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In 2010, the ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL) and the International conference on Asia-Pacific Digital Libraries (ICADL) were co-located for the first time. The conferences shared a Doctoral Consortium, with the goal of providing a forum for informal discussion of dissertation research projects which were at a point where they would benefit from an open discussion with peers and experienced researchers. The Doctoral Consortium was successful in bringing together doctoral students from around the world, with an International Advisory Panel, who provided feedback and general advice in a constructive atmosphere.

The papers presented at the Doctoral Consortium were selected by a Program Committee based on three reviews. Selections were made on the basis of the quality of the research and the potential to benefit from discussion during the Doctoral Consortium. After the Doctoral Consortium, presenters were invited to revise their papers on the basis of the feedback they received during their presentation, and to submit them for publication in the TCDL Bulletin. Publication in the Bulletin offers the opportunity to make this research from a new generation of doctoral students available to a wider audience.

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