

**Call for Papers**  
**11th Southern African Online Information Meeting**  
**Innovation in an Age of Limits**  
**Sandton Convention Centre**  
**5-8 June 2012**

SAOUG (Southern African Online User Group), SLIS (Special Library Information Specialists) and OSALL (Organisation of SA Law Librarians) are now inviting proposals for papers to be presented at the next SAOIM (Southern African Online Information Meeting) with the theme "Innovation in an age of limits". The conference theme is a reflection of the challenges that modern day libraries are facing and the subsequent need for innovative solutions.

SAOIM provides a forum for the exchange of information on current developments, applications and opportunities in the expanding field of online information. As with the previous conferences, the aim of the 11th SAOIM is to provide insight into the exciting extent of growth and activity taking place in the information industry. Coverage will include not only the traditional online systems and services, but also latest areas of information transfer and exchange.

**Conference papers are sought in all areas related to online information, including but not limited to, the following:**

- Mobile technologies: providing information access via mobile delivery channels
- eBooks and libraries
- Data management
- Semantic web, Web 3.0 and information discovery
- Cloud computing
- Virtual research environments
- Open access publishing
- Digital curation
- The changing role of the information professional
- Value addition and innovative services
- Information literacy
- Embedded librarianship
- Next generation libraries
- eLearning
- Managing electronic resources in academic and corporate libraries
- Knowledge sharing & collaboration
- New technologies and service delivery

As with the previous SAOIM, a special session will be dedicated to innovative and best practice 'show and tell'. Come and share the new things that you are doing in short 10 minute sessions. Any aspect of good online practice will be welcome.

Whilst priority will be given to contributors on the suggested themes, presentations on other relevant topics will also be considered. All proposals will be evaluated by a joint panel of

SAOUG, SLIS and OSALL members in a blind review. Proposals will be judged on their relevance to the online information field as well as on the strength of the idea and potential member interest. All applicants will be notified of a decision, however, the decision of the selectors is final and no correspondence with regard to acceptance or rejection of submitted papers will be entered into.

### **Submission guidelines and specifications**

- Concise papers (20 minutes maximum) based on practical experience or practical applications of information technology are preferred.
- Due to time constraints only one presenter per paper will be allowed.
- As this is an international event, papers must be presented in English.
- Should you wish to present a paper, please submit your 250 word abstract together with the following details via e-mail to [mvanheerden@csir.co.za](mailto:mvanheerden@csir.co.za) **no later than 29 February 2012:**
  - Name and designation
  - Company / institution / affiliation and address
  - E-mail address, work telephone and fax numbers
  - Cell phone number
  - Date of submission

### **Satellite events**

Satellite events, including exhibitions and pre- and post-conference workshops, will be held to maximise the benefit delegates will derive from attending the formal sessions on the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Please e-mail [mvanheerden@csir.co.za](mailto:mvanheerden@csir.co.za) should you be interested in the following:

- Exhibiting during the conference, 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2012
- Presenting events such as training courses, workshops and tutorials on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012. (Please enclose a brief outline of the proposed event.)
- An opportunity to present product reviews or workshops will be given to exhibitors, service providers and publishers during the conference. (Please enclose a brief outline of the product review / workshop.)

### **Conference programme**

The following keynote speakers have been confirmed:

- Stephen Abram: Spotting trends and opportunities: innovation in an age of limits
- Michael Stephens: The hyperlinked library: trends, tools, transparency
- Karen Blakeman: Personalisation, localisation, semantic search

Pre- and post conference workshops include:

- Michael Stephens: Taming technolust: technology planning in a hyperlinked world
- Stephen Abram: Frankenbooks: understanding the ebook opportunity
- Karen Blakeman: Personalisation, localisation, semantic search
- Jeremy Wallis: Getting things done
- Kosie Eloff: Self publishing

Full details of keynote speakers, papers, exhibitors, workshops, seminars and product reviews will be distributed closer to the conference.