**THE DESIGN BIBLIOGRAPHY DATABASE**

It all started at a Faculty of Engineering Christmas party several years ago. Professor Jorge Angeles

(James McGill Professor and now NSERC Design Engineering Chair) told

me that he wanted a design bibliography database. I put him in touch with David

McKnight and the Digital Collections Program, and the rest is history.

David, and Elizabeth Thomson developed the data model, technical infrastructure,

and website, with additional support from me, two students in Library and

Information Studies, Julia Smocot and Jessica Ouvrard, and Computer Science

student Xiaopeng Qu.The database provides access to the retrospective literature in design, drawn

from two extensive bibliographies.It is also a dynamic selfarchiving utility s u p p o r t i n g

research in the field of design—researchers will be able, by filling in the submission form, to contribute published and unpublished citations. Check out the site [http://designbibliography.mcgill.ca]. The Advanced search provides the database with added value: there are several search fields: a list of

subjects, from accident prevention to welding, brazing and soldering; and a list of

document types, e.g. monograph,journal article,conference paper, technical report, preprint, website,

etc. As work was progressing,a paper, *DBDB: a database for Design Bibliogra-phy*, about the

database was presented at the CDEN (Canadian Design Engineering Network) Conference in Montreal, in July 2004. The database is not a document repository.Instead, researchers can fill in the submission

form (developed by Xiaopeng and Elizabeth),providing bibliographic information, and hypertext

links if available, for materials dealing with design, urban planning, architecture and other related domains. Elizabeth also developed the management interface,Submission Guidelines, and the Manual

for the Bibliography Editor.The maintenance of the database and editing of the new submissions now falls

to the staff of the Faculty of Engineering NSERC Design Engineering Chair, in particular Dr A. Morozov, the Project Editor.The database was launched at the NSERC Design Engineering Chair,Design for Extreme Environments Meeting held on February 8, 2007, at McGill’s McConnell Engineering

Building. At the launch I gave a demonstration of the database. Technical questions were fielded by Elizabeth. The Database was subsequently featured at the CDEN/CCEE conference in Winnipeg

this summer.