Call for Papers

The 50th Annual Conference and Exhibition will take place at the Bournemouth International Centre, 13 - 15 June 2019.
The BIALL Conference Committee Call for Papers is out now.

The BIALL 2019 conference theme is *50 not out: past, present, future.*

To celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are seeking presentations that celebrate our past and look to the future, whether in library services, technology, training or the professional role.

We want our delegates to leave the conference with a sense of how the association has grown, and how it will continue to serve our members in providing a forum for discussion of what is on the horizon, and how each sector is dealing with changes in the legal and academic landscape.

We're interested in presentations covering topics such as:

- Digital shift, and how technologies are revolutionising services
- Engagement with our users
- Looking back, how has our profession evolved, and what lessons were learned?
- Insight into the challenges ahead for those working in the information profession

We are especially interested in hearing from first-time presenters, as they are key to the longevity, variety and vibrancy of our conference. A good way to take a first step is to present one of the popular **lightning talks** – a brief talk of no more than 10 minutes.

BIALL can offer plenary and parallel speakers a reduction in the cost of the conference package, or overnight accommodation and attendance at the conference on the day of their presentation, as well as a contribution to local travel expenses and a modest honorarium. A small reduction on the conference fee is available to lightning talk presenters.

Addressing the conference – this could be you in June 2019?

How can I participate?

We have several options in the conference programme:

Plenary session
An in- depth presentation on a subject, delivered to a larger audience, of 1 hour including Q&A. Presentation slides or technology tools may accompany your talk.

Parallel session
Practical sessions to smaller groups, ideally with interactivity or workshop to encourage discussion. Sessions last 1 hour including Q&A. Presentation slides or technology tools may accompany your talk.

Lightning talks
An informal platform to share new developments, projects or tips, in 10 minutes or less. This is suited for 'how tos', quick case studies, your best practice tips, or innovative ways of using products.

Informal enquiries can be made by email to the programme chair Susan McGlamery

Possible topics

Services
What's new in learning, teaching and library tech

- Intranets and virtual learning environments

- Mobile apps and gamification

- Big data and learning analytics

- Legal document automation

- Artificial intelligence and machine learning

- Privacy and cyber security

- Information literacy in a post-truth era

- KM and succession planning

Evolving information professional roles
What will future library staff structures look like and what skills will be required?

- Change management

- Legal project management

- Information literacy teaching and training

- Metrics, statistics and data analysis

- Taxonomies and classification

- KM

- Making a business case

- UX and ethnographers

These are just a few ideas - submissions on other topics in keeping with the theme are welcome. Not all subjects lend themselves to a multi-jurisdictional, multi-sector approach, but these aspects of the audience should be borne in mind, especially for plenary sessions.

Have an idea for a session or speaker you would like to see which fits with our theme *50 not out: past, present, future*? Send a suggestion to the programme chair Susan McGlamery

Turning your idea into a proposal

If you are interested in presenting at the Conference, decide which format you'd prefer (plenary, parallel or lightning session) then fill in the appropriate form. You'll be asked to submit the following information:

Presentation abstracts
Please include an abstract of 250 - 500 words, outlining your proposed presentation and how it would fit with the conference programme. The abstract will include information on:

- **Target audience**

- **Key learning outcomes delegates will take away**
- **The style of the session:**
   workshop/lecture/case study

- **Tools you might use to deliver the session**

- **How you will engage delegates and**
   maintain interest

Biography
The abstract should be accompanied by a short biography of 150-200 words, outlining relevant professional experience, publications, and papers delivered at previous conferences, seminars or training events. Submissions for plenary sessions should specifically include details of previous speaking experience at similar conferences.

More information and contacts

The proposal forms, examples of previous programmes, speaker biographies and session synopses, as well as more information about BIALL can be viewed at **www.biall.org.uk** under *Events, Training & Conferences> BIALL conferences*.

What can our delegates learn learn from you?

Proposal forms should be submitted by email no later than **Monday 1st October 2018** to Susan McGlamery