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## Welcome to ISPR 2011

On behalf of the International Society for Presence Research, welcome to ISPR 2011 in Edinburgh!

Beginning this year, our conference name has changed to reflect the organization that has sponsored most of the previous 12 international 'Workshops on Presence.' The conferences began in 1998 as a small, informal forum for presentation and discussion of theories and research regarding a wide variety of (tele)presence phenomena. Over the years each conference has featured different but overlapping sets of people and evolving ideas in interesting international settings. They've all been engaging, productive and pleasantly informal - a single-track of sessions focussed on intriguing topics, with lots of opportunities to interact with a friendly group of colleagues from many fields and places.

Following the 2001 conference, the handful of scholars who had organized the previous conferences founded the International Society for Presence Research (ISPR) to coordinate the Workshops, sponsor other conference panels and events, and provide a variety of resources to those who conduct research, develop theory, create, write about, or simply are interested in, the concept of (tele)presence. The ISPR web site (<http://ispr.info>) provides many of these resources, including ISPR Presence News (available in various free formats), proceedings from all 12 conferences, a comprehensive bibliography, a compendium of measurement tools, a directory of researchers, and more.

In 2008 ISPR incorporated as a nonprofit organization and began offering memberships to help us work together to best serve the presence community. Members can provide input on important decisions as we plan future conferences, enhance our online resources, and launch our own online, peer-reviewed journal. While traditionally an organization primarily of academics, ISPR welcomes and looks forward to developing closer ties with the growing professional community of telepresence; we see great potential in sharing ideas and expertise to benefit both groups and their work. If you haven't yet, we encourage you to join and participate in the ISPR presence community.

Thank you for coming and contributing to ISPR 2011. We look forward to an engaging set of presentations and discussions, plus a lot of fun. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the conference or ISPR – if there's anything we can do to make your experience here more productive and enjoyable – please let us know!

And please join us next October 24-26 for ISPR 2012 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA (details to follow in ISPR Presence News and on the ISPR web site).

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PRESENCE 1999 - University of Essex, Colchester, England

PRESENCE 2000 - Eindhoven University of Technology, Delft, The Netherlands

PRESENCE 2001 - Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

PRESENCE 2002 - Universidade Fernando Pessoa, Porto, Portugal

PRESENCE 2003 - Aalborg University, Aalborg, Denmark

PRESENCE 2004 - Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain

PRESENCE 2005 - University College London, UK

PRESENCE 2006 - Cleveland State University, Cleveland, USA

PRESENCE 2007 - Foment d' Arts, Barcelona, Spain

PRESENCE 2008 - University of Padova, Italy

PRESENCE 2009 - Los Angeles, California, USA



## Welcome to Edinburgh Napier University

Welcome to Edinburgh Napier University which is very pleased to be hosting ISPR's annual conference. As with all conferences the real hard work has been behind the scenes. Our biggest thanks must go to Susan who has taken care of all of the physical arrangements and has worried enough for the entire local team.

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