In the research and education nowadays, the supply, use and significance of non-textual information such as 3D models, AV media and research data is continually increasing. Due to change in user needs and behavior and heterogeneity of these non-textual materials, there is a need for discussion about the central challenges that the digital society is facing on these topics. Only a tiny proportion of these non-textual materials for example can be searched and used at this present time.

We would like to invite you to our international conference with speakers who are in step with actual practices and will show in which direction the development of non-textual information is heading. Take the opportunity to be updated and to network with colleagues from all over the world.

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