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Library and Information Science Research Coalition in the UK Launches First National Conference

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The one-day conference, *Evidence, Value and Impact: the LIS Research Landscape in 2010* <<http://lisresearch.org/conference-2010/>>, will take place on 28 June at the British Library Conference Centre.

It will consider perspectives on the Library and Information Science (LIS) research landscape. It will tackle issues relating to identifying LIS research opportunities; translating research outcomes into practice; growing research capacity amongst LIS professionals; and developing the future UK LIS research agenda.

The programme will appeal to all LIS research stakeholders; from funders of LIS-related research activity through to those who publish LIS research output, as well as practitioner researchers and academics. With first-hand access to expert speakers and peers on the day, delegates will develop their knowledge of the LIS research landscape, including the work of the LIS Research Coalition, while also increasing their awareness of:

- o The diversity of LIS research opportunities
- o Research funding sources
- o Potential research collaborators

- o Means of increasing the relevance of their research efforts
- o Avenues for publication of their research output
- o Research development opportunities for individuals and groups
- o Techniques for integrating research activities into everyday work practice

The conference includes keynote presentations and break-out sessions, with further opportunities for delegates to participate actively in the discussions <<http://lisresearch.org/conference-2010/one-minute-madness/>> on the day, including a "one minute madness" session.

The opening keynote speaker, Professor Andrew Dillon of the University of Texas - an LIS researcher of international repute - will speak on international perspectives of UK LIS research. The closing keynote speaker, Loughborough University's Professor Charles Oppenheim - also an LIS researcher of international standing - will discuss how an examination of the evidence, value and impact of current LIS research can inform the future LIS research agenda.

Afternoon break-out sessions will be led by a number of experts with research experience in

public, academic, special and corporate libraries; the health service; business; publishing; consulting; training; charities and higher education.

Delegates will have their chance to take the stage in the conference's "one minute madness" session immediately before the lunch break. One minute madness is a hard-hitting, rapid-fire, 60-second opportunity way of presenting ideas in an informal and fun way. The format allows speakers to put across a core idea much more successfully than is often the case for formal conference papers. Delegates who wish to participate in the one minute madness session sign up when they register for the conference.

The conference venue is the British Library's state of the art Conference Centre. Located in central London, the British Library Conference Centre is within easy walking distance of three mainline railway stations - St Pancras (Eurostar terminal), Euston and King's Cross - and six tube lines, and is thus at the heart of the UK and European transportation network.

The conference fee is £100 inclusive of VAT (£85.10 + £14.90 VAT). Six sponsored places for PhD students are available thanks to the generosity of three LIS recruitment firms: Glen Recruitment, Sue Hill Recruitment, and TFPL.

For further information:

Find out more and book your place at LIS Research Coalition Conference web page:
<http://lisresearch.org/conference-2010/>
<<http://lisresearch.org/conference-2010/>>

Full explanation of "one minute madness":
<http://lisresearch.org/conference-2010/one-minute-madness/>
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