



## SERBIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Representative cultural association established in 1947

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## CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

in the 19<sup>th</sup> Serbian Library Association Conference

# ASSOCIATIONS, CONNECTIONS, AND NETWORKS OF LIBRARIANS

National Library of Serbia, University Library “Svetozar Marković”, Belgrade

14–16 December 2022

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The Serbian Library Association (SLA), with the support of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Serbia, the National Library of Serbia, and the University Library “Svetozar Marković” in Belgrade, announces a call for papers, poster presentations, panel sessions topics, and participation in the 19th SLA Conference that will be organized in the National Library of Serbia and the University Library “Svetozar Marković” in Belgrade, from 14 to 16 December 2022.

The theme of this year's conference is **Associations, Connections, and Networks of Librarians.**

## OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE

In 2022, the Serbian Library Association celebrates a significant jubilee – 75 years since its founding in Belgrade in 1947. The anniversary of the founding of the Association is an important event for the library and information community in Serbia, due to the longevity of the Association, its mission to connect library and information professionals in the country and abroad, and because of the activities carried out by SLA in the first decades after the foundation that have left a lasting impact to this day. Some of the most important activities are the launch of the scientific journal *Bibliotekar* (Librarian) in 1948, professional assistance in establishing the High School of Librarianship in Belgrade (1948), participation of SLA bodies in drafting bylaws important for the development of the profession, organization of professional meetings of librarians, etc. In these and later decades, the key tasks of SLA have been how to unite, connect, and network librarians, library technicians, and other professional associates. These are the reasons why SLA, in the year marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the national representative association of Serbian librarians, dedicated the theme of the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference to the mentioned tasks, in order to more clearly observe and promote the inspiring examples of the associations of

librarians, as well as the perspective of connecting library professionals in the networked world of the future.

## **TOPICS**

The organizers invite interested authors to submit their papers in full text presenting examples of innovative practice within one or more proposed subtopics of this year's conference:

- Associations of librarians, formal and informal library networks
- Librarians and e-environment (bonding on social networks, blogs, websites, podcasts)
- Intra-sectoral and cross-sectoral connections of librarians (different types of connections and cooperation of librarians from the same or different types of libraries)
- Cooperation of librarians with institutions, organizations, and the private sector (librarians and educational, scientific, cultural, sports, health, and other public institutions, librarians and publishing houses, librarians and media, librarians and private companies, etc.)
- Development and perspectives of library networks in today's multi-networked world
- Librarians and the environment (social status of employees, economic status, recognizability in society)
- Activities of librarians within and through library associations, launching initiatives and activities that have left a lasting impact on the profession
- Volunteering in librarianship – experiences, opportunities, and advantages
- Libraries as meeting places for experts in the field of technology and humanities.

Since the proposed sub-topics are frameworks for thematic thinking, the organizers encourage authors to be creative in proposing papers that correspond to the main theme of the Conference.

## **FORMATS AND SUBMISSION OF PAPERS**

The Conference will include working sessions, panel sessions, an invited lecture, poster presentations, and presentations by IT and sponsorship companies.

Authors of accepted papers will have 10 minutes for short presentations, while panel sessions will last up to 90 minutes.

SLA encourages the use of PowerPoint presentations, audio-visual content, Pecha Kucha, and other interactive dynamic ways to present ideas in a short form.

The panel session of up to 90 minutes will enable a dialogue between the panelists and the audience. The proposals for panel sessions are submitted with a working title, an explanation of the topic for discussion, and a list of panelists.

The languages of the Conference are Serbian and English, with simultaneous interpretation provided.

All authors interested to present papers within the working sessions are invited to submit full-text papers limited to 30,000 characters (with spaces) that should be prepared according to the instructions for authors located on <https://bds.rs/bibliotekar/index.php/1/about/submissions>

Interested authors of poster presentations and panel sessions should submit abstracts in Serbian and English of up to 300 words, with information on authorship, participants (for panel sessions), and contact information in one document (Word or PDF format).

We invite all interested authors to submit full-text papers in Serbian or English, or proposals for poster presentations and panel sessions in Serbian or English, and information on the format (whether it is a proposal for a poster presentation or panel session) to the email **konferencija2022@bds.rs** no later than **10 September 2022**.

Authors of accepted and rejected papers will be notified by **1 October 2022**.

The program of the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference with accepted papers, poster presentations, and panel sessions will be published in Serbian and English on the Conference website by **15 November 2022**.

Proceedings of peer-reviewed Conference papers will be published in 2023.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration of participants will be available on the Conference website from **15 October to 7 December 2022**.

The Conference registration fee covers attendance to all working sessions, conference materials, and refreshments between working sessions. The Conference registration fee is 4,500 dinars or 40 euros for foreign participants.

Authors of accepted papers, posters, and panel sessions, regular SLA members, and students up to 27 years of age do not pay the registration fee.

Conference participants cover the travel expenses and other costs of participation.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

First call: **15 June 2022**

Second call: **15 July 2022**

Third call: **20 August 2022**

Deadline for submission of papers: **10 September 2022**

Notification of acceptance: **1 October 2022**

Registration for the Conference: **15 October to 7 December 2022**

Conference days: **14–16 December 2022**

Proceedings: **2023**

Detailed information can be found on the Conference website

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