

## Preface

The *International Conference on Asian Digital Libraries* (ICADL) is an annual international forum for participants to exchange research results, innovative ideas, and state-of-the-art developments in digital libraries. Built upon the successes of the first four ICADL conferences, the 5th ICADL Conference in Singapore was aimed at further strengthening the position of ICADL as a premier digital library conference that draws high quality papers and presentations from all around the world, while meeting the needs and interests of digital library communities in the Asia-Pacific region.

The theme of the conference, “Digital Libraries: People, Knowledge & Technology,” reflects the shared belief of the organizers that success in the development and implementation of digital libraries lies in the achievement of three key areas: the richness and depth of content to meet the needs of the communities they intend to serve; the technologies that are employed to build user-centered environments through organization, interaction, and provision of access to that content; and the human elements of management policies, maintenance, and vision necessary to keep pace with new content, new technologies, and changing user needs.

For the first time, ICADL was jointly held in conjunction with the 3rd International Conference on Web Information Systems Engineering (WISE) that focuses on Web-related database technologies. To promote interaction between ICADL and WISE participants, the two conferences shared a common opening ceremony and two joint keynote addresses. ICADL 2002 also included 4 tutorials, 1 keynote address, 6 invited talks, and 54 research paper presentations in 12 parallel sessions. These sessions, ranging from Digital Libraries for Community Building, Information Retrieval Techniques, and Human Computer Interfaces, to Digital Library Services, directly reflect and support the theme of the conference.

A record number of 110 regular and 60 short papers were submitted to the conference from researchers and practitioners from 29 countries. Another record registered by ICADL 2002 was the formation of a 72-member program committee composed of well-known digital library researchers from Pacific Asia, USA, and Europe. The large program committee was motivated by the need for ICADL to reach out to more people and to ensure good-quality paper submissions. Additional reviewers were also enlisted to assist in the review process. The reviewing process was managed by the ConfMan Conference Management Software, developed and supported by the University of Oslo, Brandenburg Technical University of Cottbus, and Darmstadt University of Technology. Thirty-four regular papers, 20 short papers, and 16 poster papers were accepted by the program committee.

On behalf of the Organizing and Program Committees of ICADL 2002, we thank all authors for their submissions and preparation of camera-ready copies of papers, and all delegates for their participation in the conference. We also acknowledge our sponsors, the Conference Support Committee, and all others for their strong support and generous help in making the conference a success. We hope that the conference will continue to grow from strength to strength as it travels to different host countries in Asia, and will continue to provide a forum for the stimulating exchange of ideas to enable us to build future digital libraries that surpass anything we currently can envision.

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