



LILAC Reviewers Guidance

Thank you for dedicating your time to review the abstracts for the next LILAC conference. The planning committee value your expertise and time as part of making LILAC a highly regarded conference. Your role as a reviewer is incredibly important. The reviews that you write will influence the final decision on the presentations that will be included in the conference.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for presentations that are directly relevant to the information literacy landscape right now and make that connection explicitly in the abstract. We want to see original ideas, concepts and applications brought to life by the presenters to enable the cascade and sharing of excellent good practice. To underpin this there should be reference to previous research and practice evident in the proposal. Needless to say this should be communicated with clarity to enable a wide audience to understand what the presentation will feature so delegates can make an informed decision about attending that session.

As well as the above you should address each of the following 4 criteria in your review:

Originality

- How does this presentation relate to or build on previous work in IL?
- How is it different from previous work?

Rigour

- Is the presentation going to describe something (e.g. a website/resource/tool) or analyse/evaluate something?
- If the presentation offers to share good practice, how do we know that it is good?

Method

- Is it obvious which method was used to carry out the research?
- Is the method an appropriate way to find out what the authors wanted to know?

Contribution

- Are there clear findings/takeaways for the audience?

Are those findings/takeaways new, or do they repeat something we already know?

You have four options as to your final recommendation:

- Suitable for inclusion at LILAC as submitted
- Suitable for inclusion at LILAC but suggest an alternative presentation type, e.g. short presentation rather than long presentation, etc.
- Suitable for inclusion at LILAC with specified amendments
- Unsuitable for inclusion at LILAC

A presentation might be unsuitable for inclusion if it fails to meet several of the criteria and would require so many changes that inclusion at LILAC would be impractical.

Using the link provided in the email please provide a short review, taking into account the criteria above. Please be aware that your comments are passed on as feedback for submissions that may need to be amended or for those which are declined. It is therefore very important that your comments are constructive and clear. You may want to consider the following suggestions:

- Aim to note positive points at the start of your review.
- Justify the reasons for your decision. If necessary, justify why you think there is a problem and indicate what you think the author might do to resolve it.
- Give feedback that is objective and not your personal viewpoint.