

Call for Papers

2018 IFLA International News Media Conference

“When Risk becomes Real, Preserving News becomes Critical”

Organized by the IFLA News Media Section (<http://www.ifla.org/news-media>)

Dates

18-20 April 2018

Location:

George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, USA

Conference website:

URL will be posted on the IFLA News Media Section website when available

Theme & sub-themes:

As the world has seen increasing disasters that threaten entire communities, preservation of the identity of those communities as revealed through their newspapers becomes imperative. From earthquakes in Mexico to hurricanes and fires in the United States, to problems of publisher inability to manage large news archives, libraries can step in to assist communities with preservation solutions. Libraries can also save community and special-interest newspapers whose content has historically been underrepresented in mainstream circles. As news collections age, preservation solutions are increasingly pressing. Digital preservation, with infrastructure spread across multiple locations, offers many possibilities to assist communities under threat of natural disaster or to assist publishers in need of collection management solutions and to prevent loss of collection in the event of disasters.

This year, the International News Media Conference seeks proposals related to how digital preservation of news can help or has helped at-risk communities. Proposals should address the main theme and related topics, including but not limited to:

- Models of E-Deposit to Assist Publishers in Preservation
- Collecting Strategies and Legal Deposit
- Preservation/Legal Advocacy Efforts on a Local Level
- Role of Library as a News Preservation Leader
- News Preservation Practices
- Digital Preservation Infrastructure
- Relationships with Publishers
- Collecting Strategies in Local and Regional Libraries
- Disaster Preparedness in Digital News Collection Preservation
- Disaster Management Case Studies in News Preservation
- Preservation of Underrepresented Community and Special-Interest News Media

Other proposals relevant to the main conference theme will also be considered.

Submission Guidelines

Proposal abstracts must be submitted by **26 January 2018**, must be in English, and should clearly include:

- Title of proposed paper
- Abstract of proposed paper (no more than 300 words)
- Name(s) of presenter(s) and position(s) and/or title(s)
- Employer / affiliated institution
- Contact information including email address and telephone number
- Short biographical statement(s) of presenter(s)

Proposal abstracts should be submitted as MS Word files to all conference committee members:

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Selected presenters will be notified by **5 February 2018**. To discuss any matter relating to this Call for Papers, please contact the conference committee members listed above.

Accepted papers

- Complete accepted papers should be 3000-6000 words in length and be an original submission not published elsewhere.
- Complete accepted papers and accompanying presentation slides must be submitted by **6 April 2018**.
- Final papers should be written in English.
- The papers will be made available on the Conference Website and the [News Media Section Website](#) under the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 license](#).
- Approximately 15-20 minutes will be allowed for the presentation of the paper.

Registration

Registration information will be posted on the Conference Website at the **beginning of 2018**.

Important dates

26 January 2018	Proposal abstracts due
5 February 2018	Acceptance notices sent to authors
12 February 2018	Start of registration
6 April 2018	Completed papers and presentations submitted
18-20 April 2018	Conference

Please note

The Programme Committee regrets that it has no funding to assist prospective authors, and the submission of an abstract must be on the understanding that the costs of attending the conference including registration, travel, accommodation, and other expenses, are the

responsibility of the presenters of the accepted papers, or their institutions. No financial support can be provided by IFLA, but a special invitation can be issued to authors.