The rapid advancement of IT and network technology made it possible for people to produce, access, and disseminate information and knowledge through the computer networks. Traditional publishers, information intermediaries, and users of books, magazines, and other publications have started to re-invent and re-position themselves in the broader and the more ubiquitous Digital Library (DL) arena. In light of such an overwhelming challenge and opportunity, the Chinese Ministry of Culture is sponsoring an international conference from July 9 to 11, 2002 in Beijing, China. Entitled "Digital Library — IT Opportunities and Challenges in the New Millennium, 2002," this event is being organized and coordinated by the National Library of China and the Office of the China Digital Library Project (CDLP). As an international conference, we wish to promote and exchange research in advanced technologies, concepts, and practices for the development of DL around the world. In order to encourage international collaboration and cooperation, we invite DL researchers and practitioners to submit research and practice articles that meet the following criteria:

**Conference Theme:**

Promotion of international exchanges and cooperation for the sustainable research and development of DL

**Topics:**

1. DL theory, framework, and model
2. Production, preservation, service, and management of digital resources (including ancient books and literatures)
3. Organization and development of digital libraries
4. Standards for digital libraries
5. DL research collaboration, cooperation and resource sharing