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## Guest Lecture: Building the Archives of the Future Dr Kenneth Thibodeau

Date: 10 October 2005

Time: 16:00 (1 hr)

**\*Primary Venue\***: Glasgow: Room 243F (Access Grid Seminar Room), Kelvin Building, University of Glasgow. (See note below to attend this lecture from elsewhere)

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### Abstract:

Dr Kenneth Thibodeau will talk about the National Archives and Records Administration \$308 million project in the US to build a permanent archives system to preserve, manage, and make accessible the electronic records created by the federal government. This is major initiative that will facilitate the successful move to government-wide electronic records management, the ERA system will capture electronic information – regardless of its format – save it permanently, and make it accessible on whatever future hardware or software is currently in use.

### Biographical Sketch: Kenneth Thibodeau

Dr. Kenneth Thibodeau, one of the major players in electronic records preservation, directs the Electronic Records Archives (ERA) of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). An internationally recognized expert in electronic records, Ken Thibodeau taught at the University of Notre Dame and led records management programs for both the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense. At NARA since 1988, he now heads NARA's effort to build "the archives of the future," preserving the electronic records of the United States. His significant contributions have shaped research and practical work in the area of digital preservation. InterPARES is Among the many projects in which he has participated.

\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\*\*\*\*

Attendees in Edinburgh and at RAL need not travel to Glasgow take part in the lecture they can attend at the following Secondary Venues:

Edinburgh: Crammond Room, National eScience Centre, 15 South College Street, at the University of Edinburgh.

CCLRC: eScience, RAL R1, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory.

Please note that as we are using the Access Grid to make this talk available at other locations the participation from these locations will be fully interactive and attendees from these secondary locations will be able to put questions to the speaker in real time just as attendees in Glasgow will.

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