

Preface

The second conference *The Future of Information Sciences – INFUTURE 2009: Digital Resources and Knowledge Sharing* aims to bring together researchers, professionals, businessmen and project managers from the broad field of information sciences and related professions. The objective of the conference is to provide a platform for discussing theoretical and practical issues in the field of information sciences.

INFUTURE conferences explore the role of information sciences and related sciences through technological and educational perspective, research studies, organizational, cultural, communication and business aspects evolved from technological development, market needs, European policies and strategies, educational and research activities and current situation in Croatia.

The conference “Digital Resources and Knowledge Sharing” is the second in the series of INFUTURE conferences, this time held in cooperation of the Department of Information Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb and IBM Croatia. In the book, more than 70 papers are presented, elaborating, through multidisciplinary approaches, relevant standards and business applications, on the specific domain of information technology in the context of digitisation and heritage preservation.

The book is divided in eight chapters: (1) Invited papers, (2) Digitization and preservation, (3) Using of open-source solutions in cultural heritage, (4) Language technologies, (5) Using information resources in research, education and presentation, (6) Virtual environment in education, (7) E-services, e-government and business applications, and (8) Knowledge management.

Through digitization, heritage preservation in the European context, through preservation of the Croatian national identity, use of open-source solutions in research and education, and through language technologies and multimedia content, the scientific and cultural cooperation at international level has been enabled.

We believe that this type of scientific and practical work, together with intellectual and material capital, gives a significant contribution for memorising Croatian cultural heritage in the European context and creates a platform for future cooperation through networking of researchers and professionals in the field of information sciences.

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