

9th International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference awarded to Philadelphia, USA for 2017

EBLIP9, the ninth in the successful series of international conferences to promote evidence based approaches to library and information practice, has been awarded to Philadelphia, USA to take place in 2017.

John Wiggins, director of library services and quality improvement, and Danuta A. Nitecki, dean of libraries, both from Drexel University Libraries, coordinated the Philadelphia bid.

Criteria for selection included the location, facilities, regional and national support, the strength of the organizing team and unique selling points. Philadelphia was commended for the overall quality of its proposal including a good understanding of the requirements of the conference and excellent support for the EBLIP movement.

"Drexel University is delighted to host the Ninth International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference," said John Wiggins, co-chair of the Local Organizing Committee. "We look forward to a dynamic and engaging Conference that will stimulate and excite new and existing EBLIP research community members."

The EBLIP Conference is a biennial event designed to promote the use of the best available evidence to improve library and information practice in all types of libraries. It aims to bring together practitioners, researchers, and students involved in critical and reflective information practice to think through new ways to address contemporary issues of evidence based practice in less isolated, more collaborative, ways.

The first EBL(IP) Conference took place in Sheffield, UK in 2001. Subsequent conferences have been hosted in Edmonton (Canada, 2003), Brisbane (Australia, 2005), Chapel Hill (USA, 2007), Stockholm (Sweden, 2009), Salford (UK, 2011), Saskatoon (Canada, 2013) and Brisbane (Australia, 2015).

Information on last year's conference that was held at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane Australia can be found at <http://eblip8.info>

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