

## CONFERENCE THEME - UNLOCKING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SCHOOL LIBRARY: EMERGING TRENDS FOR LIBRARIANS AND USERS

IASL (Latin American and the Caribbean) invites information professionals/educators/researchers who either work in educational institutions or have an interest in school library to submit proposals for recent research/professional papers/poster presentations for the conference to be held on the campus of The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.

This conference aims at exposing information professionals in Latin America and the Caribbean to cutting edge 21<sup>st</sup> Century approaches to librarianship, library management and media and information literacy instruction, and to provide support through partnership/collaboration.

### Topic guidelines

Research/ Professional Paper/Poster presentations must speak to one of the sub-themes.

**Proposals should be submitted by e-mail and must include:**

- Title of paper
- Abstract (200-500 words)
- Name of the presenter (s)
- E-mail address (es)
- Telephone numbers

### Presentation format

#### *Paper presentation:*

Each presenter will be given twenty (20) minutes maximum to present his/her paper. An additional ten (10) minutes will be allowed for questions and answers.

#### *Poster Presentation:*

- Posters should be 3 feet wide x 4 feet high (36 x 48 inches).
- Screen prints, charts, drawings, photographs, and other graphics along with text, to illustrate the presentation, are encouraged.
- Lettering should be simple, bold, and easily legible from a distance of four feet.
- Posters may be accompanied by handouts.

***N.B. Papers/Posters must be presented in English.***

### **Sub-themes:**

1. Practical information technology solutions: Exploring open-source options.
2. Rebranding the school librarian in a "Pocket Library" society.
3. From library skills to life skills: Media and information literacy education.
4. Media and information literacy and intercultural dialogue (MILID) curriculum for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century school library
5. Redesigning and redefining learning spaces in 21<sup>st</sup> Century school libraries.
6. Greater access to information: Web 3.0 tools in school libraries
7. Resource provision: Getting a byte of the shrinking budget.
8. Developing and maintaining school libraries: The administrator's role.
9. Academic excellence: The role of school libraries
10. Children's literature in the digital age

### **Opening Keynote Speaker:**

Rev. The Hon. Ronald Thwaites  
*Minister of Education,  
Jamaica*

### **Conference Keynote Speaker:**

Dr. Ross Todd  
*Assistant Professor,  
Rutgers University*

### **Important Dates:**

***Deadline for submission of proposals***

***November 30, 2015***

***Notification of acceptance of proposals***

***January 31, 2016***

***Please send all proposals to: [rosemarie.heath02@uwimona.edu.jm](mailto:rosemarie.heath02@uwimona.edu.jm)***

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