INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE OF THE LIBRARY **2025**
EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

Community Empowerment through Libraries in the Digital Era

Introduction

The Library Network of Eastern University, Sri Lanka (EUSL) invites to submit abstracts and attend the International Research Conference of Library, EUSL, which acts as a platform for sharing research findings, knowledge and experience of library and information professionals from different sectors in the national and international arena.

The authors irrespective of their discipline can contribute abstracts of original research paper, concept papers and review papers to this conference both in English and Tamil language. Authors can also share their experiences and best practices relevant to the conference tracks. The Library Network of EUSL is also planning to publish the first volume of "**Eastern Journal of Library and Information Science (EJLIS).**" If authors submit full papers on original research work, concept papers and review papers, it will be considered for the publication in the journal after the recommendation of blind review, while the abstract will be considered for conference. Papers could be submitted including but not limited to following sub-themes.

Thematic Areas and Tracks

Theme:

"Community Empowerment through Libraries in the Digital Era"

Sub themes:

- Libraries for community engagement
- Libraries as cultural and social hubs
- Outreach library services to communities
- AI and Digital transformation in libraries
- Education and Lifelong learning
- Libraries as a tourism destination
- Emerging trends in LIS education and research
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion in LIS
- Disaster Management in Libraries

Important Dates:

Deadline for abstract submission	10th March 2025
Notification of Acceptance	25th March 2025
Final Submission	04th April 2025
Registration Open	05th April 2025
Conference day	29th April 2025

Submission of Manuscript

The researchers are encouraged to send their manuscripts to Conference Co-Chair by email to ircl2025@esn.ac.lk with the stipulated format and standards indicated in the guidelines for authors. Abstracts are accepted in English and Tamil medium.

Selection of abstract and publication

The abstracts which meet the requirements indicated in the guidelines for authors will be subjected to the double-blind peer-review process. The authors whose abstracts are selected by a panel of reviewers will be invited for oral presentations and their abstract will be published on the book of abstract. The authors who wish to submit full papers can follow the author guideline of Eastern Journal of Library and Information Science (EJLIS). However, only abstract will be published in the conference proceeding.

No abstracts will be published unless the full registration fee is paid by the deadline. No abstracts will be published unless the author/s appeared in person or online for the oral presentation on the day of the conference.

The Guidelines for Authors

The authors expected to adhere to the following guidelines when preparing the abstracts.
1. Abstracts could be submitted in English/ Tamil word-processed using MS Word
2. Abstracts must have the following components

Component	Guidelines
Title	The title of the paper should explicitly indicate the focus of the research work. The title needs to be less than 20 words. Title should be in Sentence case for English and centered. Spell out in full if uncommon abbreviations are used.
Name(s) of Author(s)	First name followed by surname, centered, followed by designation, office address, e-mail. If there are multiple authors same format should be used for all. Underline the corresponding author.
Text	Should contain (briefly) the objectives, methodology, findings, discussion, conclusions and recommendations. Should not exceed 300 words, and figures and tables not to be included.
Keywords	Maximum five at the end of text

Format	Paper size: A4 (One-inch margin top, bottom, left and right) Font type: Times New Roman (English)/ Kalaham (Tamil) Font size: 12 Line spacing: Single Length: 250-300 words

Registration Categories and Fees

The registration fee will be levied for presenters and participants in the following rates. Every Registration includes admission to the Inaugural & all Conference-Sessions, Running Lunches, Refreshment (Morning & Afternoon), Conference Kit and the Certificate of Presentation/Participation.

Category	Registration Fee
Local presenters	
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Public Librarians	LKR 2,000
Students	LKR 1,000
Local participants	
Participants	LKR 1,500
Students	LKR 1,000
Foreign Participants & Presenters	USD 70

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