



**PHILIPPINE LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION, INC. (PLAI)**  
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## **PLAI NATIONAL CONGRESS 2017: CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **Theme: “Libraries Take Action: Providing Access and Opportunity for All”**

The Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), through the National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS), and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), will be conducting its Annual National Congress on November 21-24, 2017 in Bacolod City.

#### **CONGRESS OBJECTIVES**

1. To understand the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
2. To recognize the role of libraries as agents of knowledge development through the implementation of various information literacy programs and providing open access to information and communication technologies (ICTs);
3. To identify strategies on how libraries can be venues of community development through partnership and collaboration with the different stakeholders of society;
4. To engage libraries, archives, and other heritage institutions in safeguarding cultural heritage in all its diverse forms;
5. To advocate the roles of librarians and library associations as key players for social change through capacity building and professional agenda.

The Conference Committee invites submission of proposals for paper/oral (professional category) and poster (professional and/or student categories) presentations. The proposals should be in line with the general theme and based on the following areas and sub-topics:

Libraries as active and dynamic agents in promoting / advocating / supporting:

- I. *Economic equality*  
With sub-topics, such as: environment, poverty, food security, public health and wellness
- II. *Education*  
With sub-topics, such as: lifelong learning, quality/equitable education, universal literacy (digital, media, information literacy and skills)
- III. *Environmental Sustainability*  
With sub-topics, such as: water, sanitation, energy, environmental resources, climate change
- IV. *Sustainable Development*  
With sub-topics, such as: disaster resilience, settlements/infrastructure, inclusive/sustainable economic growth, linkages, partnerships and collaboration for sustainable development
- V. *Social Justice, Equality, Inclusive Societies, and Providing Safe Havens*  
With sub-topics, such as: PWDs (People with Disabilities), LGBTIQ (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Questioning), disenfranchised members of society
- VI. *Cultural heritage preservation*  
With sub-topics, such as: indigenous peoples, intangible cultural heritage, registry of cultural properties

More examples of how libraries can drive progress across the UN 2030 Agenda can be found here:

<https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/topics/libraries-development/documents/sdgs-insert.pdf>



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## PRESENTATIONS

Paper/oral presentation (Professional Category): 20-30 minutes presentation, with 10-15 minutes for questions during the plenary session.

Poster presentation (Professional and Undergraduate Student Categories): Presentation describing the research project with the aid of the text and visuals in the poster. Authors must be present to interact and respond to the questions from the participants.

## SUBMISSION

Proposals for paper and poster presentations should be submitted using the following format:

1. Title of Paper (in capital letters, Times New Roman font size 14)
2. Name of Presenter/s. Use \* for the presenting author
3. Institution/Company Affiliation (including official designation and office address)
4. Contact details: email address and mobile number
5. Paper abstract (not more than 300 words, Times New Roman font, size 12)
6. Keywords (2-5 words)
7. Regional Council to which the member belongs
8. Author's short bio (not more than 100 words for each author)

Proposals must be sent to:

PLAI Conference Committee

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Indicate ***PLAI Congress Proposal Submission [Paper or Poster (Professional or Student Category)]*** in the subject line.

Please be informed that only upon the acceptance of the full paper (for oral presentation) by the Committee that you will be invited to present your paper at the conference.

## IMPORTANT DATES

March 20, 2017	Announcement of Call for Papers
May 31, 2017	Submission deadline of proposals
June 15, 2017	Notification of accepted proposals (paper and poster)
August 15, 2017	Submission deadline of full papers (oral presentation)
August 30, 2017	Final notification of acceptance and invitation for paper presentation
November 21-24, 2017	PLAI National Congress 2017

## CONGRESS SUBSIDY

Paper presenters: waived registration fee for one author per approved proposal for paper presentations.

Poster presenters: 50% discount for registration for one author per approved proposal poster presentations.

## PUBLICATION

All selected abstracts will be published in the *PLAI National Congress 2017 Book of Abstracts*. Full papers (oral presentation) will undergo peer-review for possible inclusion in the *PLAI Journal*.

### Please Note:

Proposals not selected for paper presentation may be considered for poster presentation due to the limited number of available slots. For the poster presentation, each Regional Council is encouraged to have submissions for both professional and undergraduate student categories. Regional eliminations may be conducted by the Regional Councils.