Abstract of the Workshop

The maximum number of participants is 20. Workshop will last approximately 90 minutes (30 min – theoretical part, 30 min – group discussion, 30 min – group opinion presentation and conclusion). The topic area of this workshop is “Access and delivery” (Equality of access to information).

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss existing library rules and regulations, especially the articles that concern aspects of library accessibility simplicity or complexity, what is very important for library survival as a modern information sharing, searching and retrieving place.

In the end of the 20th century and in the beginning of the 21st century library legislation has been improved and renewed all over the world. It is connected with information society importance spread and need to conform library laws to modern settings.

Which articles were considered as modern library rules and regulations? Do they provide equal access to information for all human beings? How existing rules fit modern people lifestyles?

These questions will be answered in the presentation during the theoretical part of the workshop. This part will contain the main results and the most interesting facts of the little qualitative content analysis survey, specially held for this workshop, which emphasizes the duties of library patrons and various restrictions applied within the libraries of different kind and in different continents, publicised on their websites. It is planned that afterwards participants will work in groups, discuss some other points and try to answer some questions. As a result it will present multicultural and multiage opinion about ideal contemporary library rules.

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