



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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**April 18, 2001**

### **Herbert Van de Sompel Featured Speaker at I. T. Littleton Seminar**

Herbert Van de Sompel, cofounder of the Open Archives Initiative (<http://www.openarchives.org/>), will be guest speaker at the NCSU Libraries' I. T. Littleton Seminar. It will be held in the **Faculty Senate Chambers, D. H. Hill Library, on Wednesday, April 18, 2001, at 2:30 P.M.** A reception will follow the presentation, which is free and open to the entire NCSU community and other interested colleagues.

As visiting assistant professor in Cornell University's Computer Science Department, Van de Sompel works as part of the Digital Library Research Group on use of the Open Archives Initiative and OpenURL, a syntax description that would enable the delivery of context-sensitive services for metadata. The initiative started as a

forum to discuss and solve matters of interoperability between electronic-print archives at different repositories. His presentation will discuss interoperability issues in digital libraries and possible solutions such as the Open Archives Metadata Harvesting protocol.

The protocol addresses bulk collection of metadata from distributed depositories. This work is the first of its kind, facilitating the distribution of disparate data that follow a standardized format among federate collections or repositories. The Digital Library Federation provides financial support for this project.

The D. H. Hill Library is located on the NC State Brickyard, near the intersection of Hillsborough and Gardner streets, across from the



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Wachovia Bank building. It is wheelchair accessible.  
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