HUM@N BEINGS and Information Specialists
Call for Papers

Hum@n Beings

Human beings are increasingly becoming part of the information society, which is characterised by technical progress, global networks and virtual reality. Human beings are challenged to process more and more information in a dynamic rapidity to manage everyday life and their jobs. How does this development change the private and professional life of human beings? What kind of support do they need and expect from information specialists?

Information Specialists

In this process information specialists should play a deciding role. They should assume responsibility for the architecture and accessibility of the virtual world. They should help human beings to get orientation in the cyberspace and they should point out the chances of the global network for everybody. Information specialists can fulfill these demands successfully. They have to occupy acknowledged and influential positions in companies, in administration, in libraries – in the information world in general.

The 10th BOBCATSSS Symposium should focus the attention on human beings in the information society – their problems and their challenges. These should be the background for discussions about future skills, qualifications and positioning of information specialists.

Further topics may be, but are not limited to:

Future Skills

– Internet engineer, screen designer and webmaster – new jobs for information specialists?
– Teacher, psychologist, coach, and global player – new roles and requirements
– The ideal information specialist – new visions

Qualifications

– Qualifications of information specialists in the knowledge society
– Staying up-to-date to new information tools and channels
– Lifelong learning – demands and examples on further vocational education for information specialists
– Intercultural competencies – international education for information specialists

Positioning

– Legal standards for job outlines of information specialists?
– Promotion for the important role and the relevant services of information specialists
– Participation of information specialists in the development of a democratic information and knowledge society
– Information specialists as architects of the virtual reality and international networks

BOCATSSS Award

The 10th anniversary of BOBCATSSS is the right occasion to launch a new award. This award shall motivate students to present a paper or to offer a workshop at the BOBCATSSS 2002 Symposium. The students’ presentations should help to point out the philosophy of BOBCATSSS: They should stimulate discussions, communication, interaction, and international exchange of ideas and visions with regard to the topics.

BOBCATSSS Organization

BOBCATSSS stands for a series of annual European symposiums in the field of library and information education and research. The name is an acronym for city names of related universities from the founding period: Budapest, Oslo, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Tampere, Stuttgart, Szombatly, Sheffield. Since then further members have joined the network. Every year two of these universities of different European countries cooperate in organising the BOBCATSSS Symposium. It’s exceptional that teams of students plan and carry out both the contents and the management of these symposiums as a part of their studies.

BOBCATSSS 2002 is arranged by students from FH Stuttgart Hochschule für Bibliotheks- und Informationswesen and University of Ljubljana.

How to submit a Paper

If you wish to attend at the 10th BOBCATSSS Symposium with a presentation, please send the title and abstract (200 words English, MS-Word file) together with the preregistration to: Abstract@BOBCATSSS.org
You may also use the postal address:
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For easier understanding and classification of the abstract we ask you to inform us about research and methods used to prepare the paper.

Accepted papers will be published in the symposium proceedings before the symposium. They have to be written in English and must not exceed the maximum of 10 pages.

Papers for the proceedings that have not been submitted before the deadline of December 15th cannot be published.

DEADLINES
Abstract to be submitted before
September 15, 2001
Notification of acceptance
October 15, 2001
Paper for proceedings
December 15, 2001