

PRESENTATION

This year 2005 marks the 10th anniversary of the work on Dublin Core. In those ten years, we have managed to bring together participants and contributors from many domains and many countries. Part of our success, I believe, is the truly international perspective that we want to represent. Our tradition of holding the annual conference and workshop in different locations is a result of our commitment to involve and engage communities around the world.

We are very happy that this year we have found the University Carlos III of Madrid willing to invest a large amount of time and effort in organising DC-2005. Organising such an event is not an easy thing to do, and we are very impressed with the hard work and professionalism of the people in Madrid under inspiring leadership of Eva Méndez.

The location has particular importance because, for the first time in the history of DCMI, we are meeting in the country where the Spanish language was born, a language that is one of the three most spoken languages on this planet, together with Chinese and English. Over the last few years, more and more activity has started to take place in the Spanish-speaking world and we hope that holding the conference in Spain will boost these activities as well as build stronger bridges between the different language groups.

We have all confidence that this year's event will be a success and that particularly the mixing of people from different cultures and professional backgrounds will be useful and pleasant for all participants.

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