Upcoming Conference News

PPC Update
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Vision Speakers

The Program Planning Committee has been working hard to line up three vision speakers and we are happy to report that the vision speakers we have for NASIG 2018 Conference include Sören Auer, Lisa Macklin, and Lauren Smith.

Dr Sören Auer was just recently appointed as professor for Data Science and Digital Libraries at Leibniz University of Hannover and the director of TIB German National Library of Science and Technology. Sören is co-founder of high-impact research and community projects such as the Wikipedia semantification project DBpedia, the OpenCourseWare authoring platform SlideWiki.org, and the spatial data integration platform LinkedGeoData. He serves as an expert for the industry, the European Commission, the W3C, and as a board member of the Open Knowledge Foundation.

Lisa Macklin, JD, MLS, is the director of the Scholarly Communications Office at Emory University. Lisa collaborated with the Library Policy Committee and the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence in open access conversations at Emory. In March 2011, the Faculty Council endorsed an open access policy that led to the creation of OpenEmory, a repository of Emory faculty-authored articles. In addition, an open access publishing fund was launched with OpenEmory, and provides funds to make it easier for Emory authors to publish in eligible open-access (OA) journals and books when no alternative funding is available. Lisa will

continue working with faculty advisors as the libraries implement these and other OA initiatives.

Lauren Smith is the research associate at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. She co-founded Voices for the Library, a UK-wide public libraries advocacy organization, and she is involved in the Radical Librarians Collective. Her research focuses on political information behavior, political participation and citizenship; information/news/media/digital literacy; critical approaches to education and librarianship; social

justice, access, equity and inclusion in education and information.

Pre-Conferences

The PPC discussed four possible pre-conferences that will cover the topics of linked data, MarcEdit, agile approaches to technical services, and CONSER cataloging.

Call for Proposals

The PPC prepared the call for proposals and is planning to open it from the middle of September until middle of November.