

# Message from the PC Chairs

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The iPRES conference series brings together practitioners and researchers from the digital preservation community to promote and inform academic research with practices of digital preservation. Following this tradition, iPRES 2017 not only connects practice and research but also spans from tradition digital preservation topics (file formats, preservation system or certification) to upcoming new trends and challenges (preserving digital art, computer games or management of research data), along this year's conference theme: *Keeping Cultural Diversity for the Future in the Digital Space - From Pop Culture to Scholarly Information*.

The iPRES 2017 program committee has received 59 high quality research and practitioners submissions from which we were able to accept 14 full papers and 16 short papers.

Three full papers were nominated as best papers by the PC chairs:

- Bertrand Caron, Jordan de La Houssaye, Thomas Ledoux and Stephane Reecht, "Life and Death of an Information Package: Implementing the Lifecycle in a Multipurpose Preservation System",
- Marco Klindt, "PDF/A considered harmful for digital preservation",
- Zahra Tarkhani, Geoffrey Brown and Steven Myers, "Trustworthy and Portable Emulation Platform for Digital Preservation",

from which a panel of additional judges chose:

*Bertrand Caron, Jordan de La Houssaye, Thomas Ledoux and Stephane Reecht, "Life and Death of an Information Package: Implementing the Lifecycle in a Multipurpose Preservation System"* as this year's Best Paper.

As an integral part of the iPRES conference series the poster session provides an opportunity for the digital preservation community to share on-going research, initiatives and new trends. The program committee accepted 13 peer-reviewed posters for presentations. Attendees of the conference were invited to vote for the Best Poster, and based on the votes, the best poster award was given to:

*Kathrine Hougaard Edsen Johansen and Mads Neuhard. How collaboration and sharing has made OAIS compliant archiving at (very) small archives possible*

Workshops and tutorials provide a platform for participants to share in-depth knowledge about topics of interest, best practices, and explore opportunities for collaboration on new or emerging topics of interest.

The success of the iPRES 2017 would not have been possible without the contribution of the PC members and authors of papers, all of whom we would like to sincerely thank.