



FREEDOM AND INFORMATION CONFERENCE First Announcement

June 15th-17th 2005
Burleigh Court, Loughborough University UK

An International Conference on the two concepts that are linked in the term 'Freedom of Information', providing an opportunity to explore the dimensions of the relationship between the two, and explore their significance for theory and practice in the field of information and communications.

Organisers: the Legal and Policy Research Group of the Department of Information Science at Loughborough University, in association with the Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression Committee (FAIFE) of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

Who is the Conference for? Practitioners and academics in the information, communication, media, computer, and library domains, members of NGOs working on civil society and good governance issues, and all who are interested in ethical, legal and regulatory aspects of information and communication.

Date and Venue and Cost: June 15th-17th 2005 at Burleigh Court, Loughborough University UK. Conference delegate's fee, including two nights accommodation in hotel standard accommodation, all meals and conference materials £325.

Call for Proposals

Abstracts of up to 400 words are invited from those interested in making a presentation at the conference. Topics could cover aspects of any of the following:

- freedom of expression,
- intellectual freedom,
- academic freedom,
- freedom of information laws,
- investigative journalism,
- transparency,
- anti-corruption programmes,
- confidentiality and privacy,
- data protection,
- official secrets,
- public interest disclosure,
- intellectual property and costs of information,
- open access publishing,
- systems of censorship,
- Internet regulation,

- suppression of information,
- misinformation and disinformation,
- and other relevant aspects.

The organisers welcome enquiries and expressions of interest by those considering participating. Messages to Paul Sturges:

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Date for receipt of abstracts: 30th September 2004. Abstracts to be sent to Charles Oppenheim: c.oppenheim@lboro.ac.uk

Selection of papers for presentation, on basis of abstracts, to be announced 31st October 2004. All selected papers to be published electronically, with a further selection for printed journal publication. Full papers, not exceeding 4000 words, of those abstracts selected for presentation, to be sent by 28th February 2005.