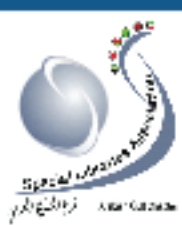




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WORKSHOP ON MANAGING DIGITAL ASSETS

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The Department of Library & Information Science,
College of Social Sciences, Kuwait University

Need

Our societies and institutions are in dire need for better handling of their documents, archives, records, and other information resources considered vital for the contemporary societies. Admittedly digital solutions are enhancing our capacities for creation, publishing, selecting, organizing and managing digital assets. These technologies become relevant if the issues of selection, management, and organization of digital assets are addressed by those managers who are equipped with the right competencies. This workshop is designed to address this vital need.

Scope of the workshop

This workshop focuses on practical aspects of managing information resources in a variety of digital environments. Topics related to special requirements and considerations for practical handling of digital information resources will be covered with an emphasis on the following areas:

1. **Approaches in selecting & accessing digital information:** key concepts related to digital objects, selection criteria for digitization, evaluation of digital objects for access and preservation
2. **Software solutions for creating and managing digital repositories:** technologies available for building digital resources; selection and use of appropriate tools for building digital libraries, potential of cloud computing services for archiving of digital collections
3. **Metadata to support and strengthen digital assets management:** principles, methods, and strategies for creation of descriptive, structural, and preservation metadata; practices in Dublin Core metadata for management of digital assets

Who Should Attend

This workshop will be useful to information professionals and managers interested in building and managing digital repositories in government and corporate sector organizations. No prior knowledge of digital tools and technologies is expected. Following professionals and managers will particularly benefit from the workshop:

- ICT professionals
- Archivists

- Content managers
- Information providers and vendors
- Electronic publishers
- Stakeholders in digitization
- Library and information professionals

Language of instruction shall be English. However, Arabic interpretation can be requested. The participant must be proficient in computing.

Course venue and timings

The workshop will be held in Computer Laboratory in Room 112 of the College of Social Sciences, Shuwaikh Campus. The workshop will be conducted from 8:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

Resource persons

Dr. Abdus Sattar Chaudhry, Director of the Master's Program in Library and Information Science at the College of Social Sciences of Kuwait University. Before joining Kuwait University, Dr. Chaudhry worked as Head of Division of Information Studies and Director of MSc (Information Studies) and MSc (Knowledge Management) at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. He had earlier held professional and teaching assignments in USA, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, and Pakistan. Dr. Chaudhry taught knowledge organization and knowledge management workshops and conducted workshops and workshops in these areas in several countries including China, Estonia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. His current research and publications focus on taxonomy building. He has also provided consultancies to several organizations for building taxonomies and metadata schemes. Dr. Chaudhry did Master's at University of Hawaii and PhD at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He can be reached by email: abdusattar.chaudhry@ku.edu.kw.

Dr. Sultan al-Daihani, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, College of Social Sciences, Kuwait University. Dr. Sultan was the Head of the IT Unit at the College of Social Sciences. He was the SLA-AGC President during 2008/2009. In these capacities he steered of a number of professional activities. Dr. Sultan conducted a number of consultation and training workshops in the areas of e-government, electronic

archiving, and e-record management. He teaches ICT-related undergraduate workshops and workshops related to digitization and digital library at the graduate level. He has published in the areas of information behavior, social networking, and use of Web 2.0 technologies. Dr. Sultan did MLIS from Kuwait University and secured his PhD from Loughborough University, UK. He can be reached by email at: s.aldaihani@ku.edu.kw

Payment

Following fee is payable for each participant:

KD 200.000 for non-members of SLA

KD 150.000 for SLA members, LIS students, and those without a sponsor

Payments can also be made in cash or through a cheque at the time of registration. Electronic transfers can be made or Cheques should be made payable in the following name:

The Special Libraries Association -Arabian Gulf Chapter

Account # 002001-009082

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Contact

Any information about the workshop can be obtained from the following:

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Registration Form

Registration will be done on the basis of first come first registered as per the capacity of the Computer Laboratory.

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Country:

Organization:

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