



## **ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

Biennial International Conference

# **LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION INSTITUTIONS IN THE DIGITAL AGE (LIDA)**

**Conference Theme: Information Everywhere**

**Osijek, Croatia, 24th - 27th May 2023**

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Libraries in the Digital Age (LIDA) is an international biennial conference that brings together researchers, educators, students, practitioners, and developers from all over the world in a forum for personal exchanges, discussions, and learning, made easier by being held in memorable environs. LIDA addresses the changing and challenging environment for libraries and information systems and services in the digital world.

In his keynote address at the LIDA 2021 Conference, Distinguished Professor Emeritus Nicholas Belkin (Rutgers University, US) spoke of the Age of Information Ubiquity – information without boundaries of place and time, the seamless integration of digital information networks, where one's very environment becomes the locus and source of information, and where information of all kinds is available in increasingly varied and numerous modalities. At the same time, we live in an age of misinformation and disinformation, we see the burgeoning generation and spread of information conspiracy theories, the challenge of deciding who or what to trust, the suppression of scientific research credibility, and questions around the very existence of libraries.

This year's theme is "Information Everywhere" and we welcome submission of papers, panels, workshops and posters that address critical and theoretical examinations of the theme; report current research and evidence-based approaches as well as present innovative approaches from the field, and practitioner applications and perspectives.

Note: The LIDA conference is being planned to be fully in-person. Although we are looking forward to welcoming everyone to LIDA in Osijek, Croatia, we recognize that we live in uncertain times. If circumstances do not allow an on-ground conference to take place safely, LIDA will move to a virtual conference platform.

Sadly, we lost our longstanding LIDA Co-Director, beloved colleague, mentor, and dear friend, Dr. Ross J. Todd from Rutgers University, who passed away on March 30, 2022. We will commemorate and

celebrate Ross's life and research contributions during the LIDA 2023 conference and will invite all attendees to join with us in his remembrance.

We would also like to inform you that earlier that week (May 22-23, 2023) an international conference *Digital Transformation and Inclusiveness of the Higher Education Institutions in the Time of Crisis Situations*, organized by Erasmus+ project DECriS (<https://decris.ffos.hr/>), will take place in Osijek. We invite you to consider prolonging your stay in Osijek and take part in both events (at discounted registration rate).

### **Types of Contributions Invited**

Papers, Panels, Workshops, Posters, PhD Forum and Student Showcase. All submissions should be made via EasyChair system (<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=lida2023>)

For all paper submissions, at least one author MUST be registered and present their paper at the conference. Authors can choose to 1) orally present their paper only, or 2) both present their paper orally and to submit a full-text manuscript to be considered for publication in a peer-reviewed scholarly publication (TBD).

### **Deadlines:**

Submission of proposals (extended abstracts): October 1, 2022.

Notification of acceptance: November 15, 2022.

Submission of full-text manuscripts for review and inclusion in scholarly publication: January 31, 2023 (optional).

### **Conference Co-Directors:**

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### **Invitation to institutions:**

Libraries, information agencies, professional organizations, publishers, and service providers are invited to consider participation at LIDA by providing a demonstration, workshop, or exhibit about their products, services or advances, or by presenting a paper or poster about their activities, as related to the two themes. Sponsorship of an event is also invited. Institutions can benefit as well. We will provide conference materials to participants so that they can communicate and transfer topics of interest to their institution.

### **Venue - The City of Osijek**

Osijek is the 4th largest city in Croatia, with total population of ca 100,000 inhabitants. It is a city located inland in the eastern part of the country on the right bank of the river Drava. Nearby, there is a must-see Nature Park Kopački rit, also called the European Amazon, which was declared a part of the Mura-Drava-Danube Biosphere Reserve under UNESCO. Osijek is also known as a gastronomical capital of Croatia, offering diverse specialties such as fresh fish, game, organic veggies, and delicious artisanal pastry, made in traditional ways. The city has a growing craft beer scene, and is surrounded by a traditionally well known wine making region. To get an idea of the picturesque nature of the city and the river Drava, you are invited to take this virtual tour: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KY\\_ocokDqE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KY_ocokDqE)

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