

Call for applications

"Teaching and presenting activities" programme by Bibliosuisse

Aim of the programme

Taking an active role by presenting a project, paper, or poster at an international conference that highlights Swiss library practice or innovation, or by taking on an official role (e.g., speaking, leading a session) in a standing committee or working group of a major international library organization (e.g., IFLA, EBLIDA). Examples: submitting a talk or poster to a thematic conference such as IFLA (Astana, Busan), EBLIDA, LIBER, etc., with a focus on innovation, mobility, or international cooperation in libraries.

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Significance and benefits of teaching and presenting activities within the scope of our programme:

- **Engaging Swiss Librarians:**
Showcase Swiss innovations at global forums (e.g., IFLA, LIBER), strengthening Switzerland's visibility.
Foster cross-border collaborations by connecting Swiss librarians with international peers.
- **Incoming Perspectives:**
Bring back international best practices to Swiss libraries through post-event reports/shared materials.
- **Benefits to BiblioSuisse:**
Positions the association as a thought leader in global librarianship.
Enhances member retention by offering exclusive professional growth opportunities.
Fills gaps in Swiss representation at key conferences (e.g., thematic IFLA sessions).
- **Expected Outcomes:**
4 high-quality presentations/posters delivered by Swiss libraries' collaborators at flagship events in the LIS field.
2+ follow-up knowledge-sharing activities (e.g., webinars, articles) for Swiss librarians.
- **Added value of the ambassadorial role:**
Guarantees will act as representatives of Swiss librarianship, ensuring the international community gains visibility of Swiss innovations and collaborative spirit.

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For whom is the programme targeted?

The programme aims to offer individual members of Biblosuisse the opportunity to gain international experience by taking an active or official role in the landscape of international librarianship. Funds are reserved for 4 participants in total.

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Requirements for participation

- Library professionals committed to acting as ambassadors for Swiss librarianship on the international stage.
- Individual membership of Biblosuisse
- Minimum 3 years of professional experience in libraries/information science (ensures quality of contributions).
- Employment in a public, academic library or special library in Switzerland (Minimum 50%)
- A project, paper, or expertise relevant to an international audience.
- Institutional affiliation is preferred but open to unaffiliated professionals with strong proposals (e.g., researchers, recent LIS graduates but with experience in libraries).
- Priority will be given to applicants presenting at conferences that serve a diverse library community, such as IFLA or EBLIDA, where the need for funding support is often greater than in the academic sector (LIBER conferences).

Applications based on dossier are possible.

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Application phase

Until March 2026: For conferences in Trimesters 3-4 of 2026 (July-December 2026)

Until September 2026: For conferences in Trimesters 1-2 of 2027 (January-June 2027)

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Budget

Biblosuisse will cover travel expenses (transportation) and accommodation:
5 days maximum (including times of arrival and departure).

- Travel expenses: maximum CHF 400
- Accommodation: maximum CHF 1'100

Personal expenses, such as meals, are not reimbursed.

Participants are responsible for arranging any visa that may be required.

Participants are responsible for organising their own travel and accommodation.

Expenses will be reimbursed immediately upon submission of an expense report including receipts.

6.

Proof / Obligations

Participation in the programme entails the following obligations:

- Participation in a preparatory exchange (online meeting) organised by Biblosuisse
- Proof of activity
- Written proof in the form of an article for our publication Biblosuisse INFO:
 - Description of the activity
 - Presentation of the insights gained and learning experiences
 - Reflection on the benefits for your own professional activity
 - Possible recommendations for the further development of the programme
 - Small selection of photos
- Willingness to report on the programme and personal experiences at an internal association event

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Application

Interested colleagues are requested to send a short formal expression of interest (see form) to n.torres.tubau@gmail.com by **31 march 2026 at the latest**.

After the application deadline, the International Commission will discuss the applications received. Applicants will be notified of the outcome at the end of April 2026.