National Institute of Library and Information Sciences
University of Colombo
International Research Symposium – 2023

Guidelines to submit the Abstracts

Theme: "Research Excellence in Library and Information Science"

Sub themes: Research Data Management, Measurement of Research Impact, Digital Technologies, and ICT as a research tool, Informetrics research, Data Analytics, LIS Research in SDGs, Ethics in LIS Research, Challenges in LIS Research, or any other topic related to the main theme.

The Editorial Committee for the NILIS Research Symposium invites all library and information professionals and LIS academics, to submit abstracts of not more than **350 words**, to be considered for presentation at the Technical Sessions of the NILIS International Research Symposium (NIRS) to be held in **November 2023**. The abstracts should be based on original research work and must be prepared using the Template given at the end of this document. If accepted, the author(s) must be able to submit a video recording of the presentation of no longer than 07 minutes. All accepted abstracts will be published in the Symposium e-Proceedings of 2023.

Deadlines to Remember

- Submission of Abstracts - 30th July 2023
- Notification of acceptance to presenters - 30th August 2023
- Submission of final abstract (Camera ready copy) in text - 30th September 2023
- Submission of the video recording of the presentation of not more than 07 minutes - 15th October 2023

Adherence to the Guidelines

Guidelines for preparing abstracts are attached herewith. **Please follow the instructions carefully and note that the abstracts not prepared according to the guidelines provided, or are submitted after the deadline, will not be considered for review.** The Editorial Committee reserves the right to make alterations to the text of the abstract to improve its quality, and the decision of the Editorial Committee will be final.

Guidelines

- The abstract must report original research.
- The abstract must be submitted using the following template.
- Times New Roman Font, size 12 with single line spacing must be used within the template.
- An author may submit one abstract as single-author and one abstract as co-author. However, no author shall submit more than three abstracts as co-author.
- The text of the abstract should not exceed 350 words excluding the preliminary information and references, and it must be written in concise academic language appropriate for scholarly communication.
- Standard abbreviations of SI units should be used.
- The abstract should be coherent and free of language and format errors.

Template to submit the Abstract

Please complete both pages and email to **nrssecretariat@nilis.cmb.ac.lk**

I.   **Preliminary Information of the Abstract**

Title of the Abstract (Clearly and concisely)	
Keywords (please give up to five most relevant keywords and avoid using general terms)	
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II.   **Abstract** *(please adhere to the given number of words as much as possible)*

Introduction	30 words
Specific Problem Statement	30 words
Significance of the study	40 words
Methodology (objectives, research questions, population and sample and limitations of the study)	70 words
Key findings	100 words
Conclusions	40 words
Recommendations	40 words
References (Not more than two references if it is essential to mention. Number of words will not be counted. **Please follow the APA 7th edition**)	