

## Call for Papers

### 2017 IFLA International News Media Conference

#### “Collecting, Preserving, and Transforming the News – for Research and the Public”

##### Dates

27-28 April 2017

##### Location:

Landsbókasafn Íslands – Háskólabókasafn (The National and University Library of Iceland)  
Reykjavík, Iceland

##### Conference website:

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

##### Organizers

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

IFLA Information Technology Section (<http://www.ifla.org/it>)

##### Theme & sub-themes

From printed newspapers to born-digital news, libraries and other cultural heritage institutions have a central role in ensuring future access to news content. This conference will examine issues and challenges in collecting and preserving the news and making it available to users. Do access and preservation have different prerequisites? In addition, the conference will explore how news media is used and transformed by researchers and the public. Can we recognize variable user needs? Do we offer the most suitable APIs?

Proposals should address the main theme and related topics, including but not limited to:

- Users' experiences with digital newspaper collections and their usability expectations
- Case studies of patron services for digitized and born-digital news (e.g., management systems, reading devices, printout services, etc.)
- How digitized news collections are being used in the digital humanities, by researchers, and by the public
- The importance and possibilities of citizen science
- Long-term sustainability planning for news collections and the role of institutional commitment in preservation and sustainability planning
- How institutions make digital newspaper collections freely accessible
- Rules, regulations, or legislation for mandatory deposit of news content, paper or otherwise
- Legal deposit libraries offering access to in-copyright digitized newspapers
- National Libraries co-operating with newspaper publishing houses in digitization, access, etc.
- Data research that benefits preservation practice and planning
- Changing collection building in a social media and online world
- New methods for media monitoring
- Harvesting and preservation of web-only news content
- Issues around suppression of digitized/digital news content and take down orders

Other proposals relevant to the main conference theme will also be considered. **Note:** Papers from this conference will be considered for a special issue of *IFLA Journal*. All authors will be invited to use feedback from the conference to revise their work and submit it for peer review in collaboration with the *IFLA Journal* editorial committee and the conference organizing committee.

## Submission Guidelines

- Proposal abstracts should be submitted as an MS Word file
- Proposal abstracts must be submitted by **27 January 2017**, 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) plus position and/or title
  - Employer / affiliated institution
  - Contact information including e-mail address and telephone number
  - Short biographical statement(s) of presenter(s)

## Proposal abstracts should be submitted to all conference committee members:

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Selected presenters will be notified by **3 February 2017**. 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 **10 April 2017**.
- 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 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 2017**.

## Important dates

<b>27 January 2017</b>	Proposal abstracts due
<b>3 February 2017</b>	Acceptance notices sent to authors
<b>10 February 2017</b>	Start of registration
<b>10 April 2017</b>	Completed papers and presentations submitted
<b>27-28 April 2017</b>	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.