

~~Requests for iPres community reviewers: Please share your feedback in suggest mode and use comments to expand. We welcome feedback through 19 March 2021. Thank you!~~

Comments are now closed as of 19 March 2021. We will soon release the final version through the iPres Interest Group listserv. Thank you for your interest and support

iPres Statement of Principles: draft for community review

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iPres is a series of self organizing international conferences, meetings and related activities about digital preservation and its community of practitioners and researchers. These events, including the annual conference, aim to bring together all parts of the global digital preservation community to exchange ideas, current research, and good practice, and to create spaces that foster mutual support. As a cross-sectional, multidisciplinary and international community, we recognize and value different contexts, perspectives and approaches, and encourage dialogue and collaboration based on mutual respect.

To achieve this goal, we shall:

- Welcome the contributions of all members of the digital preservation and allied communities and design conference structures and call for proposal (CFP) processes to permit multiple levels of participation through a tiered effort approach of research papers, case studies and other flexible programming
- Ensure that the conference remains equally relevant to academic and practitioner communities by implementing processes for participation, publication and impact mechanisms for the different communities needs
- Be respectful, welcoming, inclusive and transparent in all our dealings in accordance with the iPres community norms and expectations as captured in the iPres Code of Conduct and to be included in the iPres Charter
- Foster a neutral environment where technical approaches, practices, standards and processes can be discussed and challenged with a focus on critical thinking and exploration of digital preservation
- Facilitate community discussions about iPres principles, goals and governance - at the level of the conference series as well as individual conferences - and listen to and respond to outcomes and recommendations
- Respond to the changing skills and needs of the community by ensuring that the governance structure (charter and steering committee) continues to reflect the diverse community it represents including those historically marginalized, underrepresented, or felt unwelcome
- Ensure the conference, proceedings, and decision-making are accessible by all members of the community regardless of geography, skill level and experience, institutional affiliation and professional role
- Be open and collaborative in working with other allied community groups and organizations to ensure that critical thinking, planning, and assessment of digital preservation issues, systems, and activities permeates aligned and related practices

- Be open and transparent with the iPres community about governance and decision making
- Adhere to the iPres [Code of Conduct](#)