

CALL FOR PAPERS



IASLIC
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Theme
Public Libraries in India in 21st Century

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The 31st All India Conference of IASLIC is scheduled to be held at the Department of Library and Information Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi – 221005, Uttar Pradesh, India during November 7-9, 2017. Papers are invited on the following areas of the main theme of the conference and the themes of SIG Meetings for deliberation during the conference.

Main Theme: **Public Libraries in India in 21st Century**

1: Public Library Philosophy

- a) Public library as a social institution
- b) Public library as open and democratic knowledge centre
- c) Public library as a source of lifelong learning and cultural development
- d) National public library policy
- e) UNESCO Public Library Manifesto and its relevance in digital era

2: Public Library Development in India

- a) Public library situation in different states: progress and regress
- b) Barriers and factors affecting public library development
- c) Public library legislation in different states: progress and pitfalls
- d) Public library development in India and other countries: comparative study
- e) Digital era vis-a-vis public library legislation in India

3: Roles of Public Library

- a) Public library as a community information centre
- b) Role of public library in rural development
- c) Role of public library in promoting inclusive society and knowledge society
- d) Role of public library in gender sensitization and creating awareness about social issues
- e) Changing roles of public library and librarian in digital era

4: Public Library Resources

- a) Public library finance and financing
- b) Changing format and changing mode of access of intellectual resources
- c) Public library building, furniture and equipment
- d) Manpower for public libraries: required competencies and competency development in digital era
- e) Capacity building of public libraries

5: Functions and Services of Public Library

- a) Planning and management of public library and public library system in digital era

- b) Collection development policy for intellectual resources
- c) Organization of intellectual resources – traditional and digital
- d) Preservation and conservation of intellectual resources
- e) Marketing of innovative public library services

6: Public Library Standards and Guidelines

- a) Review of existing public library standards and identification of new areas requiring standards
- b) Comparison of Indian public library standards with standards published abroad
- c) Best practices in public libraries
- d) IFLA/UNESCO guidelines for public library services
- e) Evaluation of public library services

7: Public Library Users

- a) Public library users and their characteristics
- b) Public library use survey
- c) Public library users' need survey
- d) Public library users' information seeking behaviour survey
- e) Empowerment of public library users

8: Future Strategies

- a) Automation of public libraries
- b) Reengineering/rebooting of public libraries
- c) Public library consortia and networking
- d) Smart public libraries
- e) Inclusive and green public libraries

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETINGS

Convener: **Dr Saptarshi Ghosh**

SIG 01: Social Science Information

Theme: Information Literacy Competency Development

A. Information Literacy (IL) Competency

Concept, need, scope; core competencies and desirable competencies

B. Information Literacy Competency Development: Objectives and components; methodology; resources; role of libraries and professional associations

C. Information Literacy Competency Standards and Guidelines

Information literacy competency standards for different sectors; IFLA guidelines on information literacy

D. Assessment of Information Literacy

Impact of IL competency development on library users: case studies

SIG 02: Computer Applications in LIS

Theme: Digital India Initiative and Libraries

I. Digital India Initiatives/Programme

Vision, objectives, programme pillars, approach, and methodology; Schemes and projects, Facilities and services; Digital India initiatives in states

II. Digital infrastructure development

Promotion digital equality; National Digital Library: creation and progress; National virtual library: creation and progress

III. Digital empowerment of citizens

Creation of digitally empowered society; role of libraries; National e-governance plan: e-governance initiative of centre, states, local bodies

IV. Progress and evaluation of Digital India Initiative

Important Dates	
Date of Conference	November 7-9, 2017
Last Date of Submission of Full Paper	July 15, 2017
Acceptance	September 30, 2017

Conference President: **Prof. A R D Prasad**, *Documentation Research and Training Centre, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, Karnataka*

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General Instructions

1. Contributed papers will have to be of qualitative value for publication.
2. A generalised presentation should be avoided.
3. Full paper within 2500 words (not more than 10 pages of A4 size paper), along with an informative abstract (between 300 and 400 words), typed in double space on single side, in Times New Roman 12pt size font, with margin of 1.5" on

all sides should be submitted in triplicate by **July 15, 2017**, along with Author's/ Authors' declaration in prescribed format.

4. In addition, a softcopy of the full paper composed in MS Word must be submitted as an attachment through e-mail to iaslic.sem@gmail.com.
5. For citations, references etc., contributors are requested to strictly follow the IASLIC style mentioned in the 'Publication Policy and Guidelines for Authors' (available at [http:// www.iaslic1955.org.in/ fckeditor/userfiles/ file/Publication_policy_Guidelines_Auth_final2016.pdf](http://www.iaslic1955.org.in/fckeditor/userfiles/file/Publication_policy_Guidelines_Auth_final2016.pdf)
6. Author should indicate the facet and topic of the paper distinctly in the 'Author's Declaration Format'.
7. The paper should be accompanied with an amount of ₹1000.00 (Rupees one thousand only) as paper submission fee which will be adjusted only with the Registration Fee by the Organising Secretary subject to the production of the respective original receipt of IASLIC. Payment may be made by DD in favour of **IASLIC** payable at **Kolkata** and sent to Sri Sajalkanti Goswami, Hony General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata - 700054. If the paper is not accepted, the amount will be refunded.
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9. Accepted papers which are presented in the Conference, will only be published in the Post- Conference volume.
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11. All accepted papers will be invited for presentation either in the main thematic sessions of the Conference or in the SIG Meetings. Presenter will be allowed maximum fifteen minutes for presentation including interaction.
12. **There will be provision for Poster presentation.** All papers accepted for poster presentation will be allocated time for display of full papers. Abstracts of all papers accepted for poster presentation will be included in the pre-conference volume. There will be a provision for the Best Poster Presentation Award. Poster papers will not be published in the Post-Conference volume except the award winning poster paper.
13. All registered participants will receive Post-conference volume free of cost from IASLIC office. Additional Rs.150/- will be charged for postage and handling from those who wish to receive the volume through post. Reprints of individual article will be provided to the respective authors on demand.
14. **The decision of the Editorial Committee will be final and no communication regarding the acceptance of papers for presentation in the Conference or otherwise will be entertained.**
15. Correspondence regarding papers should be addressed to Sri Sajalkanti Goswami, Hony. General Secretary. IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi. Kolkata- 700054 or iaslic.sem@gmail.com or 9433426495 and for Conference update please visit: www.iaslic1955.org.in

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