

Program overview

There is an exciting and eclectic mix of presenters, topics and experience. The pre-conference workshops offer opportunities for hands-on experimentation, sharing experience and expertise and picking up practical and strategic tips from leaders in the field. We have more than 40 presentations and posters from 20 different countries from Australia, Europe, Asia, Africa and North America. The three topic strands will focus on mobile services and their development, mobile users and evidence about their behaviour and requirements and emerging technical developments including new platforms, devices and applications. Delegates will be able to move freely between the strands. The quality and diversity of the papers accepted reflects the extent to which the field of m-libraries has matured and flourished since the very first conference in 2007. Papers include strategy and infrastructure developments at national level, local innovation, reflections and feedback on new service models, user research, professional development and technical perspectives.

This conference, hosted by The University of Southern Queensland in collaboration with Athabasca University, the Open University, Thompson Rivers University and Emerald Group Publishing, aims to explore and share work carried out in libraries around the world to deliver services and resources to users 'on the move' via a growing plethora of mobile or handheld devices.

The conference will bring together researchers, technical developers, managers and library practitioners to exchange experience and expertise and generate ideas for future developments.

Keynote speakers

Stephen Abram: Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Markets for Gale Cengage

Dr. Mohamed Ally: Professor in Distance Education and Director of the Centre for Distance Education at Athabasca University.

Jessica Colaço: iHub Manager at iHub - Nairobi's premier innovation hub.

Prof Gilly Salmon: Executive Director of the Australian Digital Futures Institute at University of Southern Queensland.

Note to Speakers

- December 2010 – Authors notified of abstract acceptances
- Post m-libraries conference – Authors will be contacted selectively and invited to contribute full papers for the book of proceedings to be published by Facet. Detailed requirements will be available.