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 Format of Workshop Roundtable
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Abstract

This roundtable brings together a range of knowledge transfer experts and practitioners, many leading ground-breaking projects to capture and disseminate research in their respective organizations. A robust discussion with participants and audience members will surface the latest lessons learned in the field and point the way to improved practice.

Summary

More and more workers in research units in governments, academia and non-governmental organizations are given the task of knowledge management, knowledge transfer or knowledge mobilization; the discipline has moved fully from the worlds of business administration and library science into the world of public administration and the academy. Given the pace of change in the discipline and the technological tools flooding the market, workers responsible for knowledge transfer files in a range of organizations need opportunities to re-examine their objectives and exchange best practices. To ensure research is used, it is not enough to put the report on the internet.

Metropolis is notable for its emphasis on knowledge transfer with monthly knowledge transfer reports given at the Interdepartmental Committee and past discussions at the national conferences. This roundtable will build on the Metropolis tradition of emphasizing knowledge transfer and provide an up-to-date discussion on initiatives being undertaken in a range of organizations involved in social and cultural research. Participants selected are notable for their current work in developing tools and strategies to ensure research is assessed and disseminated in the most effective ways possible.

Consequently, this roundtable will provide a forum to discuss the following issues:

- (1) What are the latest developments in the theory of knowledge transfer?
- (2) What technologies are participants using and what have been the results?
- (3) What are recent lessons learned regarding the main actors and processes necessary for effective knowledge transfer?
- (4) What are the continuing challenges to ensuring research is used?