

The **IFLA School Libraries Section** is seeking proposals for a program to be held at IFLA Congress in Columbus, Ohio (USA) 13-19 August 2016. The theme is '**Connections. Collaboration. Community**'. The title of the session is '**Inclusion for School Library Implementation**'

This theme aligns well with the section's new school library guidelines, which were developed to assist school library professionals and educational decision-makers in their efforts to ensure that all students and teachers have access to effective school library resources and services, delivered by qualified school library personnel.

Building on the Congress theme and Section guidelines roll-out, presentations will be considered that address the theme and examine:

- **the role of the community to support school libraries and implement school library guidelines; and**
- **inclusionary practices in supporting school libraries and implementing the school library guidelines**

For example, papers might address ways that the guidelines provide services for immigrants or persons with disabilities. Examples of community involvement in implementing the guidelines might consist of joint grants, cross-training, co-sponsored events, resource sharing, policy-making, or active advocacy.

The successful proposals (template provided) will consist of:

- a 300 word description of a 2000 – 2500 word paper about the program/services/research in their presentation which will be published in the IFLA online library;
- include a copyright and plagiarism statement; and
- abstracts will be distributed to all tables and used during Workshop discussions

Abstracts will be selected by a double, blind-review process. Papers will be published in the IFLA online library. Successful presenters will be listed in the official Conference program. All papers will be edited for the English version and returned to presenters for publication in other (English) journals. The proposers must present their papers "live" at the conference. All papers that are presented at the WLIC 2016 will be made available online via the [IFLA Library](#) under the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 license](#). Authors of accepted papers must complete the IFLA [Authors' Permission Form](#).

All expenses, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation etc., are the responsibility of the authors/presenters. No financial support can be provided by IFLA, but a special invitation letter can be issued to authors. However, a list of opportunities for support is available on our Conference Participation Grants webpage.

Proposals should provide the following information:

- Presenter/s and affiliation
- Brief biographical information of presenters
- Proposal title
- 300 word abstract describing their program, service or research project
- Language of presentation

Proposals should be sent to: Annike Selmer (Secretary of the School Libraries Section) at annike.selmer@kul.oslo.kommune.no by **30 January 2016**.

Please include *IFLA Proposal WLIC 2016* in the subject line.