

Special Session

Session Title

Linking research and practice: the synergies and their relevance to practice, policy and academia

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Scope and rationale

The 2023 QQML conference sub-theme (b) ‘The impact of libraries’ and sub-theme (e) ‘Future libraries’ are particularly relevant to the session title. In an era of partnerships and collaboration, rapid advances in information technology, paradigm shifts in research, learning and teaching, the growing research output that is increasingly becoming open access and the demands from library users/patrons, there is need to build on the synergies to impact academic and research libraries’ service delivery. Practicing librarians who conduct research or LIS academics and researchers who do research related to the practice of academic librarianship are invited to contribute papers to this session. The papers should share research findings about innovative practices and experiences that have been impactful – what works and what does not - to enable the participants to learn from the best practices or avoid what does not work. The application of research findings to library service delivery, policy and in theories relevant to academics and the growth of knowledge management in general will enrich the session as well as highlighting the future of libraries, archives and museums.

Special Sessions of QQML 2023 Conference may have 4-6 papers.