<<Institution Name>> Partners with the Digital Preservation Network to Preserve Digital Assets

The DPN digital preservation service guarantees academic institutions that their scholarly resources will survive into the "far-future".

<<Institution Name>> announces participation in the launch of the Digital Preservation Network (DPN), a federation of research institutions that have the goal of preserving the most valuable and most at risk digital content that comprise the intellectual capital of the university.

DPN is the only large-scale digital preservation service that is built to last beyond the life spans of individuals, technological systems, and organizations. Like fire insurance the DPN service is focused on providing members of the academy and their successors with a guarantee that future access to their scholarly resources will be available in the event of any type of change in administrative or physical institutional environments. By establishing a redundant and varied technical and legal infrastructure at multiple administrative levels the survival, ownership and management of preserved digital content in the future is assured for DPN members.

The Digital Preservation Network (DPN) service is a planned scholarly "dark archive". That means that the content stored in DPN is not actively used or accessed, but can be made available for use at any time from multiple digital storage facilities. It is like group long term insurance for academic scholarship that institutions invest in collectively to do what they could not do individually.

If we lose what we know today, we will have nothing to build on for tomorrow. Digital preservation of scholarly resources in DPN is like having a climate controlled seed bank where the carefully saved seeds of scholarship are stored to be brought to life far into the future. We don't know what the far future of learning will be like, but we can plan now to make the raw materials of knowledge permanently accessible.

By participating with DPN and by depositing content into the system <<Institution Name>> is securing _____ content for the future. The collections initially being deposited into DPN include [describe collections that will be in initial deposits]

For more information about digital preservation activities at <<institution Name>> go to <<web address>>.

For more information about the Digital Preservation Network go to http://dpn.org or contact Mary Molinaro at mary@dpn.org.