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Academia Sinica Newsletter (2009/10/02) The Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) 2009 Annual Conference and Joint Meetings will be held from October 6 to 8 at Academia Sinica. The topic of this year's conference is "Social Computing".

The conference will highlight cutting-edge IT applications in digital archiving and e-learning, GIS in natural disaster prevention, and territorial and urban planning; and Austronesia Culture Study will be explored from the perspectives of archaeology, anthropology, linguistic families and racial change. In addition, the conference will showcase the up-to-date research into biodiversity in South China Sea. The conference will be divided into oral presentation and poster demonstration sections. In total there will be 6 keynote speeches, 17 sessions and 1 TELearn Conference. TELearn 2009 and GIS in the Humanities and Social Sciences 2009 will join the Joint Opening Ceremony on October 7.

Opening the conference on October 6, Dr. Stephen M. GRIFFIN, Program Director in the Information Integration and Informatics (III) cluster in the U.S. National Science Foundation's Division of Information and Intelligent Systems will give a keynote address entitled "Recovering the Past through Computation". He will discuss emerging state-of-the-art scientific methodologies applied to discovery, recovery, restoration, representation, analysis and ultimately new understanding of a broad range of cultural heritage artifacts.

On October 7, keynote Speakers will include Vice President Ts'ui-jung LIU speaking on the topic "Impact of Digital Archives on Humanities" and Dr. Edward AYERS, the president of Richmond, USA, who will give a talk on "Space, Place, and Time: Mapping Historical Changes". In addition, Prof. Chuen-Tsai SUN from National Chiao Tung University, will give a lecture entitled "Game-Native teacher's attitude toward Digital Game in School" and Prof. Pierre-Yves MANGUIN from The Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO), France, will present "Khmer heritage research and documentation at the EFEO: Building a digitized corpus of archaeological and epigraphic data"; the last keynote speaker will be Timothy TANGHERLINI from UCLA, USA, whose topic will be "Maps and Networks".

Since its initiation in 1993, the annual PNC Conference has become a key platform for access to digital research on the Pacific Rim. It is a key forum for interaction between scholars, technicians, librarians, museum professionals, educators, site managers working with cultural materials and technology. The PNC can be foreseen to have an ever increasingly important role in the scholarly community of the Pacific Rim as computing engulfs every aspect of our lives, and this year's topic of social computing is set to become a central theme in digital research over the next few years.

Related websites:

<http://www.PNCLink.org>

<http://www.pnclink.org/pnc2009/english/index.html>

Event: PNC 2009 Annual Conference and Joint Meetings

Date: October 6-8, 2009

Venue: 3F, Conference Rooms, Building for Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan

Hosts: Academia Sinica

Pacific Neighborhood Consortium

Sponsor: Ministry of Education

Co-hosts: (in alphabetic order)

Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative

GIS in the Humanities and Social Sciences 2009

National Science Council

Taiwan e-Learning & Digital Archives Program

TELearn 2009

Topics:

- 1 Applications of E-Learning and Digital Archives in the Fields of Academia, Education, Society and Culture
- 2 Austronesian Dispersal
- 3 Biodiversity Conservation – invasive species database
- 4 Digital Archives as Elements of Social Software
- 5 Digital Repository
- 6 Ethical Issues in Social Computing
- 7 Geographic Links and Local Voices
- 8 GIS for Saving Lives
- 9 Humanities GIS in Japan: Analyzing Humanities Data from Spatiotemporal Perspectives
- 10 Museum & Information Technology
- 11 New Studies and Research Perspectives on Ancient China
- 12 Social Computing and Its Applications
- 13 Unfolding e-Culture in Everyday

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