

BILETA 2008 Conference Report

The conference took place in Glasgow (26-28 March 2008) alongside a UKCLE workshop on mobile learning and a SCRIPT-ed panel on Open Access to Legal Information. Both of these were well attended and provided additional specialist interest for delegates.

Over 80 delegates from the UK, Europe,, North America, Asia, Africa and Australia attended the conference and a total of 60 papers were presented. Many of the presentations have been recorded as oral or video podcasts and are available on the Digital Directions blog via the UKCLE website: www.ukcle.typepad.com. Abstracts are still online at www.gcal.ac.uk/bileta2008 and will be mounted on the BILETA website along with any full papers that arise from the conference.

Both JILT and the International Review of Law Computers and Technology have agreed to publish special edition journals containing peer-reviewed papers from the conference, including keynote speakers. Both journals are in the process of securing authors and look to publish later in 2008 or early 2009.

The Technology Sandpit was a successful concept and also provided a forum for sponsors to attend and showcase materials, thereby attracting a higher sponsorship fee. It also provided interest during the coffee and lunch breaks as well as an opportunity for the host institution to showcase its own research in related areas.

The full cost of registration, including 2 nights and the conference dinner was £258. Reduced rates for students, single nights and supplements for workshops etc were in place. The conference also secured sponsorship from Tanberg, who also recorded the video podcasts, MacRoberts, a large local law firm who sponsored lunch, Lexis Nexis and Routledge who both attended with display stands.

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