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## The President's Editorial

**Dear All,**
Five days before the 30-ty edition of the BOBCATSSS
Conference (23rd – 25th May 2022, hybrid format)
at University of Debrecen, I give the floor for the opening words
to student – organizer of the event **Dóra Szabó**:

**"What is BOBCATSSS to me and what is the spirit of
BOBCATSSS?"**

Collage: Dóra Szabó

In 2020 I had the opportunity to attend BOBCATSSS 2020 in Paris.
This was the first international conference for me and also the first scientific English speaking presentation, not including the city Paris which I visited for the first time...
This time I was a final year student in teacher education (German Language and Library Science) at the University of Debrecen. And my dream was to apply for a PhD program.
I will never forget the moment when my supervisor had a talk with me after my successful presentation and she told me that she is really supporting my plans and we had to find the perfect way to get into the program, and we made it. Since then, I've been a PhD student and we've been working together for 5 years.
Another way I connect to the BOBCATSSS is, during a lunch in Paris we were thinking of organising a conference after Porto. And I really offered my help free of charge of course. They couldn't say no, because I am good at this kind of work.
So, I began to spend my free time for the Bobcatsss 2022 conference, I am the Chair of the Students Committee, while I think I am the most hardworking in the team. Sometimes it feels too much or it's hard, but I truly love to organize this conference and can't wait to let this event happen on my birthday."

# BOBCATSSS 2022 Conference (23rd – 25th May 2022)

## University of Debrecen, Hungary

## DATA AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

https://konferencia.unideb.hu/en/BOBCATSSS2022

## Latest News

We are very excited about the upcoming anniversary BOBCATSSS that will take place very soon!!!!
The 30th BOBCATSSS will be held hybrid in Debrecen from 23rd to 25th May 2022.
The presentations of the conference programme will be held on the campus of the Faculty of Informatics (https://www.inf.unideb.hu/en).

The Welcome Dinner and the Gala Dinner will take place in the University Main Building. The first day of the conference will start at 10 a.m. with a welcome ceremony. This will be followed by the first keynote speech by Gyöngyi Karácsony. The other two days will each begin with a keynote (Day 2: Christian Wartena, Day 3: Péter Baranyi). Workshops and presentations will take place in the morning and afternoon.
Conference participants arriving on Sunday can take part in a guided tour of the city.
Please register via the website: https://konferencia.unideb.hu/en/program-bobcatsss-2022-debrecen
As of 2nd May, a total of 95 participants have registered, 60 of them on site. We are happy about all those who participate, even though the numbers are very low again this year due to Covid-19 and the nearby war in Ukraine.

So, we continue the BOBCATSSS tradition and hope to see everyone in person again soon.

BOBCATSSS 2022 Programme is available at:
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# MIC 2022 (16th November 2022)

*Lowie van Eck*

I had a dream for MIC 2022: A free hybrid conference in the Hague University of Applied Sciences. In this article I want to share the little steps we have taken to accomplish these goals.

*'Knowledge is power'* and we want to give everyone the chance to attend our Mini Information Conference (MIC). After the closing ceremony of BOBCATSSS 2022 on the 25th of May 2022 it will be possible to register for free at: https://mic2022.sciencesconf.org.

We hope you want to share your *'knowledge'* with us on the 16th of November 2022.

It is already possible to submit your abstract. This can be done until August.

There is still plenty of time to write those research papers and plan those presentations. Anything goes as long as it's connected to the Information Science field.

Last year's MIC only featured the PechaKucha format. This year we will add Elevator Pitches, a quick 2-minute presentation, to the list of usable formats for MIC. Abstracts can be submitted on the following site: https://mic2022.sciencesconf.org/. An account needs to be created before a submission can be done.

It is possible to submit an abstract that will be presented during BOBCATSSS 2022. You are welcome to share updates and new insights during MIC.

And last but not least!
We are happy to announce that MIC 2022 will be hosted live in the Speakers' Corner of the Hague University of Applied Sciences.

Please send an email to lowievaneck@gmail.com if you want to attend this event live. We need the following information for the guest list: Name, e-mail, and link to the Hague University of Applied Sciences (student, professor, researcher or does not apply).

# BOBCATSSS 2023 CFP

## January 25 – 27, 2023

### A New Era: Exploring the Possibilities and Expanding the Boundaries

Host: Department of Archivistics, Library and Information Science (ABI)
Oslo Metropolitan University (OsloMet)

*Jamie Johnston and OsloMet Team and partners*



Photo: OsloMet Team archive

| Conference website | https://www.oslomet.no/en/about/events/bobcatsss-2023 |
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| Submission link | https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=bobcatsss2023 |
| Abstract registration deadline | September 12, 2022 |
| Submission deadline | November 14, 2022 |

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## A New Era – Exploring the Possibilities and Expanding the Boundaries

## Theme

Libraries, archives, and information services of all types are exploring the possibilities for promoting information, culture, and knowledge through the development of their collections and serving as community meeting, learning and creative spaces. This is seen in three areas: 1. construction of unconventional and cutting-edge buildings and redesigning of old buildings, 2. adoption of new virtual solutions for making services, programs, exhibitions, and events accessible, 3. increased digitization of collections and acquisition of new media. Collectively, developments in these three areas have expanded the boundaries of what constitutes an information service, how they operate, and ways services are delivered. Bobcatsss 2023 will explore the possibilities for services and programming and the expansion of physical and virtual boundaries in this new era for libraries, archives, and information services.

**Submissions may address the following topics, or other relevant subthemes:**

- Sustainability
- Participation & participatory practice
- Meeting places and arenas for discussion
- LAM collaboration and convergence
- Literary and cultural mediation
- Children's libraries
- Shared Reading
- Interaction design and user experience
- Community resilience
- Equity, diversity and inclusion / Diversity, equity, inclusion and justice
- Open access
- Scholarly communication
- Knowledge organization
- Knowledge management
- Universal design
- User communities
- Gaming
- Information architecture
- Information management
- Information behavior and practices

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## Types of Contributions and Submission

The scientific committee welcomes and encourages submission of high-quality, original contributions which have not been previously presented or published elsewhere, in the form of a paper, poster, Pecha Kucha presentation, workshop or panel.

**Abstract submission** (EasyChair)

- Abstract: 300-500 words, 3-5 keywords
- All accepted papers will appear in the proceedings of the conference.
- Selected papers will be published in high level international scientific journals.

All proposals will be refereed in a double-blind process and must follow formal guidelines. Proposals will not go forward for review if these guidelines are not observed. The conference language is English and all work should be in English. If English is not your first language, we strongly recommend that your manuscript be edited by a native English speaker.

Please note that at least one of the authors must register for the conference in order for a paper to be accepted and published in the proceedings.

## Important Dates

**Call for papers:**

- First call for papers: April 20th, 2022
- Second call for papers: July 18th, 2022
- Third call for papers: September 5th, 2022

**Submission deadline for abstract:** September 12th, 2022

**Authors' notification on final decision on abstract category:** October 10th, 2022

**Paper submission:**
Deadline: November 14th, 2022
Notification of acceptance for papers: December 12th, 2022
Deadline for submitting final versions of papers: January 4th, 2023

**Conference Dates:** January 25 – 27 2023

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## Submission Guidelines

Following a double-blind review process, authors will receive notification email. Even if their proposals/abstracts are accepted authors might be asked to revise abstract of their proposal, according to the reviewers' remarks and suggestions.

**Papers** should be submitted as attachments via EasyChair (as .doc, .docx or .rtf). Paper length is limited to 8 pages (minimum 2,000 and maximum 3,500 words), including the first page and the following content:

- The background and purpose of the study.
- Details of the methods, procedures or instruments used.
- Findings, discussion and conclusions.
- References/Bibliography (not included in word count)
- Appendices (if necessary)

**Posters and PechaKucha presentations** should be submitted as attachments via EasyChair (as .doc, .docx or .rtf) and limited to two pages, including the first page and the following content:

- The background and purpose
- Details of the methods, procedures or instruments used
- Findings, discussion and conclusions
- References/Bibliography (not included in word count)
- Appendices (if necessary)

**Workshops and Panels** should be submitted as attachments via EasyChair (as .doc, .docx or .rtf) and limited to two pages.

Workshop proposals should include:

- The background, purpose and expected outcomes of the workshop.
- Details of the methods, procedures or instruments used.
- Discussion and conclusion
- References/Bibliography (not included in word count)
- Appendices (if necessary)

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Panel proposals should involve between three and five speakers and include the descriptions of the core idea for the panel as well as short descriptions (300-500 words) of all included papers. Once accepted, please aim to follow the guidelines for paper submissions.

**The first page of all submissions should include the following:**

- Title: 15 point Times New Roman font
- Author(s): 12 point Times New Roman font Author's name, academic title (for teachers: Assistant professor, Associate professore etc.) or student stautus (Bachelor, Master or Doctoral student), affiliation (Department, School, University), city, country, email address.
- Abstract: An abstract of maximum 300 words should be included on the title page. Use 10 point Times New Roman font in italic face.
- Keywords: List 3 – 6 keywords.

**Important:** Try to prepare inclusive presentation which will be accessible to all potential audience, including people with disabilities.

**Requirements for style and format:**

- Formatted for A4 paper using MS Word or Rich Text Format with minimal use of formatting.
- Right and left margins should be aligned and justified.
- 12 point font in Times New Roman style only, single-spaced.
- First level section headings should be in boldface and subsection headings in italics
- Sections should NOT be numbered.
- Tables and figures should be incorporated in the text as close to the reference as possible, andsequentially numbered in separate series. Captions should be Times New Roman style 10 point,centered. Captions for tables should be above the table. Captions for figures should be belowthe figure.
- The author is solely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the references. References should be listed alphabetically according to the last name of the author. References to personal letters, papers presented at meetings, and other unpublished material should also be included. The format for citation follows the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA). Citation of an author's work in the text should follow the author-year citation format. Use comma to separate last names, and the word "and" between the last two authors within the text. For example: "Smith (1999) found that…"; "other researchers (Black1 PechaKucha is a presentation which includes 20 slides that are shown for 20 seconds each (6 minutes and 40 seconds in total). More about PechKucha format is available at http://www.pechakucha.org/faq.

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## Venue

**BOBCATSSS 2023 will be hosted on the OsloMet campus**. The campus is easily accessible on public transport and is located walking distance from many of Oslo's major cultural and historical sites. The University is equipped with modern conference facilities.

**Hybrid attendance will be offered**. One of the main goals of the conference is to explore how hybrid academic conferences can be further developed to reduce costs, span geographic distances, and find climate friendly solutions.

**Conference registration fees will be kept to a minimum** – a benefit of holding the conference at OsloMet!

## Accomodation

**Anker Hotel and Hostel:** (information coming soon)

**Thon Hotel:**

- Norwegian: https://www.thonhotels.no/event/bobcatsss-2023/
- English: https://www.thonhotels.com/event/bobcatsss-2023/

## Conference Organizers

**OsloMet,** Department of Archivistics, Library and Information Science (ABI)

**University College London,** Department of Information Studies

**University of Borås,** Swedish School of Library and Information Science

## Contact

Questions or comments? Please contact the conference organizers at: bobcatsss2023@gmail.com

**Welcome to Oslo for BOBCATSSS 2023!**

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## THE SWEDISH SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
### UNIVERSITY OF BORÅS



Photo: Univ. of Boras Team archive

As one of the organisers for BOBCATSSS 2023, here is a short introduction to
The Swedish School of Library and Information Science.

The Swedish School of Library and Information Science is Sweden's most extensive
research environment in the subject and conducts research and education with a strong
professional connection and international character. This year, 2022 we celebrate 50
years working as a spearhead for library and information science education and
research within Sweden.

This research area deals figuratively with the sense-making of information and in a concrete way with how it may be organized, made searchable, accessible and mediated through different techniques and information services. The research emphasizes conditions and methods for individuals and organizations to get hold of desired/relevant information for different activities, education, training and experiences.

Library and information science focuses as well on library and information services as on how individuals or organizations search, use and get access to information. Conditions are studied as well on micro as macro level and include aspects of cultural policy and/or informational policy.

There are three research groups at the department:

Information Practices and Digital Cultures

Knowledge infrastructures

Libraries, Culture and Society

The area Library and Information Science in Borås is the largest within its discipline in Sweden, with 6 professors, 20 senior lecturers and more than 10 lecturers. At present, there are almost 20 doctoral candidates in our research programme.

Our research is organized in three groups striving for the highest standards in research in a range of exciting areas. The PhD programme, which is also the most comprehensive in Sweden within the discipline, is closely related both to the undergraduate programmes as well as to the school's research groups. Both researchers and doctoral students participate in networks and international conferences and work in cooperation with external partners in the relevant professions.

We are looking forward to the BOBCATSSS 2023 Conference (25-27 January), and hope to meet many of you in Oslo.

# News from Partners and Save the Dates!



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND INCLUSIVENESS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
IN THE TIME OF CRISIS SITUATIONS
Osijek, May 23–24, 2023

### First call for papers

The International Conference on **Digital Transformation and Inclusiveness of the Higher Education Institutions in the Time of Crisis Situations** is planned as one of the Multiplier Events of the Erasmus + project **DECriS** (Digital Education for Crisis Situations: Times When There is no Alternative). The conference will be held in **Osijek, Croatia May 23–24, 2023**.

The main goals of the DECriS project are tackling future skills mismatches and promoting excellence in digital skills development; ensuring HEIs contribute to innovation and inclusive digital education and strengthening connectivity at international level. In the line with EC's goals, DECriS project intend to focus on the development, testing, and promotion of flexible and modular OERs design and their placement on the project's platform; integration of work placements in online environment. The project also aims to build evidence about what works in HEIs about DE during COVID-19 primarily, but as well other crisis situations through studies, expert groups, and analysis and monitoring of benchmarks and indicators.

We invite (L)IS community to join us in Osijek, Croatia for two DECriS project conference days May 23–24, 2023 which be followed by International Conference – LIDA 2023 (Libraries in the Digital Age) on May 25–26, 2023.

The Department of Information Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Osijek, a member of i-Schools movement, will also mark 25th anniversary of its establishment (www.ffos.hr) during the conference.

Thus, plan your trip to Osijek and Croatia, as there will be a number of interesting events (invited lecturers, workshops, accepted papers and panel discussions).

Your proposals are welcomed as research papers, short papers, posters and panel proposals. For research papers we would expect proposals no longer than 7 000 words; for short papers the limit is 3 000 words. Poster and panel proposals should have not more than 1 500 words.

Proposed sub-topics for DECriS Conference are:

- Digital Education (DE): approaches, strategies and organisational models
- DE supporting equity, inclusion and internationalization of higher education (HE)
- DE in the time of crisis: innovative practices and solutions
- Virtual reality and game-based learning
- Emergency online teaching: experiences and best practice
- Emergency online teaching and mental health issues
- Trauma-informed teaching and learning
- Mobile teaching
- Pros and cons for DE in the time of crisis
- Teachers' and students' perception and expectations of DE
- Users' experience and satisfaction with hybrid and DE; best practices
- Pedagogical approaches to the DE
- New methodologies and digital competencies for DE
- Innovative curricula and educational methods in DE
- Digital testing and assessment
- Impact of hybrid and DE on learning outcomes and higher education in general
- Digital transformation: the role and expected impact of information institutions on higher education
- Open Educational resources (OERs): perception, experiences, challenges
- (Quality) evaluation of OERs: approaches, case studies, views from different perspectives and experiences
- Internship and apprenticeship in the time of crisis: perception, experience, challenges
- Digital internship

Please follow the information about the DECriS project conference at https://decris.ffos.hr/

## BOBCATSSS Association Appeals of Solidarity to Ukraine

BOBCATSSS Association (former EUCLID – European Association for Library and Information Education and Research) expresses solidarity and supports the EBLIDA, NAPLE, Public Libraries 2030 and their partners initiatives and Call – *Libraries for Ukraine*, on behalf of the community of the European LIS education and research units, members of the Bobcatsss Association.