The twenty-sixth annual conference of the Special Library Association/Arabian Gulf Chapter focuses on the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The new revolution represents intelligent, non-conventional, high-tech and renewable technologies that have gone beyond the physical, dynamic and technical areas. Issues such as artificial intelligence, robots programming, internet of things, blockchain, holographic printing, cloud computing, Nano technology, virtual reality, etc., affect economies and jobs, production systems, management, and services. The Fourth Industrial Revolution stimulate new work opportunities and affect institutions and practices in different ways.

Libraries and Information institutions have always been influenced by technological developments. They are currently forced to enhance their services in adapting technologies that have been developed in the era of the fourth industrial revolution, meeting the requirements, and understanding issues related to security and intellectual property.

Main Themes:

1. Trends in the libraries and information institutions towards entering the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution:
   - The readiness of the libraries and information institutions to keep abreast of the industrial revolution
   - The requirements of entering the fourth industrial revolution by library and information institutions
   - Economy in the era of the fourth industrial revolution and its impact on the library and information institutions.

2. The role of libraries and information institutions in the Arabian Gulf in achieving long-term strategic plans:
   - The role of libraries and information institutions in Gulf countries in supporting strategic plans
   - The role of libraries and information institutions in supporting strategic plans 20-30
   - The role of libraries and information institutions in Gulf countries in supporting sustainable development

3. The role of open data in promoting knowledge economy in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution
   - Role of open government data in promoting knowledge economy
   - Enabling factors of open data projects: Case studies
   - Main issues, challenges and problems facing the open data society
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4. Content creation and management systems and applications in libraries and information institutions
   - Smart content management systems and applications in libraries and information institutions
   - The impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution on the content creation
   - Content creation in libraries and information institutions in the Gulf countries

5. Knowledge sharing in the Fourth Industrial Revolution era and potential challenges
   - Sharing knowledge with smart technology
   - Applications of knowledge sharing systems in the Gulf countries
   - Fourth industrial revolution and knowledge management systems

6. Extracting knowledge and Data mining from social media, intellectual property and security: consideration
   - Tools and techniques to extract knowledge from social media
   - Tools and techniques for analyzing the content of social media
   - Intellectual property and national security in the world of social media

7. The role of the private sector and modern economic models in the sharing of knowledge
   - Cooperation with the private sector in sharing knowledge and resources
   - Economic models for knowledge investment
   - Knowledge and value creation in information institutions

8. Fourth industrial revolution and cyber security
   - The implications of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and cyber security issues
   - Cyber security: Challenges and Constraints in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution
   - Cybersecurity legislations and laws in the Gulf countries

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