



MERLOT International Conference

*Academic Approaches to Technology:
Content, Collaboration, Collections, and Community*

September 27-30, 2002
Atlanta, Georgia

Saturday, September 28, 2002

7:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Imperial Foyer

Registration Desk and Communication Center Open

8:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m.
Imperial Salon B

Opening Plenary Session

The Promise of International Digital Library Collections for Academe, Faculty, and Students

Ching-chih Chen, Simmons College

In this Internet era, we have witnessed the exciting convergence of content, technology, and global collaboration. Today, the academe, faculty and students benefit from access to the rich contents and treasured resources of many higher education institutions and organizations both in the U.S. and internationally. The old model of "owning" a collection or site has given way to "sharing," and the new emphases have shifted from the large "physical libraries" to "virtual libraries" all over the world.

Ching-chih Chen will share some of her own experiences in all these areas and transformations – from the creation of her award-winning interactive videodisc and multimedia CD-ROM, called *The First Emperor of China*, created in mid- and late-1980s, to her current international digital library project, called *Chinese Memory Net*, supported by the US National Science Foundation. She will also review her latest project, the China-US Million Book Digital Library Project, for which she is a co-PI with Dr. Raj Reddy of Carnegie Mellon University, and is in cooperation with twelve well-known universities in China under the joint sponsorship of the National Science Foundation, the Chinese Ministry of Education, and high-tech industry.

9:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.
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Refreshment Break

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10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Courtland Street

Buses depart for GSU for MERLOT workshops

10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Imperial Salon B

Poster Session Displays

10:00 a.m. — Noon

Workshops – Georgia State University

Lab 401

1: Sharing Peer Reviews and User Profiles Across Educational Digital Libraries

Martin Koning-Bastiaan, MERLOT

Brandon Muramatsu, SMETE.ORG/UC Berkeley

This working session will allow attendees from educational digital libraries to discuss issues around sharing peer reviews and user profiles between collections. This working session will lead to the development of a draft specification to which collection providers can build systems to test sharing of peer reviews and user profiles. This workshop is intended for those with well-established collections of digital resources with associated peer reviews.

Lab 403

2: How I Learned to Love the Web Without Really Trying

Henry Borysewicz, University of North Dakota

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