

Call for Workshops: IASSIST 2015

Bridging the Data Divide: Data in the International Context

The 41st International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology (IASSIST) annual conference will be hosted by the Minnesota Population Center and will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, 2-5 June 2015.

The theme of this year's conference is **Bridging the Data Divide: Data in the International Context**, focusing on improving access to data for people across the globe. The conference theme calls for data professionals to demonstrate how access to data improves organizational standing and relevance, how shared infrastructure reduces the costs for agencies to set up data sharing platforms, and how developing data literacy programs fits with the mission of our universities. You may read more about the theme on the conference Call for Proposals: <http://iassistdata.org/conferences/iassist-2015-call-papers>

Workshops details:

The conference committee seeks workshops that highlight this year's theme. We will look for workshops to fit within three broad tracks: research data management, data services professional development, and data infrastructure and applications. For more details on these tracks, see the conference Call for Proposals. Workshop topics might include:

- Infrastructures, tools, and resources for data production, analysis, and publication
- Metadata standards for enhancing the utility of data
- Privacy, confidentiality, and regulation issues around sensitive data, and/or techniques to de-identify data
- Roles, responsibilities, and relationships in supporting data
- Facilitating data exchange and sharing
- Data and statistical literacy, including teaching strategies and approaches
- Data management plans and funding agency requirements
- Enabling citation of research data and persistent identifiers
- Skills and competencies for data librarians and archivists
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and spatial analysis: tools, data, and metadata standards
- Tools and techniques for data visualization
- Qualitative data collection, analysis, and preservation
- Data analytics and/or dealing with big data

Successful workshop proposals will blend lecture and active learning techniques. The conference planning committee will provide the necessary classroom space and computing

resources for workshops. For examples of past IASSIST workshops, see the 2013 workshop program (<http://www.iassist2013.org/program/workshops/>) and the 2014 workshop program (<http://www.library.yorku.ca/cms/iassist/program/tuesday-workshops/>).

Typically workshops are half-day with 2-hour and 3-hour options. Workshops will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

Submit your proposal to: <http://bit.ly/IASSIST2015wkshp>

If you have questions, please email Workshop Coordinators Katharin Peter (kpeter@usc.edu) and Samantha Guss (samantha.guss@nyu.edu).

Deadline for submission: 12 December 2014

Notification of acceptance: 6 February 2015

IASSIST is an international organization of professionals working in and with information technology and data services to support research and teaching in the social sciences. Typical workplaces include data archives/libraries, statistical agencies, research centers, libraries, academic departments, government departments, and non-profit organizations. Visit iassistdata.org for further information.