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Preface

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CoLIS is a series of international conferences aiming to provide a broad forum for the exploration and exchange of ideas in the field of Library and Information Science, Information Studies, and related disciplines. Since its inception in Tampere, Finland in 1991 this periodic event keeps being a testimony to the scholarly rigour, creativity, innovation, and resilience of the Library and Information Science community.

The 12th CoLIS conference has come back to Glasgow on the 2nd- 5th of June 2025, hosted at the Technology Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde. CoLIS visited Glasgow for its 6th edition in 2005 and was hosted then as well by the University of Strathclyde.

The CoLIS 2025 program successfully reflects both core topics in Library and Information Science such as Information Behaviour and Library Studies, and emerging areas of strong research focus such as Artificial Intelligence, Censorship, Diversity and Democracy, and Critical Librarianship.

The conference attracted a record total of 143 submissions to the Papers track comprising 95 Full Research Papers and 48 Short Papers. In a double-blind review process involving 101 internationally recognised experts, 51 submissions were accepted, comprising 36 Full Research Papers and 15 Short Papers with acceptance rates of 38% for Full Research Papers and 31% for Short Papers. Additional submissions were reviewed and selected for Panels and Alternative Events, Posters and for a Doctoral Workshop. The Full and Short Research papers are published as Paper Proceedings in this special issue of Information Research (Volume 30, CoLIS 2025, <https://doi.org/10.47989/ir30CoLIS>). Panels, Alternative Events, and Poster submissions are archived as Adjunct Proceedings in the University of Strathclyde's open research repository Strathprints (<https://doi.org/10.17868/strath.00092915>).

Keynote presentations were delivered by Dr Jenna Hartel (University of Toronto), Dr Adele Patrick (Glasgow Women's Library), and Dr Toma Tasovac (DARIAH and Belgrade Centre for Digital Humanities).

The CoLIS community presented work on the following themes at COLIS2025, reflecting the diversity of the library and information research areas: *Public Libraries; Archives and Records; Artificial Intelligence; Information Behaviour and Practices; Health; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Library and Information Science Theory; Censorship, Diversity and Democracy; Information Literacy; LIS education and Crises; and Knowledge Organisation and Methodology*. In the paper and adjunct proceedings we invite readers to immerse themselves in the evolving scholarly discourse around Library and Information Science, and its contribution to better understanding the interplay between continuities and changes driven by socio-cultural, political, economic, legal, ethical, environmental, and technological factors.

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The CoLIS 2025 conference successfully reflected a global, continually changing library and information landscape, and the enduring values of the profession - including intellectual freedom, responsiveness to all members of the library and information community, and a commitment to equity, diversity, and access. May these values keep guiding us through our journeys.

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