



Knowledge Management Theory in Action: how to plan, apply, and assess knowledge management in libraries

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Call for papers

Theme: Knowledge Management Theory in Action: how to plan, apply, and assess knowledge management in libraries

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Location: [Goethe-Institut Helsinki](#)

Conference Theme and Focus: Knowledge Management (KM) in an institution is recognized by all to be of crucial importance. Whether the institution is a library or an organization that contains a library, librarians can and should play a major role in this regard because they have the skill and the tools to do it. KM may not be employed because it is not fully understood or seems too complex or vague. It may also not be fully appreciated by the managers of the institution's budget.

Almost ten years after the official introduction of Knowledge Management within IFLA it is possible and appropriate

- To report on the state-of-the-art
- To examine the practical experiences that outline models of implementation that can encourage and guide the widespread application in different library contexts

The framing of the theory and state-of-the-art is entrusted to keynote speakers that have been selected.

Librarians, information scientists, professionals, researchers and other interested parties in knowledge management **are invited to submit proposals** for presentation at the meeting about use and implementation of KM by libraries or similar institutions which supply examples and models that can be applied and adapted to other situations.

The presentation proposals should contain a description of the KM system implemented, and

- How it was designed
- The implementation process followed
- Organizational and technological choices made
- Implementation timing and costs
- The organizational details of running the process
- The measurement of organizational and financial sustainability
- How the impact/the impact has been assessed

The KM Section welcomes examples from different contexts (libraries of different sizes, libraries within cultural/administrative institutions, community organizations, companies, etc.).

This satellite meeting will feature a state-of-the-art tutorial on the basics of Knowledge Management followed by case studies. The KM tutorial will explain the process of KM, the situations to which it is most usefully applied, and tools to implement and manage it. A panel discussion of speakers will explore the major and most critical issues.

Submissions

If you are interested in contributing, please send:

- An abstract of 300-500 words, in English and including a title.
- An outline of the presentation.
- Brief biographical information of the author(s)/presenter(s) with current employment information.
- Submitter's mailing address.

Send all this by February 15, 2012 to Leda Bultrini at e-mail: leda.bultrini@arpalazio.it

The submissions will be reviewed by a programme planning committee of the Knowledge Management Section Standing Committee. The selection will be based on the abstracts and rated on how well they fit the programme theme. Authors will be contacted **by March 31, 2012**.

Selection

For successful applicants the deadline for submission of full papers is May 31, 2012 to allow time for review of papers and all other organizational needs. The papers must be original submissions, not published elsewhere, and should be no longer than 15 pages, double-spaced. Papers should be in English.

Presentations at the satellite meeting will be limited to approx. 20 minutes and will be a summary of the original paper. The presenter is encouraged to use PowerPoint. The conference will be conducted in English and all presentations will be required to be in English.

For information on the IFLA Knowledge Management Section, please see: <http://www.ifla.org/en/km>

For additional information on this call for papers, you may contact Leda Bultrini (leda.bultrini@arpalazio.it)

Please note

All expenses, including registration for the full conference, travel, accommodation, etc. are the responsibility of the authors/presenters. No financial support can be provided by IFLA or the IFLA KM Section. The satellite meeting will not charge a registration fee. Lunch and other refreshments on the day of the satellite meeting will be provided.

Congress attendance grants

The Finnish National Committee and IFLA are working hard to secure funds for Conference Participation Grants. Up-to-date information will be made available on our Conference Participation Grants webpage (forthcoming).