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Recipients of Third Annual Mellon Awards for Technology Collaboration Announced

(WASHINGTON, DC) The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation today awarded \$650,000 in prizes to ten not-for-profit institutions in the third annual Mellon Awards for Technology Collaboration (MATC). The Mellon Awards honor not-for-profit organizations for leadership in the collaborative development of open source software tools with application to scholarship in the arts and humanities, as well as cultural-heritage not-for-profit activities. The awards were presented at the Fall Task Force meeting of the Coalition for Networked Information by Vint Cerf, Vice President and Chief Internet Evangelist of Google, a man often called the "Father of the Internet." More information on the awards ceremony, including podcast interviews with recipients, will be available at www.cni.org beginning 8 December 2008.

After a worldwide, public nomination process, the ten recipients were selected by the MATC Award Committee, which included Cerf, Sir Timothy Berners-Lee (Director of the World Wide Web Consortium and inventor of the World Wide Web), Mitchell Baker (CEO, Mozilla Corporation), John Seely Brown (former Chief Scientist, Xerox Corp.), John Gage (at the time, Chief Researcher and Director of the Science Office, Sun Microsystems, Inc.; now, Partner at Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield, and Byers), and Tim O'Reilly (Founder and CEO, O'Reilly Media). The awardees, prizes, and projects for which they were recognized are as follows:

- **\$100,000 to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology** (Cambridge, MA: www.mit.edu) for the development and release of the Kerberos network authentication protocol (www.mit.edu/Kerberos/).
- **\$100,000 to the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign** (Champaign, IL: www.illinois.edu) for leadership and development work on Project Archon, a set of archiving tools (www.archon.org).
- **\$50,000 to the Appalachian College Association** (Berea, KY: www.acaweb.org) for leadership of the LAMP consortium (<http://www.acaweb.org/content.aspx?sid=2&pid=197>).
- **\$50,000 to Carnegie-Mellon University** (Pittsburgh, PA: www.cmu.edu) for the development and release of the Panda 3D and Alice three-dimensional authoring tools (www.open-ils.org).
- **\$50,000 to Ecotrust** (Portland, OR: www.ecotrust.org) for the development and release of Open OceanMap, a tool permitting scientists and others to collaborate on marine conservation activities (<http://www.ohloh.net/projects/10111>).
- **\$50,000 to the Foothill College** (Los Altos Hills, CA: www.foothill.edu) for the development and release of the Mneme testing engine for the Sakai learning management system (<http://etudesproject.org/mneme/>; www.sakaiproject.org).
- **\$50,000 to George Mason University** (Fairfax, VA: www.gmu.edu) for the development and release of the Omeka cultural heritage collections Web presentation system (<http://omeka.org/>).

- **\$50,000 to King's College London** (London, UK: www.kcl.ac.uk) for the development and release of the Pliny scholarly annotation tool (<http://pliny.cch.kcl.ac.uk/>).
- **\$50,000 to the University of Waikato** (Waikato, NZ: www.waikato.ac.nz) for the development and release of Project Greenstone, a set of tools for the creation of digital libraries (www.greenstone.org).
- **\$50,000 to the University of Washington** (Seattle, WA: www.washington.edu) for the development and release of WebAnywhere, a project to increase access and mobility for persons with visual impairments (www.webanywhere.cs.washington.edu/).
- **\$50,000 to Villanova University** (Villanova, PA: www.villanova.edu) for the development and release of Project VUFind, resource portal software for academic libraries (www.vufind.org).

Additional information on the awards will be available at <http://matc.mellon.org> beginning 8 December.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation is a philanthropic organization with offices in New York City and Princeton, NJ. The MATC awards are a project of the Foundation's Program in Research in Information Technology (RIT). More information about the MATC awards is available at <http://matc.mellon.org>.

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