

Call for Papers

Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section

Theme:

Making better laws – the unique role of parliamentary library and research services

Date

15-16 August

Venue

Li Ka Shing Library (Singapore Management University)

The IFLA [Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section](#) invites proposals for presentations at the Section's pre-conference programme in Singapore on 15-16 August 2013.

This pre-conference will focus on the role of parliamentary library and research services in supporting legislators and the process of legislation. The first day will be led by the Parliament of Singapore and feature the work it does and the work of other parliamentary libraries in the region. The call for papers relates to the second day when we are hoping for a high level of interactivity with the papers providing a stimulus for a wide debate with participants.

We invite papers that:

- Describe the role of parliamentary libraries and research services and how they help Parliamentarians to be well informed
- Present case studies of individual services or laws where parliamentary libraries and research services have made a contribution
- Consider cross national issues, for example, knowledge sharing and research about laws and lawmaking on similar topics in different countries and at supra-national and regional levels
- Look at the role of technology and open data in comparative study of legislation
- Consider public outreach by parliamentary libraries and research services to help inform the wider legislative process

Submissions

Please send an abstract (1 page or about 300 words), in English or French, of the proposed paper and relevant biographical information of the author(s)/presenter(s) by **8 March 2013** to:

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Abstracts received will be reviewed by members of the Standing Committee. Successful proposals will be identified by **29 March 2013**. Full papers will be due by **31st May 2013** to allow time for review of papers.

Important dates

8 March 2013: Proposal submission deadline

29 March 2013: Notification of acceptance

31 May 2013: Full papers

Additional Information

15 minutes will be allowed for delivery of the paper during the session.

Please note that the Section has a session on research resources for parliamentarians at the main conference from 17-23 August for which a different [call for papers](#) has been issued.

Members of the Section will also be interested in other sessions at the conference, notably those led by the IT, Law and Knowledge Management Sections.

Submissions

*All proposals must be in before **8 March 2013**.*

Please note

All expenses, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation etc., are the responsibility of the authors/presenters. No financial support can be provided by IFLA, but a special invitation can be issued to authors.

Congress Attendance Grants

The Singapore National Committee and IFLA have worked hard to secure funds for Conference Participation Grants. Up-to-date information will be available on our [Conference Participation Grants](#) webpage.

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