



News

UNESCO "Training the Trainers in Information Literacy Workshop": Call for Participants

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First Announcement and Call for Participants

The UNESCO "Training the Trainers in Information Literacy Workshop", hosted by the Department of Information Management & Faculty of Education of Hacettepe University, will take place in Ankara, Turkey, from 3-5 September 2008.

The main aim of this workshop is to provide information literacy instructors with specialized, authoritative, comprehensive and up-to-date training knowledge, and bring them together to discuss and share information on current issues, theories, teaching and learning approaches and methods, and professional "best practices" regarding information literacy education and training.

Every individual and organization in today's Global Information Society needs to master various kinds of critical 21st Century skills

and competencies. None is more important than lifelong learning and information literacy. Fluency in those skills will enable people and institutions both to succeed in a constantly changing and challenging, and highly competitive world.

Information literacy is a set of skills that embrace the entire life cycle of knowing how to define one's information needs, then to find, evaluate, communicate and effectively use the retrieved information. Information literacy is, in turn, the keystone to lifelong learning. An information literate individual is a self-directed individual capable of knowing how to learn throughout his/her entire lifespan. Librarians, educators and other information professionals play a central role in equipping individuals with information literacy skills, as well as providing them with opportunities to strengthen and keep current these skills. Therefore, training librarians,

educators, archivists, curators, and other professionals in information literacy concepts and practices is crucially important to every nation, its institutions, and other elements of its society, both public and private.

The main topics of the workshop are as follows:

- explaining the concept, and importance of information literacy and lifelong learning;
- explaining how information literacy and lifelong learning are “twin” concepts that are ideally counter-dependent;
- illustrating information literacy models, programmes and standards that have been developed and tested;
- sharing “Best Practices” information literacy examples;
- developing a course syllabus for teaching information literacy;
- amplifying a “Needs Analysis”;
- describing the characteristics of learners (i.e. learning styles);
- sharing training content and materials development ideas;
- discussing information literacy teaching methods and techniques;
- listing effective information literacy evaluation techniques; and
- integrating information literacy into curricula.

Sessions on the main topics of the workshop will include class exercises and small group work, and will be facilitated by expert presenters. Participants will be expected, and strongly encouraged, to contribute to the discussions guided by expert presenters.

School and university librarians, teachers and faculty, school principals and other administrators who are involved and/or in charge of developing and delivering information literacy instruction and pedagogical development are invited to apply. A maximum of 50 participants will be accepted to the workshop mainly from the Caspian and Black Sea neighboring countries, Southwestern Asian, and Eastern European/Balkan countries. A Certificate of Completion will be awarded to those who successfully complete the workshop.

Applicants must fill out the online application form, which will be shortly available on the workshop website

<http://www.tttworkshop.net>.

Applicants will be placed on a mailing list after their application is received, and in due course, will be notified whether their candidacy for the workshop has been accepted or not. If accepted, additional guidance as to next steps and arrangements, including authorization to proceed with travel arrangements, will be provided.

It is strongly recommended that interested participants who desire to apply to the workshop, or who have already applied and are awaiting

notification as to acceptance or not,
regularly check the workshop
website for the latest information.
Communications of all kinds
(views, queries, etc.) should be
directed to
ttwshop@hacettepe.edu.tr.

Please refer to the following
websites for more information about
the workshop series:

http://portal.unesco.org/ci/admin/ev.php?URL_ID=25623&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=20

http://www.albertkb.nl/pageID_5366125.html

Looking forward to your
participation in the workshop.