 Workshop at the MECCA conference, Memphis, USA
- ETD 1999: Virginia Tech, USA
- ETD 2000: University of South Florida, USA
- ETD 2001: Caltech, USA
- ETD 2002: Brigham Young University, USA
- ETD 2003: Humboldt University, Germany
- ETD 2004: University of Kentucky, USA
- ETD 2005: University of New South Wales, Australia
- ETD 2006: Laval University, Quebec, Canada
- ETD 2007: University of Uppsala, Sweden
- ETD 2008: The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, UK

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NDLTD European e-Theses Working Group Guiding Universities In Doctoral E-theses (GUIDE)

Aim:

To stimulate European doctoral ETD developments.

Objectives:

- To share good practice and identify common problems and solutions – with the emphasis on making doctoral e-theses openly available and accessible.
- To encourage compatibility where appropriate.
- To identify where limited joint activity would be beneficial and to pursue this where appropriate.
- To prepare the e-theses domain to participate fully in the emerging wider interoperable network of European digital repositories, within an international context.
- To avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.

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Guiding Universities In Doctoral E-theses (GUIDE)

- GUIDE developed from discussions at a meeting in Amsterdam in January 2006.
- Scoping work proceeded throughout 2006 along four strands: Legal issues, organisational and cultural issues, technical issues and links beyond Europe.
- A meeting in Uppsala in November 2006 resulted in agreement for GUIDE to seek the status of an ND LTD Working Group. This was achieved at the ND LTD Board meeting in Washington D.C. in December 2006.
- Work is now ongoing in the following areas:
 - To develop an interoperability demonstrator.
 - To produce a suite of Web pages.
 - To run a European e-theses pre-conference workshop at ETD 2007.
 - To run a full workshop at ETD 2008.