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Call for Expressions of Interest to Host the 7th International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference in 2013

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The International Advisory Committee for the International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference Series warmly invites expressions of interest from individuals, organisations and associations working in the public sector (e.g. academic, school, local and regional authorities, national associations) to host the 7th International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference in 2013.

More details and an Expression of Interest form are available from:
<http://eblipexpress.pbworks.com>

Candidates wishing to host the Conference must apply to Andrew Booth, the Convenor of the IAC, A.Booth@sheffield.ac.uk Monday 14th November 2011 using the official Expression of Interest Template. Applicants are encouraged to provide additional information supporting their bid.

The EBLIP Conference is a biennial conference designed to promote the use of best available evidence to improve library and information practice in all types of libraries and to thus address issues around inequitable use of

resources, unacceptable provision of services and ineffective comprehension and use of information that continue to plague human society. It aims to bring together practitioners, researchers and students involved in critical and reflective information practice to think through new ways to address contemporary issues of evidence based practice in less isolated, more collaborative, ways. The first EBL(IP) Conference took place in Sheffield, U.K. in 2001. The success of this conference led to further successful conferences in Edmonton (Canada, 2003), Brisbane (Australia, 2005), Chapel Hill (U.S.A., 2007), Stockholm (Sweden, 2009) and Salford (U.K., 2011).

Brief details are as follows:

EBLIP Conferences typically last between 2.5 and 3 days. They are typically accompanied by a Continuing Education Programme of workshops of between 0.5 and 2 days duration. (The Continuing Education Programme is optional for delegates and is not included in the Registration fees for the Conference). A Social Programme typically includes a Welcome Reception and Conference Dinner (both included in the Registration fees) and additional

optional pay-as-you-go social events. Day registration rates are typically provided to encourage attendance by local participants.

Conference venues have previously included academic, hotel and commercial conference facilities. Local organising committees (LOCs) should be coordinated by a professional working in the public sector (e.g. academic, public, school, national, professional organisation). Conferences are run on a not-for-profit basis with any surplus (after all deductions) being handed on to the successive local organising committee. An exhibition of commercial sponsors is often provided as a necessary source of conference income.

The Conference Programme is the responsibility of the International Programme Committee (IPC) co-ordinated by an IPC Chair/Co-chairs working in liaison with the LOC. The

Conference Programme will typically include up to five invited keynote speakers (whose travel, accommodation and registration is typically covered by conference income), twenty to fifty submitted papers (selected by the IPC) and fifteen to forty submitted posters (again selected separately by the IPC). Awards for best paper and best poster are typically made by the IPC with commendation certificates provided to shortlisted presentations.

An EBLIP International Advisory Committee (IAC) (comprised of representatives from the previous hosts) will select the venue for the conference based on submissions of expressions of interest from potential LOCs.

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