

Memorandum of Understanding between
the *Association for Library and Information Science Education*,
the *Association for Information Science & Technology*,
and the *iSchools*

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes an informal partnership between the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T), the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), and the iSchools.

I. MISSION

The respective missions of each organization are as follows:

ALISE: ALISE leads innovative and high quality research, teaching, and service for educators and scholars in library and information science and cognate disciplines internationally through engagement, advocacy, and knowledge creation and dissemination.

ASIS&T: The mission of the Association is to advance research and practice in information science and technology.

iSchools: The iSchool Caucus seeks to maximize the visibility and influence of its member schools, and their interdisciplinary approaches to harnessing the power of information and technology, and maximizing the potential of humans. We envision a future in which the iSchool Movement has spread around the world, and the information field is widely recognized for creating innovative systems and designing information solutions that benefit individuals, organizations, and society. iSchool graduates will fill the personnel and leadership needs of organizations of all types and sizes; and our areas of research and inquiry will attract strong support and have profound impacts on society and on the formulation of policy from local to international levels.

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. Recognizing our commonality of interests and stakeholders, together the Parties enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to mutually cooperate and promote the information field and its related disciplines. Accordingly, ALISE, ASIS&T and the iSchools, operating under this MOU, agree to seek opportunities for collaboration including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Each Party will set aside at least one time slot during its Annual Meeting for a joint hosted session with one or more of the other Parties on a mutually-agreed topic and work together to develop the content and program for that session.
- b. Each Party will make available a meeting time and space at its Annual Meeting for each of the other Parties to hold a meeting of its stakeholders should they so wish.
- c. On issues of mutual interest where a public statement would be appropriate, the Parties will determine if a joint statement should be issued as agreed to by the governing body of each organization.
- d. On common topics, the Parties will make best efforts to joint sponsor or co-host webinars/meetings.

2. The Parties shall work together in a cooperative and coordinated effort to achieve the purpose of the MOU.
3. It is not the intent of this MOU to restrict the Parties' involvement or participation with any other public or private individuals, agencies or organizations.
4. This MOU is not intended to create any rights, benefits and/or trust responsibilities by or between the Parties.

III. EXECUTION

1. In addition to the Executive Director of each organization who will serve as the staff contact, each Party will appoint a second official contact to coordinate the activities of each organization in carrying out this MOU.
2. The staff and representatives of the Parties agree to a regular (generally monthly) video conference to discuss recent developments and plan/coordinate activities.
3. Each Party agrees to keep the others informed of issues of mutual interest in a timely fashion.
4. Each Party agrees to provide one complimentary registration for the Executive Director or other designated representatives to attend their Annual Meeting.
5. Each Party agrees to provide complimentary membership or other appropriate status to the Executive Director of the other Parties in order to ensure that all Parties receive relevant communication.
6. Each Party agrees to provide space for promotional materials for the other Parties at their annual meetings.
7. Each Party agrees to recognize the other Parties as sponsors of their Annual Meeting by allowing them to use the corporate logo. No exchange of money is involved.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

Each organization of this MOU is responsible for its own expenses related to this MOU. There will/will not be an exchange of funds between the Parties for tasks associated with this MOU.

V. TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING

The term of this MOU will remain in effect until such time that the Board of Directors of any of the Parties elects to terminate it. Any Party may terminate this MOU upon thirty (30) days written notice without penalties or liabilities, assuming no common financial liabilities have been incurred.

VI. NAME

When all three Parties to this agreement undertake a joint initiative, the three Parties together shall be called the iFederation. The logos of each Party will also be included in branded materials referencing the iFederation.

Authorization

The signing of this MOU is not a formal undertaking. It implies that the signatories will strive to reach, to

the best of their ability, the objectives stated in the MOU.

On behalf of the organization I represent, I wish to sign this MOU and contribute to its further development.

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