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Congress Theme: "Dynamic Libraries: Access, Development and Transformation"

Call for Papers
School Libraries Section and Health and Biosciences Libraries Section (Division I)

Theme:

Well-being: School libraries and health libraries working for access, development and transformation

This 2-hour Open Session is jointly sponsored by the School Libraries section and the Health and Biosciences Libraries section.

The concept of **well-being** informs the work of the school librarian and the health/medical librarian and is key to public health policy and health promotion. Both health librarians and school librarians serve their clientele by gathering and disseminating information about health and by collaborating with subject experts to educate their clientele. In both environments, the capacity to frame a question and find and appraise evidence to answer this question is central to knowledge development in the health area, using approaches such as 'inquiry-based learning' and 'problem-based learning.'

Topics of interest:

The School Libraries section and the Health and Biosciences Libraries section invite submission of proposals for papers about the role of libraries in public health policy and health promotion. The papers will be presented at a two-hour session in Capetown; the language of the session will be English.

Proposals may address one of the topics suggested below, but are not limited to these topics:

- Responding to the information needs of special populations, e.g., refugee/immigrant groups, LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) persons, OVCY (orphans and vulnerable children and youth), people with disabilities, teen mothers.
- Collaboration for health-related library instruction
- Development of a health information network
- Initiatives of governments and NGOs (non-governmental organizations) for health promotion through libraries
- Using data to inform the library's health promotion efforts
- Development of a health promotion plan and strategies for action

Important dates:

- **2 February 2015:** Deadline for submission of proposals

- **2 March 2015:** Notification of acceptance
- **18 May 2015:** Deadline for submission of full text of the paper

Submission of Proposals – guidelines:

Proposals should be submitted in English in the form of an extended abstract and be no more than 500 words in length. Proposals also should include the following information:

- Name, title, and employer or affiliated institution of presenter(s)
- Title of proposed paper
- Address and email address of speaker(s)
- Brief biographical statement about each speaker
- Contact information for response to the proposal

Proposals should be sent by **2 February 2015** to:

Dianne Oberg
Secretary of the School Libraries Section
E-mail: doberg@ualberta.ca

The subject line of your submission should be "*IFLA Health-SL Proposal*" followed by your last name. For example, "*IFLA Health-SL Proposal - Oberg*"

The contact person for each proposal will be informed by **2 March 2015** whether the proposal has been accepted or not.

Submission of Final Papers:

Presenters will be expected to submit abstracts (maximum 300 words) and full papers (maximum 3000 words) as an MS Word file by email to doberg@ualberta.ca by **18 May 2015**. Papers should be in English (or in one of the other official IFLA languages - Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian, and Spanish - with an English translation attached). Papers must be original and must not have been published previously.

Note:

All expenses, including registration for the congress, travel, and accommodation, are the responsibility of the authors /presenters. No financial support can be provided by IFLA or by the Health and Biosciences Libraries section or the School Libraries section, but a special invitation can be issued to authors for the day of their presentation.

The School Libraries section and the Health and Biosciences sections look forward to hearing from you regarding your proposals for papers for WLIC 2015.