

# Preface

After Pisa in 1997 and Heraklion in 1998, ECDL took place in Paris at the prestigious location of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France. It is the third of a series, partially funded by the European Commission's TMR Programme, of European conferences on research and technology for digital libraries. Its main objective is to bring together researchers from multiple disciplines to present their work on enabling technologies for digital libraries. The conference also provides an opportunity for scientists to develop a research community in Europe focusing on digital library development.

The program committee selected 26 papers from 124 submissions. Besides these, two papers were invited. One is by Jean-François Abramatic, the Chairman of the WWW Consortium, and the second by Robert Wilensky, Professor at U.C. Berkeley.

## Avant Propos

Après Pise en 1997 et Héraklion en 1998, ECDL a eu lieu à Paris sur le site prestigieux de la Bibliothèque Nationale de France. Cette conférence est la troisième d'une série de conférences sur la recherche et les technologies avancées pour les bibliothèques numériques, subventionnée par le Programme TMR de la Commission Européenne. Son objectif principal est de réunir les chercheurs de plusieurs disciplines pour présenter leurs travaux sur les nouvelles technologies qui permettent le développement de bibliothèques numériques. La conférence fournit aussi l'occasion de développer une communauté scientifique dans ce domaine.

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## Organization/Organisation

The third European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries was organized in Paris by the French National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control (INRIA) and the French National Library (BNF), with the assistance of the European Commission (TMR Program) and the European Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM).

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