

# iPres Statement of Principles

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iPres is an international community of digital preservation researchers and practitioners as well as a series of community organized activities, such as the annual conference, meetings, working groups, social events, online communication channels/social media, and more. Whether in-person, virtual or hybrid, iPres activities and events aim to bring together all parts of the global digital preservation community to exchange ideas, research, and good practice as well as to create spaces that foster mutual support.

As a cross-sectional, multidisciplinary and international community, we recognize and value different contexts, perspectives and approaches, and encourage dialogue and collaboration based on mutual respect.

To achieve this goal, we shall:

- Facilitate open and transparent community discussions about principles, goals, governance and decision-making for all iPres affiliated activities and events
- Engage with and respond to community feedback and recommendations
- Respond to the changing skills and needs of the community by ensuring that the governance structure continues to reflect the diverse digital preservation community it represents
- Seek out and engage with marginalized and underrepresented communities to encourage active participation and interaction
- Be open and collaborative in working with allied digital preservation community groups, organizations and activities
- Ensure that the annual conference remains equally relevant to academic and practitioner communities by implementing processes for participation, publication, feedback and impact mechanisms for the different communities' needs
- Welcome the contributions of all members of the digital preservation and allied communities by designing conference structures and call for proposal (CFP) processes to permit multiple levels of participation through a tiered effort approach of research papers, case studies and other flexible programming
- Ensure the annual conference programming, proceedings and selection strategies are accessible by all members of the community regardless of geography, skill level and experience, institutional affiliation and professional role
- Foster an unbiased environment where technical approaches, practices, standards and processes can be discussed and challenged with a focus on critical thinking and exploration of digital preservation
- Be respectful, welcoming, inclusive and transparent in all our dealings in accordance with the iPres community norms and expectations as captured in the [iPres Code of Conduct](#) and the iPres Charter (*link to be provided once that document is finalized*).