**Planets** – *Preservation and Long-term Access through Networked Services* – is a four-year project co-funded by the European Union to address core digital preservation challenges. It has built practical services and tools to help ensure long-term access to our digital cultural and scientific assets. Now in its final year, the project is holding a number of workshops to share and disseminate the tools it has developed.

**Digital Preservation - the Planets Way** is a three day workshop which introduces the key tools of the Planets project. Day one offers an overview and digest; days two and three are intended as a more intensive hands-on training session for operational staff. Delegates attending the course will receive introductions to preservation planning, preservation actions and useful software tools; practical case studies as examples of successful long-term preservation at prestigious European institutions; hands-on experience applying the Planets tools and services to authentic corpora; and a possibility to exchange ideas and best practices for digital preservation with experts from various countries and institutions across Europe.

DPC Members can send delegates to day one of the workshop at **no cost** (normally €95) and can attend days two and three for a **discounted rate** of €145 (normally €199). Places are limited.

**How to Register for Day One:**
Members are invited to nominate delegates by email not later than 12:00 noon GMT on 14th January 2010 by email to william@dpconline.org. If you wish to send more than one delegate please clearly indicate the primary delegate (whose place is guaranteed). Registrations should include:

- Title, first name, last name, job title and institution
- Address, email and telephone (and mobile telephone if applicable)
- Any special requirements (eg access or dietary requirements)
- Attendance day one only
- Whether or not the delegate will bring a laptop computer
- Whether or not the delegate would like to join us for dinner on 9th Feb (venue and cost to be confirmed, charged to delegate; estimated £40 - £50 per head)

**How to Register for Days Two and Three:**
Registration for days two and three is online at: [http://www.tcp-events.co.uk/planets2010/] checking the option for DPC members. Note that attendance at day one is compulsory for those attending day two and three.

**Eligibility:**
Places are available to DPC members and associates. Prospective members of the DPC may also apply under conditions described. One place is guaranteed per member: other prospective delegates will be added to a reserve list and allocated on 15th January. Places are not available to non-members.

Registrations are welcome from staff of the following institutions which are members of the DPC: the BBC, the British Library, Cambridge University Library, the Centre for E-Research (King’s College London), the Digital Curation Centre, English Heritage, MLA, the National
Archives, the National Archives of Scotland, the National Library of Scotland, the National Library of Wales, the Natural History Museum, OCLC, the Open University, Oxford Archaeology, Oxford University Library, the Parliamentary Archives, Portico, the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, the Publishers Licensing Society, RIN, the Tate, Trinity College Dublin, UK Data Archive (University of Essex), University of London Computing Centre, The Wellcome Library. This list is accurate on 1st December 2009.

Registrations are welcome from current members of the Society of Archivists which is a DPC member. Prospective delegates from the Society of Archivists should contact Sarah Higgins or John Chambers before submission. Registrations are welcomed from the staff of RLUK and RCUK institutions and JISC projects or staff. Such delegates should clearly state the nature of their relationship to the DPC (ie through either RLUK or RCUK or JISC) and prospective delegates are recommended to contact Neil Grindley (JISC), Mike Mertens (RLUK) or Paul Gemill (RCUK) prior to submission.

Places are available to prospective members of the DPC. Organisations seeking to join the DPC should file their membership applications by Friday 8th January 2010 to qualify.

Further information
For more information about the Planets Project, see http://www.planets-project.eu/

For more information about the Digital Preservation the Planets Way, including a programme see: http://www.planets-project.eu/events/london-2010/

For questions relating to this grant programme email william@dpconline.org

For more information about joining the Digital Preservation Coalition, see: http://www.dpconline.org/graphics/join/