



Digital Libraries for the Digital Librarian
Making the Journey
from Traditional to Digital Libraries
Florence, May 28th - June 1st, 2007



DELOS and NSDL have joined forces in organizing a Summer School that intends to address some of the common concerns of cultural heritage institutions (such as libraries, archival institutions and museums) as they work together (or should work in the future) with information providers, publishers, publications suppliers to tackle the challenges and opportunities of the digital environment for the knowledge society. The digital medium is radically new for libraries, archives, museums and other information providers and they should undertake a thorough examination of roles and practices in order to address the challenges that this implies. Although there is a continuity of purpose and value of the traditional organisation within these cultural heritage and information institutions, there exists alongside the need of a fundamental re-examination of roles and practices.

The main aim of the School is to provide information professionals who intend to take leadership and responsibilities in the complex world of digital libraries with the knowledge of the technologies and the organizational issues involved in the transition from a traditional organization to a Digital Library, illustrating criteria and methods that exploit the strengths of digital libraries in a socio-economic and interdisciplinary manner.

Distinguished lecturers from Europe and the United States will be addressing the following topics, trying to provide for each topic three perspectives: the end user, the technologist and the administrator.

- Introduction to digital library
- Digitizing information
- Digital collections
- Organizing the digital library
- Describing information
- Accessing the repository
- Making the library work for users

The school programme includes also a visit to two cultural institutions in Florence with significant digital collections, where the school participants will have the opportunity to experiment with those digital libraries and to listen to the experience of those institutions in setting them up. During the week the participants will also participate in work groups to complete a short assignment about design, implementation and management of a small digital library.

The School will be held from May 28th to June 1st 2007 at Villa Morghen, in Settignano, on the hills overlooking Florence (www.villamorghen.com). In addition to the School social dinner, it is planned to have other social activities, including a guided visit to the main attractions in Florence.

The registration fees are as follows:

Early registration (before 1 May 2007)	500€
Regular registration (after 1 May 2007)	600€

Complete information about the School, including accommodation and registration, can be found by visiting the school website (www.delos.info/school-journey) or by writing an email to the school secretariat (francesca.borri@isti.cnr.it).