



January 23-25, 2013
From Collections to Connections: Turning Libraries “Inside-Out”
(1st call for papers)

The “21st BOBCATSSS Conference”, will take place in Ankara, Turkey, from 23-25 January 2013.

As it is known that BOBCATSSS is an annual conference series that is traditionally organized by students from European universities. At its 21st anniversary in January 2013, BOBCATSSS is organized by students from two universities, namely Department of Information Management of Hacettepe University and The Royal School of Library and Information Science.

From Collections to Connections: Turning Libraries “Inside-out” being the main theme, BOBCATSSS 2013 aims to bring together students, professors and specialists in the field of library and information science. Today, the world of libraries and librarians, more than ever, set for change. The focus is shifting towards creating connections between people and online resources, rather than static collections focused on the physical book. Part of information specialist’s role is to facilitate and help the users navigate through this jungle, and in due course find our own place in this ever changing world. In the light of these challenges BOBCATSSS 2013 will be a meeting place between the professionals of tomorrow, and researchers and teachers of today.

Conference Theme(s)

The title of Bobcatsss 2013 is **From Collections to Connections: Turning Libraries "Inside-Out"**. The world of libraries and librarians is now, more than ever, set for change. What can we do as a librarian in this changing world, with the digital media and the digital platforms that can be used for e.g. communication and sharing other information? The focus is shifting towards creating connections between people and online resources, rather than static collections focused on the physical book. How will the role of the librarians develop in the future? What will happen with the classic libraries and librarians in the future? Does the physical library disappear from the physical room and only exist in the digital world?

Main topics of the Conference include (but are not limited to) the following:

Serving Society in a Digital Age

The world is changing faster than we know it and everybody has a say in the matter. People are creating and sharing online in a way never experienced before. They tweet, make Facebook updates and they want to make an impression. How can we be sure that both new and old is preserved; what is important to keep and what are the demands of the digital population?

Information Professionals as Change-Agents

Challenges demand creative thinking, entrepreneurship and innovation. One of the digital challenges for the users is to be able to navigate through the digital jungle of information. A part of being an information professional is to help people become e-literate. How do we meet the challenges in our profession and how can we influence the agenda?

Designing New Library Spaces

Today it's not enough for a library to be able to contain collections. The space itself has to be engaging and inspiring to facilitate the users need for information, experiences and cultural inspiration. A plethora of libraries being built today are not only new icons but are also trying to reach the above mentioned goals in new ways. How can we the information professionals encourage this trend?

Mobile Information Services

We live in a world of hand held devices, and information has to be instantly accessible. More and more information is being digitized, and the volume alone is staggering. One of the tasks of the information professional is to create accessible designs, not compromising the content. Ideas can come from unlikely sources however. Are we capable of listening outside our own ranks?

Developing New Competencies

Lifelong learning is a term easy to use, but hard to master. Which competencies do we expect the users to need, and what can they expect from us? Are we as information specialists sufficiently prepared to guide them? Are we able to combine the need-to-have with the nice-to-have skills the patrons want to a satisfying degree and how do we keep improving?

Submission of Papers

In addition to papers, short papers, posters and workshops on conference topics. General papers on library and information science are also welcome. Student contributions will be given priority. Please use the template available on the Conference web site to prepare extended abstracts for your contributions and proposals, and send them to us using the Conference Management Software (conftool) at <https://www.conftool.pro/bobcatsss2013>

Requirements for Abstracts

An extended abstract is required. Detailed information can be provided from the template. The abstract has to be in Word format (i.e. doc or docx). There should be an author description (first name, surname, department, degree, university, city, country, e-mail), a title and a subtitle, three to six keywords. It should only contain plain text (no figures and no tables), and the extended abstract should be between 500-700 words in Times New Roman, font size 12. Please also include your references and your citations using APA style.

Important Dates

First call: March 15th 2012

Second call: May 15th 2012

Third call: July 24th 2012

Deadline for abstracts: September 24th 2012

Author's notification: October 24th 2012

Final paper submission: November 24th 2012

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