

Moving Towards a New Information Specialist Profile

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Summary

- Changing Environment
- Some Consequences
- At the Crossroads
- LAC At the Crossroads.
- Future



Changing Environment

- New Technologies: information technologies and other technologies
- New User Paradigm
- Past, Current and Future Legal, Institutional and Regulatory Frameworks
- Standards: Roadblocker or Pathfinder?



Some Consequences

- Digital Culture : New Social Foundations
- From Structured to Unstructured
- From Explicit Human Intermediary to Automated Search Engines with Implicit Human Background Value Added
- Risks
- Possibilities: Re-Thinking Information Professional Specializations



At the Crossroads

- Professions Evolve
- Back to Our Rationale under New Digital Constraints and Possibilities



LAC at the Crossroads

- LAC: From Two Institutions to An Administrative Merger towards a New Information Professional Culture:
 - Acquisition, Description, Preservation and References (Horizontal Initiatives)
- Opportunities for All Information Professionals to Support Decision Makers in Charting The New World to Satisfy Users and Citizens Needs.



Future

- Continuous Relevancy means Increased Cross-Fertilization Among Information Professionals
- Renewal and Re-Definition of Specializations
- From Professional-Centric, to User-Centric Towards Cyborg-Centric





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