

Shall the twain ever meet?: supplying the demand in an academic library and information service environment

6-7 November 2008

The Stellenbosch University Library and Information Service takes pleasure in announcing its Tenth Annual Symposium which will take place from 6-7 November 2008 at the JS Gericke Library in Stellenbosch. The theme for this year's symposium is:

Shall the twain ever meet?: supplying the demand in an academic library and information service environment.

It is anticipated that this event would see the gathering of national and international researchers and practitioners to engage discourse on:

The fundamental tenet of librarianship has not changed: the clients' (that is, the users) demand for information still remains one of the founding principles of librarianship and the libraries' role of supplying (or satisfying) the demand is even more critical in the current information explosion era. However, the exponential growth in information has meant that libraries continuously re-engineer themselves to meet the corresponding exponential demand for information from traditional subscription sources and digital sources via changing technologies.

Rising subscriptions, rapidly evolving technology, new paradigms and a new generation of researchers and research methods are posting new challenges when supplying the demand. All of these challenges must be viewed against the backdrop of new avenues of accessing new information platforms.

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Programme

Day 1: Thursday, 6 November

SESSION 1

Chair: Ms Ellen Tise

Welcome and Opening

Prof Arnold van Zyl (SU: Vice-Rector Research)

Keynote address

Mr Chip Nilges (Vice President for Business Development at OCLC)

SESSION 2 : LIBRARIES DRIVING ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE

Session Chair: Ms Jennefer Nicholson

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| Keynote address: Knowing is not enough: Engaging in the knowledge economy | Ms Ellen Tise (IFLA President & Senior Director: Library and Information Service, Stellenbosch University, South Africa) |
| Keynote address: Overview, from a business perspective, on knowledge economy | Prof Dr Claudia Lux (IFLA President 2007-2009, Director of the Berlin Central Library and previous chairperson of the German Library Association, Germany) |
| | Mr Steyn Heckroodt (SU Business School, South Africa) |

SESSION 3 : ENABLERS FOR KNOWLEDGE-BASED GROWTH

Session Chair: Ms Janice Lachance

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| A2K: A critical reflection on access to knowledge for the growth of a knowledge society | Prof Peter Lor (Extraordinary professor in the Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria and School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA) |
| The role of libraries in knowledge management and knowledge economy | Prof Kingo Mchombu (Dean: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Namibia, Namibia) |
| The public library in a knowledge economy | Prof Paul Sturges (Chair of IFLA FAIFE and Professor Emeritus Loughborough University, United Kingdom) |
| From "outreach" to new library model? | Prof Genevieve Hart (Associate professor: Department of Library & Information Science, University of the Western Cape, South Africa) |

SESSION 4 : CONCEPTUAL IMPERATIVES

Session Chair: Ms Renee Reagon

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| Knowledge creation, dissemination and implementation: The librarian's role in today's knowledge economy | Mr Matt Goldner (Executive Director, End User Services, Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), USA) |
| Leveraging the power of aggregation to achieve an enhanced research environment | Ms Jenny Walker (Information Industry Consultant, South Africa) |
| University Investment in the Library Phase II: An international study | Mr Arthur Eger (Customer Development Manager, Elsevier, Netherlands) |

Day 2 : Friday, 19 February

SESSION 5 : THE NEW PARADIGM "LOCAL FOR GLOBAL"

Session Chair: Ms Elda Nolte

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| National knowledge initiatives: The role of the National Library of South Africa | Mr John Tsebe (Librarian and CEO of National Library of South Africa) |
| Cultural heritage and the knowledge economy: The role and value of sound archives and sound archiving in developing countries | Ms Elizabeth Watson (Vice-President: Regional Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean MoW/UNESCO and University Librarian: University of the West Indies, Barbados) |

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| Promoting African indigenous knowledge in the knowledge economy: Exploring the role of higher education and libraries | Prof Kgomotso Moahi (Dean of the Humanities Faculty, University of Botswana Botswana) |
| Integration of the South African knowledge with other knowledge systems | Prof Yonah Seleti (Human capital and knowledge systems, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa) |

SESSION 6 : OPENING ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE

Session Chair: Ms Laila Vahed

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| Benefits of Open Access with regard to new information markets or closed information markets | Dr Bas Savenije (General Director Royal Library, Netherlands) |
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| Open Access | Dr Eve Gray (Honorary Research Associate: University of Cape Town and Project Director of the Opening Scholarship Project, South Africa) |
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Panel Discussion: Prof Yonah Seleti, Albert K. Boekhorst, Ms Inga Lunden, et al
