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UPCOMING EVENT

"Open Government Research and Development Summit"

March 21-22, 2011 | Washington, D.C.

The summit will set the foundation for a robust R&D agenda that ensures the benefits of open government are widely realized, with emphasis on how open government can spur economic growth and improve the lives of everyday Americans. This is an opportunity for researchers, scholars, and open government professionals to begin a discussion that will continue at academic centers throughout the country over the next few years.

Speakers include Aneesh Chopra, U.S. Chief Technology Officer, Julius Genachowski, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Chief Technology Officer of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and David Ferriero, Archivist of the United States. Panelists made up of scholars, activists, and present and former policymakers will then discuss the important research questions that researchers must grapple with in order to ensure lasting success in the open government space. Panels will discuss issues such as how to safely release data without creating mosaic effects. Panelists include Jim Hendler (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), Noshir Contractor (Northwestern University), Archon Fung (Harvard University), Chris Vein (U.S. Deputy Chief Technology Officer), Beth Noveck (New York Law School), Susan Crawford (Yeshiva University), and Theresa Pardo (CTG).

Pardo will be participating on a panel moderated by Jeremy Weinstein, National Security Staff on "Collaboration and Multi-Sector Partnerhp - International Affairs," along with David Stark, Columbia University (Sociology) and Miriam Nisbet, Office of Government Information Services, NARA.

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) are hosting this summit, with support from the MacArthur Foundation. The conference is free to attend.

Workshop agenda >> www.nitrd.gov/opengov

The Good News Story of Sunshine Week

by Sharon Dawes

March 13th-19th is Sunshine Week, the seven-day period each spring when Americans are reminded of the value of access to government information. The essence of Sunshine Week is government transparency. It joins journalists, advocacy organizations, all manner of experts, and ordinary people in the belief that public access to government information is a good thing.

Read full article >> http://www.ctg.albany.edu/news/onlinenews_mar_2011_sunshine

Pardo Keynote Speaker at Transforming Government Workshop 2011

March 17-18, 2011 | West London, United Kingdom

Theresa Pardo is one of the keynote speakers at Transforming Government Workshop 2011 (tGov2011) taking place at Brunel University in West London. tGov2011 is bringing together both local and international researchers and practitioners to participate in sharing ideas for the transformation of government through enabling electronic systems and processes. The aim of the workshop is to provide a common platform for academics and practitioners to discuss and present original research highlighting issues related with technical, organisational, managerial and socioeconomic aspects of both (e) and (t)-government implementation and adoption.

More >> <http://www.iseing.org/tgovwebsite/tGovWorkshop2011/tGovHomePage2011.html>

Dawes and Burke Visit Shanghai for NSF Funded Transnational Research Project

Sharon Dawes and Brian Burke recently visited Shanghai as part of CTG's National Science Foundation-funded project "Understanding Transnational Public Sector Knowledge Networks." During the visit, Dawes and Burke gathered additional information for CTG's case study of the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Shanghai Environmental Monitoring Center's jointly developed AIRNow-International Shanghai system. They were hosted by their research partner on this project, Dr. Lei Zheng, UAlbany PhD grad and now professor at Fudan University in Shanghai. The team focused on lessons learned in knowledge and information sharing from the Chinese perspective based on their involvement in the AIRNow-I Shanghai initiative.

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