INTRODUCTION

“The world isn’t flat like paper anymore. It’s round and digital. Let’s embrace it.”
– Martin Smith, Accrediting Distance Learning

Welcome to the first Proceedings of the Symposium on Emerging Technology Trends in Higher Education!

This publication is the culmination of a yearlong project to foster a discourse that focuses on the impact of technology on higher education. Beyond its central theme, coordinators of the Symposium project had three primary goals:

• Learn from faculty and students what they saw as current trends, challenges and developments impacting them as teachers, learners, and researchers

• Gauge the interest in an opportunity to present on a local stage and get published in an open access journal

• Conjoin two open source systems, Open Conference System (OCS) and Open Journal System (OJS), to manage the symposium and publish its proceedings

These proceedings are divided into four parts: editorial, papers, invited speakers, and abstracts.

Authors were invited to submit for publication in the proceedings a paper based on their symposium abstract. We are proud to include four of those papers. Embedded video of the keynote presentations follows. In the final section are the abstracts that formed the basis for the symposium sessions.

Finally, the editors would like to offer their deep and profound gratitude to the community of volunteers, students, faculty, librarians, and staff who made the publication of these proceedings possible.

- Anne Morrow and Adriana Parker, Symposium Proceedings Editors