



News

Call for papers: 16th BOBCATSSS Symposium

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Symposium theme: Providing Access to Information for Everyone

Access to information is vital for the personal and social growth of every individual. However, many people are facing barriers in accessing information. The goal of the BOBCATSSS 2008 symposium is to explore access to information for everybody from the technical, political, legal, social and economical point of view. The symposium would like to identify the existing barriers in accessing information and to offer an overview of new concepts, ideas and examples of good practice in order to raise awareness and achieve possible solutions. Invited are contributions in a form of a paper, workshop or a poster covering the following topics:

Technical aspects:

- Infrastructures, standards and interoperability for universal access to information
- Open access supported by open source
- Digital repositories and documentserver (long term preservation and access)
- Usability, service and interface design

Political aspects:

- Repression via information - withdrawal/censorship
- Bills and laws for LIS - an international composition
- Copyright aspects of open access and open source initiative
- Role of national/regional/local governments in the development of information institutions

Social aspects:

- Digital divide
- Information professionals in the information society
- Information literacy (a holistic approach)
- Information ethics
- Information behavior of different users groups

Economical aspects:

- Costs of information
- Costs of electronic resources
- Licensing agreements
- Digital library costs

The target group is students. We are especially inviting workshop contributions or papers given by students or teams of students and teachers. Further information

and guidelines for the abstracts can be found on the BOBCATSSS website www.bobcatsss2008.org.

Abstracts should be sent by 15 May 2007 to papers@bobcatsss2008.org.

BOBCATSSS 2008 will be held on January 28-30 in Zadar, Croatia.