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>> SPEAKER:  First of all, this is, by far, the this is the largest forum we have had with over 400 of these lentils.  Mastery of the forum that was supposed for Yale reached 100 attendees.

So it's been great for us to -- new audiences who have not been the at the forum before.

in that vane we also have members of attendees joining us from around the world and record numbers of students, new professionals, first time attendees and folks who work strictly with digital archives.  Welcome everybody.  We're happy to have you with us

#I want to thank the attendees.  Second, the executive council.  Member economy, code of conduct and others contributing to the SE development and success of this event.  None of this would be possible without so much work from folks at Educopia he had copia, Katy -- for all of our various tools.  Before the conference and during the community manager for contributing every step of the way.  And all our organizational and community management skills.

[Applause.]  For all the amazing he had copia staff.


Educopia staff

[Applause.]

finally, I want to thank the bit curator consortium program economy.  All have worked hard and those folks are parts of the committee

 committee.

let's have a virtual round of applause for

[Applause.]

the two of them showed incredible leadership with the program committee and the event once we realized we wouldn't be able to hold the event in person.  I pulled up all of the stops to make it a virtual event.

this event would not be as close to as wonderful as it is. Please join me in thanking Brian and Shira for all of their hard work. I'm just imagining a standing ovation.

[Applause.]

I'll hand it over to Brian for important remarks.

>> BRIAN: Thank you Laura. Um, the feeling is mutual. I don't know what to say. I'm Brian D. and I'm the -- [indiscernible] -- for State University and I am a co-chair of the program committee with -- and the president elect of the executive council. While the forum is a virtual event we are attending from some place and it's more likely you're participating from a homeland of indigenous peoples. Because of this we do the land acknowledgment and invite to you share in the which the the names of the traditional territory you currently occupy. If you are unsure. You can search native land in your address.

We each occupy indigenous plans. We -- homelands through consolidation. We acknowledge the indigenous people and recognize their role in and the displacement of their -- North Carolina peoples. In 2000 over 100,000 persons North Carolina had -- indigenous decent in the East Coast in the United States. The -- the eastern band of Cherokee Indians whose territory is officially known as -- boundary in South Carolina. The nation have a homeland in the county west of Orange County where I live. Continues to receive recollection in this state. [Reading] we acknowledge that this [fast speaking] about the indigenous peoples of North Carolina where I live Virginia, where I grew up in the southest and beaming parent. My goals are to learn about these peoples and exploitation in my area state and region and to act and support indigenous peoples in North Carolina.

The members of the program economy are acknowledging the peoples whose land they currently occupy. We will take a moment to acknowledge the maintainers of those lands.

[Pausing]

Thank you. Now, to Shira to talk about the code of conduct.

>> SPEAKER: Shira: In addition to the code of conduct last year, bitcuator forum -- more important in a virtual space where it can be so easy for things like sarcasm and tone to be misinterpreted and misread. The community agreement we'll use is adapted from thea aorta -- [indiscernible] -- for process.

I'll briefly read through the items that comprise it, but I do encourage everyone to, um, check out thea aorta bitcuator users forum.

Briefly, one person speaks at a to my, everyone has something to contribute, aim for more equable participation, please feel comfortable participating even if unsure about terminology et cetera. I will say that this is especially relevant. In the year year when we have a lot of first tile attendees at the conference and maybe new things we'll be discussing.

Be aware and considerate of time. Embrace curiosity and embrace intent.

We have a code of conduct, which, was it recently revised and updated by the BCC code of conduct committee. The new code of conduct was to make the more process more transparent.

One of the hallmarks of our new code of conduct is the updated reporting process. Our biggest goal here -- I was on the code of conduct committee. Our biggest goal was to destigmatize reporting so that

everyone wolf comfortable getting in touch.  To that there are three ways to report COC:  Fill out the report forum on the screen or via the code of conduct on the BCC's website.  There's a few things to know about the form.  First, it allows to you provide as much detail about the incident as you feel comfortable with, it allows you report anonymously or on behalf of others.  Finally, reporters can elect to exclude any member of the COC on the team if -- the second option is to report via the conduct at Educopia monitored by the team throughout the event.

The Thursday option is to email any member of the COC directly and contact details are listed on the report form.  Um, this team which is the code of conduct committee has worked really hard throughout the revision process to -- process communication and community.  I wanted to acknowledge the amazing members of the code of conductor committee and to thank Laura, gentlemen's, Kelly, Brian and Lauren for all the work they put in with this.

I'll hand it off to Laura to talk about logistics.

>> LAURA:  Thanks, Shira.  Apologize if people got background noise.  I think the earrings I was wearing were hitting my headphones.  I took them off.  Now, I have important information to throw at everybody.  The forum is a single stream event.  We do not have concurrent sessions that you have to choose between.  Yay, you can go to everything if you signed up for all the workshops.  If you look at the program schedule.  The link is here and I believe somebody from the team will put it in the chat.  You can see all the session descriptions, speakers, et cetera.  Important note, the default time zone is Eastern Time.  So if you want change it to your local time there's a a drop-down menu on the right-hand side of the screen you can use.  In general the default setting we have for the conference is that everyone is muted to prevent background noise.  Please keep yourself muted unless you are speaking many for some sessions you may need to request to unmute to ask the question.  Speaking of which the Q&A and chat are unnobled so use them.  We love to see active discussions happening in the chatbox.  During sessions you can add questions to the speakers in the Q&A box and they will be answered when the presentation is over.  Bev monitors both in the Q&A and don't be worried that yours would be lost in the chat.

Finally, do take breaks and stay hydrated.  At this point, however many months into the incredible pandemic we all realize how hard it is to focus on Zoom for several hours at a time.  Feel free to step away if you need to.  All the sessions will be recorded and shared after the fact which Brian will talk about.

>> BRIAN:  Thank you to the generousty and thank you to you who are providing captioning.  You will see that it is available.  And you may be watching along as Shanti does the captioning.  ACS the provider and we're happy to work with them and making this a more successful meeting.

Most of our sessions will be captioned excluding sponsored hours and birds of a feather session.  ACS was not able to staff Thursday open remarks and session four and the workshop Friday we're looking into using other AI for auto-generated captions for those sessions.  Basion we'll be able to use just the captions as transcriptions of the proceedings, we won't be doing community notes this here year.  All presentations will be made available after the meetings, the birds of the feather and workshops will not be recorded.

We also want to acknowledge that not everyone was able to sign up for workshops and apologize for the confusion of this during registration. We will do better next year. We will make next year's workshops materials available after the forum.

The reminder, we do have two birds of a feather sessions, intend to be safe breakout spaces. Wednesday 1:30 p.m. eastern. We have self identified biPOC. And we have one for self identified graduate students and new professionals. If you are eligible to attendees and not registered, yet, please email Caitlin [indicating]

This year, we're collaborating with the membership committee nitrogens Joe C. for helping us organize this, this year. Open community Q&A and discussion. You can submit your questions you want to ask and get community feedback. It's a chance to participate in that community feedback. We'll do progressive stacking this year self-identifying people from minority groups and you can cosmic your questions at tiny url.com/ask BCC.

[Indicating]

The BCC wants to -- [background noises] to members and nonmembers. We are requesting feedback to help us determine how to proceed. Please help us with this assessment by responding questionnaire [indicating.]

It should take only about three minutes to complete this. Now, I'm going to pass this off to gentlemen's for a discussion about the bitcuator consortium committee.

>> SPEAKER: I am here to tell you a little bit about what we've been up to over the past year and how you can get involved. So the bitcuator consortium is an independent led community membership association. If this is the first time I wanted to give a primer for people waiting to be in the community first time. "Our growing community...[reading]...bitcuator."

The BCC is an independent community hosted Educopia staffing me at 20 hours a week hosted by me and on boarding for new members and invoicing, HR functions things like that and communication support as well. You see our Tweets and beautiful graphics. Um, basically the BCC has a lean backbone system and almost everything that happens out of the BCC is a result of the community deciding to do and organizing the volunteers to make it happen. Financial decisions, public communications, strategic connections, planning of events like this, Lauren made clear while we have a layer of support in place, absolutely none of it would happen without the leadership and the time of community members. That's what we mean by community led.

Um, I have -- we have report we put together of what we've done in the past year of the I wish I could spend time bagging about all the amazing things. We have thrown it into an 11-page document you can look at at your leisure. Hopefully you'll learner a little bit about our activities if you are not familiar with them yet. I wanted to dig in a little bit on that other part of our mission statement. Which is "Through the application of free and open-source tools like bitcuator."

This is what a lot of folks are interested when Doming the BCC. We support practitioners doing this work through free and open sourced tools. I wanted to point out that this doesn't mean that we only use -- we use proprietary software and those tools come with baked in whether through vendor or expertise. And sustaining open-source software -- and a community of people who care enough to keep

it going on their free time.  Sustaining that software is an important part of making that it is accessible to people organizations at all different resources levels and not just the largest best monitored institution.  We're happy to have this as parts of the BCC too.

And so over the, um, past few years, we have learned in the first six years of the BCC's work to sustain the bitcuator software and grow the community of developers is yes, developing the tool and building capacity for people to use the tool is important.  Most valuable to us in our organizations is the connections we make with other practitioners and the every day peer learning that we receive and reciprocate when we're in spaces like this together.

In addition to this professional development, um, it's the relationships that we build with each other too.  So I have to be cheesy for a minute and say that the BCC is really about the friends you make along the way building your professional career and meeting professional challenges.  For my work and local community organizing at home to make experience observing and Educopia, I know it takes.

Making work fun.  The BCC community has grown in the past couple of years.  In the times of uncertainty and the job market requires to us be stable and moving at all times not to mention the isolation some of us experience with relationship to our institutions as perhaps loan arranger archivists and the museum.  You can carry the BCC throughout your career and the relationships that you make throughout your career.

I wanted to share a little bit about how you can get involved whether you're a member or not.  There's opportunities to get involved community.  Anyone can join the bitcuator consortium's user group.  Questions about that creator.  If you're a member you can participate on the Listserv and get access to people who have more direction helping you out.  Attend virtual monthly meetings to learn about consortium activities and discuss institution specific work in a safe space to talk about it without it being a big public conference or something like that and get great feedback.  Um, to build skills, anyone can explore our workflow documentation repositories.  We did a huge website redesign this year.  I hope you look at it today.  There's a resource section that has videos, demonstrations, work flows, all sorts of things that you are open to anyone.  Anyone can present at this forum and meet other practitioners in the space.

Um, and if -- sorry.  I did not switch the wry right slide there.  If you're a member, you can enjoy early or discounted registration to the users forum and other BCC events.  We cannot discount than we already did this year at zero dollars, but folks to get early and he just you know those workshops filled up quickly so this is a great benefit to being a member.  You can attend members only training events and webinars although, we make a lot of those open to the public as well.  We have a new benefit for workflow assessments to identify current pain points, short-term and medium term goals for new and existing members.

You can help shape the community.  Anyone can join committee and define new initiatives to forest bitcuator environment and coordination community.  If you would like to -- let us know and we'll get you plugged in.  You can present on using bitcuator wherever you want.  We don't own the bitcuator trademark.  There's no such thing.

You are allowed to use it and evangelize it such as you want things you might not want public, but want feedback on bring your project idea to the BCC and work on it here.  You can start lead a group or

committee.  Workshops and tools havey involved drastically since they started to meet.  We have more tools, people and opportunities to do work more successfully than before.

We're excited to go into 2021.

You can help out in any way.  Talk to us about getting involved and we'll find a place for to you help.  Um, and if you are ready to take the next step and have your organization join the BCC, sign up at this link [indicating] over the next few months we'll reach out to folks who talk about becoming a member.  Membership is $2,000 a year.  Any organization is eligible and the membership runs from July-june.  I think having a membership agreement signed around march is good time because you get add to do the BCC resources and spaces and on board and ready in July making the out of your membership in the first year.  I can't say it enough it's through the commitment of the members that the BCC exists.  We rely on the members to keep doing when we're doing.  Get your institution to join if you benefit from our resources or work.  That's all I've got for you.  I'm now going to thanked over to Shira who will tell you a little bit more about how we were able to offer this year's forum at zero dollars.

>> SHIRA:  Thanks, Jessica.  On behalf of the program committee I wanted to recognize and thank sponsors.  We have two sponsors this year.  Small data industries will be hosting office hours October 13th-16th, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Myriad consulting Wednesday October 14th 12:45-1:30 p.m. eastern.  These office hours are a great opportunity to learner about the services sponsors offer and ask them anything that's on your mind.

We're truly grateful to both responses whose dollars hosted this conference providing Closed Captioning for accessibility and covering the costs for audio and visual support not to mention birds of the feather sessions we mentioned earlier.  We couldn't put on the same quality of event without their help and so thankful to have them on board.  With that we can get started with the first opinion which is scalability and automation.  I encourage everyone to stick arranged for that.  I'm go ahead and thanked  to have the first moderator.  Brian, take it away.

[Realtime event is concluded by:

Shanti Lira, Realtime Stenographer.]