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Subject: *DELOS Digital Library Reference Model Request for Comments*

Dear DELOS Digital Library Reference Model Reader,

We are proud to introduce the DELOS Digital Library Reference Model volume. This volume aims at contributing to the creation of foundations capable to set the ground for better understanding, communicating, and stimulating further evolutions in the Digital Library area. It introduces the principles governing this area as well as the set of concepts and relationships that collectively capture the intrinsic nature of its various entities. This is accomplished by exploiting the collective understanding that has been acquired on Digital Libraries by European research groups active in the Digital Library field throughout many years, both within the DELOS Network of Excellence and outside, as well as by other groups around the world.

We encourage you to ***participate*** in this exciting and significant activity by ***submitting comments*** and related material pertaining to this volume. Your help will certainly add value to this activity and contribute to improve the quality and the depth of its outcome. If you would like to do so, please include your name, affiliation and e-mail address, indicate the specific section of the volume to which each comment applies, and give the motivations for each comment. In producing the next versions we will consider all comments and material received. Contributions received ***before December 12, 2007*** will affect the next version, which will be released in ***January 2008***. Any comment received after such a date will be considered for future versions.

You may email comments and related material to RefModel_comment@delos.info. The DELOS Reference Model Team maintains a file for these notices. Comments and material received from the public during the comment period will become part of this file and will be available through the project web site http://www.delos.info/ReferenceModel.

You are also kindly encouraged to circulate this request to your colleagues that can download a copy of the volume from the project web site (http://www.delos.info/ReferenceModel).

We thank you in advance for your contribution.

Sincerely,

The DELOS Reference Model Team

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