



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual LIASA Conference, 2018

### Call for Posters

**Date:** 09 - 12 October 2018

**Venue:** Cape Town International

**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

**1. How do I submit my poster proposal?**

[Create a profile](#) and [login](#) to [submit your abstract](#), describing how you intend to illustrate the topic in poster format, its impact and how you will present it, to the abstract submission page.

When submitting an abstract, the system will require the following information to be completed by the author/s of the poster:

- Sub-theme
- Name(s) of author(s)
- Institutional affiliation (s)
- Full contact details of author(s) incl. email addresses
- Full title of the poster
- An abstract of the poster of 300 words.

Posters could be designed to also include photographs, graphics and text. Posters will be attached to the panels in the conference venue allocated to poster authors.

The deadline for receipt of abstracts for paper presentations is **11 July 2018**. Authors of successful submissions will be notified by **13 August 2018**. For general queries contact: [conference@lisa.org.za](mailto:conference@lisa.org.za)

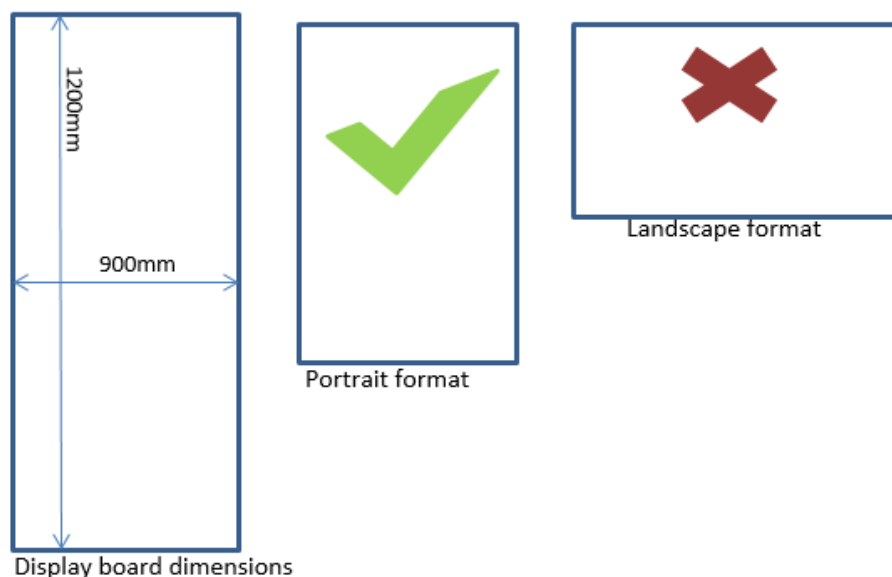
**2. Timeline**

<b>Deadline for proposals:</b>	<b>11 July 2018</b>
Acceptance notifications:	13 August 2018
Full sized poster:	08 - 12 October 2018

### 3. Poster specifications

Each poster will be allocated an exhibition board on which the poster must be mounted. The dimensions of the exhibition boards are 900mm x 1200mm. Posters should **not exceed these dimensions and can be smaller** (e.g. A0 or A1 or A2 size).

**Please ensure your poster is in portrait format** and not in landscape format. Posters in landscape format will not be allowed to be displayed.



### 4. Poster presentation schedule

Set up and breakdown schedule

Set-up: Monday 08 October 2018 from 15:00 to 17:00, and  
Tuesday 09 October 2018 from 07:00 to 08:30

Breakdown: Thursday 11 October 2018 from 15:00

### 5. Conference attendance

The poster author or at least one of the authors must be registered to attend the LIASA Annual Conference.

**Conference registration fees, travel and accommodation as well as design and printing of the poster is for your own expenses.**

For more information send an email to [conference@liasa.org.za](mailto:conference@liasa.org.za).