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Subject: Conference Announcement on What's Next in Libraries? Trends, Space, and Partnerships at NIT Silchar

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am happy to inform you that National Institute of Technology Silchar is organizing an International Conference on **"What's Next in Libraries? Trends, Space, and Partnerships"** during January 21-23, 2015 at NIT Silchar, Assam. It is being jointly organized by NIT Silchar, in association with its USA partner the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Further, enclosed please find herewith a Conference Announcement on **International Conference on "What's Next in Libraries? Trends, Space, and Partnerships"**.

You are requested to kindly publish the same in your esteemed newspaper / magazine / website at the earliest.

Thanks and Regards

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Conference Announcement

International Conference on "What's Next in Libraries? Trends, Space, and Partnerships"

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Creating a vibrant and sustainable library ecosystem requires that librarians and libraries adapt, change, and innovate to stay relevant to users and home institutions. What are the current trends in successful academic and public libraries? How do we as professionals re-imagine library space that is flexible and attractive? How do we develop partnerships that advance the mission of our libraries? These are among some of the questions that will be examined and discussed by librarians from the United States, India, and other countries who will interact during this three-day conference to build skills, learn from colleagues, and return home with practical ideas. The conference format will encourage individual participants to become engaged in discussions and presentations through a variety of sessions, including lectures, posters, "lightning" talks, individual consultations, roundtable discussions and workshops.

The principal objective of this Conference is to provide a platform for exchange of knowledge, ideas & learning experience among the Librarians, Information specialists, Scientists, Information providers & persons related to LIS and to identify emerging trends in LIS, innovate way of using library spaces & partnership the field of Library and Information Science. Around 200 delegates will attend the Conference.

Teachers, Library Professionals, IT Professionals, Knowledge Workers, Students and Faculty of the country in general and of the North East India in particular are the targeted participants of the Seminar.

THEME:

"What's Next in Libraries? Trends, Space, and Partnerships"

SUB THEME:**I: Trends**

- New Trends, Innovations LIS
- Lib 2.0: New Practices, Smart Mobile Applications in LIS,
- E-Learning and Information Literacy, Scholarly Publishing, Open Access, and Digital Libraries,
- Quality Assurance & Best Practices, Innovative Library Products & Services.

II: Space

- Recent Trends in Library Space,
- Space Design, Positioning, and service transformation,
- Case studies on library building and space planning,
- Users Perspective of Library Space,
- Green Library, Norms and Standards for Library Space,
- Security of Library Resources,
- Disaster Management in Libraries.

III. Partnerships

- Networking among Professionals,
- Collaborations, Joint Projects.

THEME OF THE WORKSHOPS:

- Scholarly commons
- Library Spaces
- Library & Community Development

Some of Our Confirmed Speakers are:

1. Paula Toby Kaufman, Interim Director, Mortenson Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
2. Jeffrey Mark Schrader, Assistant Dean for Facilities, University Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. USA
3. Susan Schnuer, Associate Director, Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
4. William H. Mischo, Head, Grainger Engineering Library Information Center, & Professor of Library Administration, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
5. Geeta Malhotra, Country Director, READ India
6. Bhim Dhoj Shrestha, Head, Central Department of Library and Information Science, Tribhuvan University. Nepal

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Original contributions based on application / research / surveys / practices related to the theme and sub-themes mentioned are invited for paper and poster presentations. Based on editorial committee's recommendations, papers for the international conference will be selected and published in the Conference Volume (print version) with ISBN number. Registrations for all authors are mandatory for paper presentation. All papers should be submitted through email on or before 30 November 2014.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Deadline for Abstract Submission : 25 Nov 2014
Deadline for Paper Submission : 30 Nov 2014
Notifications for Acceptance : 01 Dec 2014
Camera Ready Paper Submission : 10 Dec 2014
Conference Date : 21-23 Jan 2015

The faculty members & students interested to participate in the Conference can contact:

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