



IFLA Section Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning

[IFLA CPDWL Satellite Meeting 2019](#)

Date: 20-21 August 2019

Location: National and University Library in Zagreb, Croatia

Theme: Librarians and information professionals as (pro)motors of change: immersing, including and initiating digital transformation for smart societies

This Satellite Meeting, a collaboration between IFLA Standing Committee CPDWL (Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning) and the Croatian Library Association (Hrvatsko Knjižničarsko Društvo), presents a forum to discuss and share ideas about the impact of the digital world on our current and future skill sets.

Digital technologies are transforming every aspect of modern life: they have a big influence on how people live, work, communicate and learn. Smart cities, smart societies, based on the deep use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and digital data, thoughtfully deployed by government, public, cultural and heritage institutions, can enhance the well-being of citizens.

Librarians and information professionals have the responsibility to be (pro)motors of digital change in their communities and to initiate digital transformation for smart societies. By adopting a concerned and critical approach to this changing world, library and information professionals can demonstrate their commitment to the goal of ensuring “equal and free access to information and knowledge” (IFLA Global Vision 2018 highlights). They focus on fostering citizens’ informed access to, use and evaluation of information demands an effective, focused path for continuous professional development.

Under this umbrella of this topic, the conference includes, but is not limited to, the following subthemes:

- The importance of building information professionals’ competencies in the domains of digital inclusion, critical thinking, argumentative reasoning, data literacy, open education resources;
- Evidence of information professionals as (pro)motors of digital transformation in society, through embedded librarianship, co-creation, e-participation, e-democracy, social networks and digital collaboration;
- The value of exploring new ways of working and learning through work in libraries and heritage institutions: makerspaces, the Internet of Things (IoT), smart services, robotics, assistive technologies, chatbots, smart learning and BYOD strategies;
- The development of new sets of competencies in the fields of big data ethics, privacy in the age of big data, data-protection officers, research data and open data repositories;
- The imperative for collaborative learning to ensure heritage institutions are technology-enabled through data-empowered services, data analytics and data visualisation;
- Coaching and peer mentoring of information professionals in the areas relating to the sustainability of libraries and heritage institutions, raising awareness and empowering of communities.

Proposals are invited to develop a rich and interesting conference programme. Submissions for presentation may include:

- Regular papers (2000 to 4000 words)
- Short papers (discussing current work in progress: 1000 to 2000 words)
- Posters
- Workshops
- Demos

All papers that are presented at the IFLA CPDWL Satellite Meeting in Zagreb will be made available in the [IFLA Library](#) under the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 license](#).

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions must be original, previously unpublished work, and **abstracts must be in ENGLISH** but the full paper when accepted may be in any of [IFLA's official languages](#). Abstracts must include:

- Title of proposed presentation
- Abstract of the proposed paper (no more than 500 words)
- Name(s) of presenter(s) plus position/s and/or title(s)
- Language of presentation
- Employer/affiliated institution
- Contact information including eMail address, telephone number(s)
- Short biographical statement of presenter(s) (no more than 100 words)

Please submit abstracts by **25 February 2019** as an attachment in MS Word to cpdwl.ifla@gmail.com. Receipt of all submissions will be confirmed.

All submissions will be reviewed by the CPDWL/CLA programme team and submitters will be notified by **18 March 2019**. Camera-ready papers must be submitted no later than **1 July 2019**.

PLEASE NOTE

At least one of the paper's authors must be **present** to deliver a summary of the paper during the programme in Zagreb. Abstracts should only be submitted with the understanding that the expenses of attending the conference will be the responsibility of the author(s)/presenter(s) of accepted papers. Authors of accepted papers must complete the IFLA [Authors' Permission Form](#).

The satellite meeting is free to attend for all. All other expenses, travel, accommodation etc., are the responsibility of the authors/presenters. The conference organisers will be offering the opportunity for students to apply for bursaries to support their attendance at the conference; further details to follow.

For more information about the conference, please see the [CPDWL Satellite Meeting 2019 website](#).