

**Asociación de Bibliotecas Universitarias, Investigación e Institucionales del Caribe**

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**ACURIL XL**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Santo Domingo, República Dominicana**

**JUNE 6-12, 2010**



***Innovation and Informational Impact in the Caribbean:  
Evidence-Based Practice for the Library and Information Professional***

### **CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Important Dates:**

Submission of Abstracts	March 31, 2010
Notification of Acceptance/Rejection	April 9, 2010
Final submission due	April 30, 2010
Early bird conference registration	June 6, 2010
Conference period	June 6-12, 2010

The President of the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL), Prof. Carmen Margarita Santos-Corrada, invites proposals for Poster Presentations at ACURIL XL to be held from June 6-12, at the InterContinental V Centenario Hotel.

This Call for Poster Presentations is open to all information specialists including librarians, archivists, record administrators and educators in the field of information science, as well as information providers.

Conscious of the need that librarians and other information professionals have to propitiate proactive changes to build up better practices in our field, to contribute to the study and

research endeavors of our diverse communities, to the sustainability of our countries, and to be part of the global and competitive world we live in, the theme *Innovation and Informational Impact in the Caribbean: Evidence-Based Practice of the Library and Information Professional* has been selected.

In this conference we will seek to explore strategies and practices that will allow us to develop libraries, archives and other information units in the Caribbean region within the framework of intelligent organizations using the evidence-based practice focus, for the benefit of the diverse communities that we serve. It is intended to be a forum for colleagues to share ideas, innovative developments and proactive solutions to the issues and challenges we face as information professionals in our developing Caribbean region, operating in a world of continuous change.

The 40<sup>th</sup> ACURIL Conference program is being designed so that attendees can acquire the new knowledge and professional skills of the EBLIP, consider and share the experience, reflect on how to integrate the evidence-based process into the particular daily work, and be able to document the process and disseminate and share the experience with other colleagues.

Proposals for Poster Presentations may be practical or theoretical. To effectively explore the conference theme *Innovation and Informational Impact in the Caribbean: Evidence-Based Practice of the Library and Information Professional*, six broad subject areas have been chosen as sub-themes for ACURIL 2010.

**The Conference Sub-Themes are:**

- Administration of Information Services
- Multitype Collection Development
- Information Organization and Representation
- Reference and Information User Services
- Information and Research Competencies
- Information and Innovational Impact: Assessment of the Evidence-Based Practice

In addition, presenters are encouraged to relate their papers to the content area groups of ACURIL, namely Agriculture and the Environment, Health, Medicine and Natural Sciences, Organization and Retrieval of Information, and Law.

### **Topic Guidelines:**

Poster presentations must address one of the sub-themes, as stated above, for ACURIL XL.

### **What is a Poster Presentation?**

The aim of the poster presentation is to provide opportunities to share experiences. It is, therefore, a presentation in a poster board that advertises a service, a product, a topic, a research endeavor. It allows viewers to walk by and observe a particular work being presented, discuss and share ideas.

At ACURIL XL Dominican Republic, the poster sessions will aim to provide a forum for information professionals to highlight and share successful ideas and experiences with colleagues by presenting a research study, a special project, a problem-solving strategy, an innovative program or service in library and /or information services focusing on the conference topics. Bulletin boards will be provided to display the posters. Presenters will be required to bring finished displays to the Dominican Republic.

### **Topic guidelines:**

Posters will be presented from Monday, June 6 through June 12, 2010.

Poster presentations must address any of the sub-themes of the conference:

- Administration of Information Services
- Multitype Collection Development
- Information Organization and Representation
- Reference and Information User Services
- Information and Research Competencies
- Information and Innovational Impact: Assessment of the Evidence-Based Practice

The poster display should include a statement of the theme or problem, objectives of the research, project or idea being presented, the methodology used to solve the problem or implement the program, the major findings or outcomes and their significance, and conclusions.

### **How to Submit a Poster Proposal Abstract:**

The deadline for poster board presentation abstract is **March 31, 2010**. Poster presentations can be in any of the three official languages of ACURIL - English, French or Spanish.

Proposals may be submitted by e-mail or hard copy. Proposals must include:

- Poster presentation title
- Abstract (200 - 500 words)
- Name of presenter(s)
- Position/title of presenter(s)
- Employer/institutional affiliation(s)
- Mailing addresses
- Telephone/fax numbers
- E-mail

Notification of acceptance of a poster presentation will be made no later than **April 9, 2010**. Poster session abstracts will be published in the final program.

### **Format of Poster Presentations :**

No electrical support or Internet connections are available in the poster area. An effective poster presentation must visually demonstrate the key elements or significant points of a theme, product or service related to the conference.

- The dimensions of posters should be 3 feet wide x 4 feet high; that is, 36 x 48 inches.
- Impressions may be in paper, from a Power-Point presentation or common poster characteristics.

- Screen prints, charts, drawings, photographs, and other graphics along with text, to illustrate the presentation, are encouraged.
- Lettering should be simple, bold, and easily legible from a distance of four feet.
- Posters may be accompanied with handouts.
- All materials to be displayed should be prepared before arrival. Supplies will not be available at the conference site.

### **Paper Format:**

By **April 30, 2010**, each presenter must provide one hard copy and one electronic format document. The electronic format document must be sent as a Microsoft Word file.

Font style: Times New Roman 11pt

Margins 1" all around

Page size: 8½ x 11"

### **Paper Headings:**

Title heading – Times New Roman 12pt, Bold, centered all caps

Sub-headings – Times New Roman 11pt, centered

Name and title, institutional affiliation, e-mail - Times Roman, 11pt, centered.

Sub-headings: Flush left , bold, regular style.

Paragraph Indentation: 5 spaces from left

Paragraph spacing: Single

Bibliography citation style: American Psychological Association (APA), 6<sup>th</sup> ed.

### **Kindly submit proposals and enquires to:**

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