



News/Announcements

Call for Proposals: 4th Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference (QQML2012)

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It is our great pleasure to announce the 4th Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference (QQML2012), 22–25 May 2012, in Limerick, Ireland. We invite you to submit a paper, abstract, poster, or workshop proposal for the conference. The proposal abstract submission deadline is October 30, 2011.

Since 2009 QQML has provided an excellent framework for the presentation of new trends and developments in every aspect of Library and Information Science, Technology, Applications and Research.

The conference will consider, but not be limited to, the following indicative themes:

Advocacy, networking, and influencing Balanced scorecard tools in libraries
Bibliometrics
Conceptual and organizational perspectives of knowledge communication
Copyright and licensing
Data mining
Development and assessment of digital repositories
Development of new metrics
Digital archives

Digitization
Distance learning and the role of the library
E-books
E-learning and the contribution of the libraries, archives and museums
E-research
E-science
Electronic publishing
Human resources management
Information and knowledge services
Information literacy
Information retrieval
Innovative management
Institutional repositories
Intercultural management
Knowledge based systems and their applications
Knowledge management concept and technology
Libraries and shared services
Library cooperation: Problems and challenges at the beginning of the 21st century
Library management and marketing
Library statistics
Measuring information literacy effectiveness
Metadata creation
New means of selecting, collecting, organizing, and distributing digital content
Open access and open source
Operational information systems

Performance measurement and competitiveness
Publishing models, processes and systems
Qualitative and quantitative methodologies
Resource development policy
Scholarly information and new communication technologies
Semantics
Software
Strategic management
Team building and management
Technology transfer and innovation in library management
Theoretical models of information media
User education

You may also send proposals for Special Sessions (4-6 papers) or Workshops (more than 2 sessions), including the title and a brief description, to secretariat@isast.org, or via the electronic submission form at <http://www.isast.org/abstractpaperregister.html>.

Contributions may be realized through one of the following ways:

- structured abstracts (not exceeding 500 words) and presentation;
- full papers (not exceeding 7,000 words);
- posters (not exceeding 2,500 words);
- visual presentations (Pecha Kucha format). These presentations consist of exactly 20 slides, each of which is displayed for 20 seconds. Total presentation time is precisely 6 minutes 40 seconds and so it is important to use the transition feature in PowerPoint to time your presentation exactly.

In all of the above cases at least one of the authors must be registered for the conference.

Abstracts and full papers should be submitted electronically within the timetable provided on the web page at <http://www.isast.org/importantdates.html>, and must be in compliance with the author guidelines found at <http://www.isast.org/abstractpaperregister.html>.

All abstracts will be published in the Conference Book of Abstracts and on the Conference website. Papers will be published on the Conference website with permission of the author(s).

Student Competition

The Conference offers postgraduate students and PhD Candidates a competition opportunity. Students who submit to the conference may take part by submitting one paper to the competition. Students who enter the competition must participate in the conference.

The competition papers will be judged by a committee, and final selection will be based on the significance of the research theme, the research methodology, the description of the results, and the organization of the presentation.

Professors and supervisors are also encouraged to organize conference sessions of postgraduate theses and dissertations.

Please direct any questions regarding the QQML 2012 Conference and Student Research Competition to the Secretariat of the conference at secretariat@isast.org.

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