

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

The editorial board of the *Global Review of Library and Information Science (GRLIS)* is delighted to bring to you the special edition of the journal. This edition is the product of conference papers presented and peer reviewed during and after the second International Conference, Reunion and 40th Anniversary celebration of the department which held in June, 2023.

We are over excited to observe from the papers received, that with the over 150 papers presented at the conference by participants cutting across many geographical zones of the world, the conference indeed lived up to its name as an international conference. Participants also cut across many library schools, libraries, and LIS related organizations and other allied industries from various geographical areas of Nigeria and beyond.

The theme of the conference is “Library and Information Science Education and Practice for Enhanced Graduate Employment and Employability”. The theme is driven by the general concern and desire to address the ever rising challenge of graduate unemployment, including those in Library and information science. The international conference was designed to serve as a platform to showcase innovative ideas, experiences, research findings, and products for application to enhance LIS graduate employment and employability. The keynote speaker was Professor Marlene Holmner of the Department of Information Science, School of Information Technology, University of Pretoria, South Africa while the lead paper presenter was Professor Chinwe V. Anunobi, The National Librarian/CEO, National Library of Nigeria, Abuja.

After a thorough peer review and selection process, 43 papers from 90 contributors were selected and included in this special issue. This volume, like the traditional biannual ones, has a good mix of high quality empirical, opinion and theoretical papers. The editorial board of the journal is grateful to all who have contributed to this edition and have patiently waited for it.

As a special edition, articles in this volume focused on the theme and sub-themes of the conference. These include papers related to library and information science education and practice for enhanced graduate employment and employability. The papers cover all aspects of the sub-themes, including: wealth creation, information entrepreneurship / inforpreneurship, fee-based library services; curriculum review and implementation; career opportunities in LIS;

mentoring in library and information science; public relations and advocacy in LIS; students industrial training and training courses for LIS practice; freelancing in Library and Information Science; development of information skills; knowledge sharing, and contemporary ICT applications in LIS among others. This edition is therefore special in terms of the focus, coverage, quality and quantity of the articles published.

These are indeed very interesting papers, and we have no doubt that these articles will meet the multifarious teaching, learning, research and practical interests of library and information professionals and students for greatly improved library and information science education and practice and ultimately promote graduate employment and employability in LIS. We therefore, invite you to take time to savor the varied menu of professional literature as contained in this special edition.

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