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19th Annual LIASA Conference, 2018

Call for Papers

Date: 09 - 12 October 2018

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre

Theme: Library & Information Services (LIS): agents of community development and social transformation

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The role of the LIS is evolving constantly and consequently, through the expansion of services to align with users' needs, has shifted from a passive supplier of books to a key partner in community and social development. The LIS Transformation Charter which had been guided by the values of the Constitution and shaped by the imperatives described in Sustainable Development agendas both locally, continentally and internationally, presents a vision of a transformed LIS which act as agents of community development and of social transformation. It proposes the model that cuts across the LIS sub-sectors, and has these collaborate seamlessly to ensure a borderless LIS ecosystem which offers equity of service provision for all citizens.

To achieve this intention, the following attributes are required:

1. Library and Information Services (LIS) which are within reach of all South Africans and which provide spaces for engagement, learning, leisure and development.
2. LIS which are forces for social cohesion and justice.
3. LIS collections, ICT, spaces and programmes that provide physical and intellectual access to the information society and which provide support for information literacy as a means of redress and of development so that more citizens can participate in our society.
4. Furthermore, LIS that cater for the marginalised persons in our society amongst others, those living in under-resourced areas e.g. rural areas, the aged, the unemployed, those incarcerated, people with learning disabilities and the poor. There is a focus also on children and youth services a group which forms a large part of the South African population, and who are confronted with significant social, economic, health and educational challenges.
5. LIS takes its place in the learning society to contribute to the development of life-long learning and in addition, support national development as driven by academic research.

6. LIS staff are committed competent professionals and are respected as such by their parent institutions, government bodies and user communities. They are appropriately qualified and remunerated. They are engaged in continuous professional education and development. Each staff member adheres to the profession's code of ethics.
7. In keeping with South African democratic values, LIS are places for free thought and debate. The free access to information is a fundamental value of the South African Constitution.

Sub-themes:

- Libraries: Agents of change
- Libraries: Policies for social change, Transformation & Sustainable Development agenda
- Libraries: Community Development
- Libraries: Social transformation
- Libraries: Transformation of the scholarly and academic curricula
- Libraries: Technology for social transformation
- Libraries: The reading culture in South Africa
- Libraries: Early childhood development and youth services
- Libraries: Inclusion and Accessibility
- Libraries: Supporting Indigenous languages
- Libraries: Dual purpose (school / public libraries)
- Libraries: Partners in the National Development Plan

The deadline for receipt of abstracts for **paper** presentations is **11 July 2018**. Authors of successful submissions will be notified by **13 August 2018**.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

1. This call for papers is for parallel sessions of the Conference.
2. Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts for short papers based on practical experience, case studies and best practice.
3. Priority will be given to papers on the main theme, although papers on related topics might also be considered.
4. Papers must be presented in English.
5. Parallel talks will be limited to a total of **10 minutes per presentation** and 5 minutes for questions and answers and interaction with the audience.
6. When submitting an abstract, the system will require the following information to be completed by the author/s of the paper:
 - Sub-theme
 - Name(s) of author(s)
 - Institutional affiliation (s)
 - Full contact details of author(s) incl. email addresses
 - Full title of the paper
 - An abstract of the paper of 300 words
7. The abstracts of the accepted papers will be published in the conference programme and on the LIASA website, and the brief bio might be published in the conference programme.
8. No correspondence will be entered into about acceptance or non-acceptance of papers.
9. The final version of the presentation (PowerPoint) must be submitted in electronic format on the day prior to the presentation. The presentation will be uploaded to the LIASA website.
11. By submitting your abstract you agree to it being published on the LIASA website.
12. **Please note that all presenters must be registered for the Conference and they are responsible for their own expenses to attend the Conference.**