Title of Session **SESSION 25**	**Sustainability and Business Models: Options for project outputs (focusing on portals, article infrastructure and the Information Environment Service Registry)**
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Key words	Sustainability, Business Models, Technical Models, Portals, Article Delivery, Join-up, Service Registry, Information Environment
Aims and objectives	A range of Information Environment development projects has been successful in developing software outputs that can potentially be used within a service environment. Two studies have recently been commissioned to examine the possible sustainability and business models that these projects might adopt to facilitate their use within the community. This session will allow these studies to report their preliminary findings and gather feedback and input from delegates. Those attending the session are invited to come ready to contribute their ideas and suggestions. Reports of experience with different models are very welcome. The Business and Technical Sustainability for Portals study is examining the outputs from the JISC Portals Programme (see http://www.jisc.ac.uk/programme_portals.html). The work will make recommendations on the viability of the portal solutions developed and how they might move into service. Technical, organisational and financial aspects are also being considered to underpin business models for the long-term development of portals generally. It is intended that outcomes from the project will influence how JISC will take forward its portal services and development work. The Common Services and Digital Infrastructure Sustainability study is focusing on the Information Environment Service Registry (IESR - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/project_iesr.html) and the Join-up projects (http://edina.ac.uk/projects/joinup/) as examples of potential services that support this vision of a digital environment. The IESR is a project in the JISC Shared Services Programme. Its objectives are to investigate the feasibility and to provide a machine readable directory of electronic resources within the Information Environment. The aim of this is to enable portals and virtual learning environments (and others) to automatically obtain information about available electronic resources. It does this by providing machine readable collection and service descriptions. The Join–up projects are concerned with article infrastructure and each project supports different aspects of content discovery and delivery services relating to journal articles and similar information objects.
Audience	All those interested in sustainability models in general and the future of those specific projects being examined.
Style of session	Presentation and interactive