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Preface

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

Welcome 17th QQML International Conference

Welcome to Lisbon

For 17th year we are organizing the Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries conference hosting in European academic and cultural institutions:

16th: Cultural Center, Chania, Crete, Greece: 28 May-1 June 2024, Hybrid

15th: Hellenic Mediterranean University, Iraklion, Crete, Greece: 30 May- 3 June 2023, Hybrid

14th: National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece: 24-27 May 2022, Hybrid

13th: 25-28 May 2021, Virtual

12th: 26-29 May 2020, Virtual

11th: European University Institute, Florence, Italy: 28-31 May 2019

10th: Cultural Center, Chania, Crete, Greece: 22-25 May 2018

9th: Limerick, Ireland: 23-26 May 2017

8th: Senae House, University of London, London, UK: 24-27 May 2016

7th: IUT Université Paris Descartes, Paris, France: 26-29 May 2015

6th: Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey: 27-30 May 2014

5th: "La Sapienza" University, Rome, Italy: 4-7 June 2013

4th: Limerick, Ireland: 22-25 May 2012

3rd: Athens, Greece: 24-27 May 2011

2nd: Chania, Crete, Greece: 25-28 May 2010

1st: Chania, Crete, Greece: 26-29 of May 2009

A high-quality program is compiled again, this year, with research papers, workshops and posters from all over the world which support the professional development of library scientists and information specialists and enhance the research on the Library and Information Science. Important speakers present also their research in Plenary Speeches.

Selected papers will be published by SPRINGER NATURE.

Contributions from 31 countries contributed their work: Australia, France, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Brazil, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, India, Iran, Lithuania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sultanate of Oman, Uganda, USA.

Finally, 93 papers, 6 Plenary talks, 4 workshops and 1 poster are concluded to be presented.

The conference attracts professors and researchers, software developers, managers and library professionals to review achievements to announce creative challenges and opportunities.

The conference also brings together the members of the QQML network which illustrates the distribution of the participants in the five geographic regions of the world.

I'd like to thank the Committees of the Conference, the local and permanent organizing Committees.

The Conference is both social and scientific event, creates human networks and social affairs. It also offers an interesting social program.

Enjoy it!

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information on medical topics for laypersons and thus promote health literacy of the population.

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The RSCVD international cooperation network for digital resource sharing

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Abstract

During the pandemic, the RSCVD initiative was designed by members of the IFLA Document Delivery Resource Sharing (DDRS) Committee to support libraries unable to access collections due to lockdown. It was a simple way for libraries worldwide to request materials from other libraries on behalf of their users. Initially, this action was entitled “Resource Sharing in the Time of COVID-19 (RSCVD),” and libraries worldwide were encouraged to use the service.

The success of the RSCVD initiative has been based at the outset on the voluntary contribution of librarians who, working together, have over time formed a very active and extensive professional community. Through various stages of development and thanks to the funding by European Erasmus plus program, by means of the project *HERMES Strengthening digital resource sharing during COVID and beyond*, the RSCVD community gradually became more and more structured and in 2023 updated its name to “Resource Sharing Collaborative and Voluntary Document Delivery” (<https://rscvd.ifla.org/>).

The RSCVD community currently consists of around 270 participating libraries from 31 countries. From April 2020 to date, RSCVD Initiative has received more than 26,000 requests, about 78% of which were fulfilled.

RSCVD service is based on the RSCVD App, powered by TALARIA, a free open-source resource sharing management software, released under the GPL 3.0 (GNU Public License). The RSCVD App supports the entire workflow of a document delivery request (borrowing and lending), supports user and library registration in the community, multiple user's roles, and library operators' management, and provides the automatic import of document's bibliographic metadata and the retrieval of the Open Access version, if available. The RSCVD App user interface is available, at present, in four languages: English, Spanish, Italian and Turkish, but translations in any other language may be added in the future.

There is no cost to join the RSCVD community and, in addition to the free RSCVD App, its immeasurable value is the human factor and the expansion of professional networking.

This contribution intends to present the experience of the RSCVD international collaborative network and the state-of-the-art of the free open-source resource sharing management software that underlies the service.

Keywords: International collaborative networks, libraries cooperation networks, digital resource sharing

Semantic analysis on Cultural Heritage: the use of NER for the enhancement of historical archives

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Abstract

Named Entity Recognition (NER) has emerged as a pivotal tool in the digital humanities, particularly for enhancing the metadata of historical documents. This paper explores the integration of NER techniques to enrich the cataloguing and analysis of texts regarding the Italian cultural heritage, particularly the descriptive cards of the Certosa of Bologna, a monumental cemetery situated in the homonymous city founded in 1801 on the existing structures of a Carthusian convent.

By automating the identification of key entities such as people, places, dates, and organizations, NER facilitates more precise and comprehensive metadata generation, enabling improved searchability and cross-referencing across digital archives. The study outlines a hybrid approach: on one side the usage of Named Entity Recognition engine based on the transformer architecture to retrieve the name of People, Locations, Organization and Miscellaneous entities (i.e all the entities recognized that don't fit in the previous categories) and a dictionary based method that exploit the "Soggettario di Firenze": a subject indexing tool for various types of information resources edited by the National Central Library of Florence (Biblioteca nazionale centrale di Firenze). Using this second tagging, we have been able to stratify the NER output in two levels, the first one with the classic labels used in the literature and the second one exploiting the macro categories of the