

## PCF5 Panel on Open Access

### Open access publishing for development Panel (75 minutes)

Much of what we know about distance education comes from our own experiences, but that there is a great deal more than can be learned from the experiences of others. The more accessible these experiences are, the more widely dispersed this knowledge becomes, the more progress we can ensure for humanity. In this session a panel of distance education providers, researchers, administrators and others will discuss emerging issues revolving around the Open Access movement and the goal of enabling unrestricted access to learning materials for development. Such open access learning materials include those for courses or for research, including online lessons, multimedia modules, scholarly journal articles and other forms of learning materials. The discussion and debate will focus on how open access publishing have helped to disseminate quality materials promoting development.

The panelists, through short presentations outlining their experiences in promoting open access for development, followed by an open discussion format will enable participants to learn more about academic publishing and open access issues to help them in their decision-making processes and providing them with an overview of current issues in the field.

The 75 minute panel will consist of no more than 35 minutes of presentations by panelists, each followed by a brief question period. Then the presentations will be followed by an open discussion format addressing the topics identified by the speakers and others of interest to the audience. For example “Open access publishing. What is it?” “What does open access mean for development?” “Institutional and Policy Issues”; and “How to approach open access in your institution”. This panel should cross over all conference themes.

This panel will be chaired by Frits Pannekoek, President, Athabasca University.

Panelists:

Narciso Matos, CEO Fdtn for Community Development (FDC) Mozambique

Dr Anurudha Deshmukh, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU)

Wayne Macintosh, COL

Margaret Haughey, former Editor of the Journal of Distance Education (Canada)