

Preface

The 4th European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL) was co-organized by the Department of Information Management of Hacettepe University, Turkey, the Department of Information and Communication Sciences of Zagreb University, Croatia, and the Association of Libraries of Czech Universities – ALCU, Czech Republic. Inclusive society being the main theme, ECIL 2016 aimed to bring together researchers, information professionals, media specialists, educators, policy-makers and all related parties from around the world to exchange knowledge and experience and to discuss current issues and recent developments.

The main theme of the fourth conference was “Information Literacy in the Inclusive Society.” In all, 259 papers were submitted to the conference. Contributions came from 50 different countries (Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Turkey, UK, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, USA).

All submissions were subjected to a double-blind review process. This book consists of a total of 71 papers addressing many different issues.

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