



Innovation, tools and services for libraries: the COVID-19 challenge

4 IFLA Presidents share their insights on the topic

The **Organizing Committee for the Support of Libraries (CSL)** invites you to its first webcast and brings together library and information professionals from Greece and abroad to share their insights on the subject: Innovation, tools and services for libraries: the COVID-19 challenge.

The webcast will take place in two parts. The first part will be held on **Friday 9 April at 18:00 Athens time (17:00 CET)**.

The webcast is organized by the members of the Committee in the frames of its annual activities aiming at the support of library and information professionals in Greece.

The crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic has brought unique challenges of global scale. Library professionals were forced to adapt and explore innovative approaches in order to continue providing quality services to their users, remotely.

The aim of this virtual meeting is to present the innovations, technologies and initiatives in the library sector that proved to be efficient during the COVID-19 pandemic. Best practices will be highlighted, to help other libraries overcome this pandemic time or to meet the post pandemic needs of their users.

On **Friday, April 9, 2021**, the webcast program will include **five speeches**, and a unique opportunity for attendees to interact with **four presidents of IFLA** (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) which will be “present” at the same event to share their knowledge.

-**Christine Mackenzie**, IFLA President 2019 to 2021, from Australia

-**Barbara Lison**, IFLA President-elect 2019-2021, Director of the Bremen Public Library in Germany

-**Gloria Pérez-Salmerón**, IFLA President 2017-2019, from Spain

-**Donna Wills Scheeder**, IFLA President 2015-2017, from the United States

-**Anthi Katsirikou**, President of the Association of Greek Librarians and Information Scientists, Head of the Library of Piraeus University.

The webcast will be **presented and coordinated** by **Tonia Arachova**, IFLA Treasurer.

The **Organizing Committee for the Support of Libraries** was founded in 2003 and is a model of equal representation and cooperation of its constituent bodies: Goethe-Institut Athen; Instituto Cervantes de Atenas; American Center of the U.S. Embassy in Athens; Library of the Hellenic Parliament; National Library of Greece; Eugenides Foundation; Music Library of Greece "Lilian Voudouri", Friends of Music Society; Association of Greek Librarians and Information Scientists (EEBEP); National Documentation Center; “Diavazontas Megalono”; British School at Athens, Library; Municipal Library of New Philadelphia - New Chalcedona.

Useful information

- Lectures will be held in English.
- Participation is free but a separate pre-registration for each day is required. To register please https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eG8pvKKyTFiZV0ZZu80Etw
- Participants will be notified in a timely manner, by email, and will receive an invitation with the link to access the online conference on Zoom platform.
- Livestreaming and question asking in real time will be possible via YouTube <https://youtu.be/ofdeJHGQKUE> No registration required.



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- Certificates of participation will be available on request to lib@eef.edu.gr
- The speeches will afterwards be made openly available to everyone, via the YouTube channel of the Eugenides Foundation here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/eugenfound/featured> and via the Repository of CSL that holds all previous events: <http://repository-csl.ekt.gr>

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