Researcher-to-Reader Annual Conference 2016
Call for Proposals for Presentations and Workshops

The *Researcher-to-Reader Conference* is the successor event to the highly successful series of annual conferences that have formerly been hosted by the Association of Subscription Agents (ASA) in London each year. The *R2R Conference* will continue as the premier forum for discussion of the international scholarly content supply chain – exploring how academic knowledge is conveyed from the *Researcher* to the *Reader*. The 2016 Conference will take place as usual over two days in February in London.

The future events are being managed by Mark Carden, who was the conference planning committee chairman for the ASA Conferences in 2013, 2014 and 2015. This will ensure both continuity with the past and a positive momentum for the future.

> **Some delegate comments from the 2015 Conference:**
> *"A really useful and thought-provoking event."*
> *"One of the best conferences."*
> *"Overall great and next year I would like to attend again."*

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The <u>Conference Advisory Board</u> is inviting members of the research, library and publishing community to propose themes, topics, presentations and workshops for the event, and is seeking contributors to present papers and to chair workshop sessions.

The 2016 conference will span the complete workflow of creating, validating, publishing, supplying, finding, consuming and storing research information. This gives a wide scope for presentations on subjects such as funding, research practices, peer review, publishing processes & workflows, commercial models, discovery, delivery, usage and metrics.

We would welcome general suggestions for themes and topics, as well as more formal proposals for presentations or workshops. In addition, recommendations for outstanding speakers are always welcome.

Presentations

Presentations can be in the form of either speeches lasting approximately 20-30 minutes or 'lightning talks' where the speaker will have a very brief opportunity to just introduce a topic. Presentations should be relevant to the themes of the conference, and can be presented by any member of the research, publishing and library community. Presenters employed by intermediaries, publishers or other commercial organisations are encouraged to participate, but their presentations must be of general interest to the community and faithful to the event's objectives; commercial or product 'pitches' will not be acceptable.

> **Some delegate comments from the 2015 Conference:**
> *"Excellent conference this year, good sessions and format."*
> *"Useful and relevant."*
> *"I was very impressed by the closing keynote speech."*

Workshops

Workshops were introduced at the 2015 ASA Conference and were very well attended and enthusiastically reviewed; we are particularly keen to continue this tradition. The workshops are intended to be highly interactive, with good levels of delegate participation and engagement, and aimed at creating results that can be presented back to the whole conference, and be of value to the scholarly communication community. Delegates will choose one out of about six workshop topics, and each workshop will have a total duration of about three hours, split across three sessions during

the conference. Workshop topics may be following up on presentations that are being given at the conference, or cover other issues of relevance to the creation, supply and consumption of academic research. A workshop could be used to gather scoping or qualitative responses as part of an academic research project.

The roles of the workshop chair include setting out the topic under discussion, encouraging broad participation and ensuring that the outcomes are documented and presented back to the conference as a whole (by the chair or another volunteer). Workshop chairs should, ideally, be knowledgeable about the topic, but the key skill is in ensuring that all delegates attending the workshop sessions can participate fully in an open and positive discussion.

> **Some delegate comments from the 2015 Conference:**
> *"The workshop session was good, I found it useful and stimulating."*
> *"Workshop sessions very interesting, communicative format."*
> *"Workshops were a particularly good idea to share information and perspectives."*

Delegate Fees

Speakers and workshop chairs receive complimentary admission to the conference. Please note that any other expenses of attending the conference (including subsistence, travel and accommodation) will be the responsibility of the speaker or workshop chair, although we are occasionally able to offer some support for travel and accommodation costs.

Proposals

Proposals should describe the subject of the presentation or workshop, and state why the proposer thinks that this would appeal to the Conference audience. A proposal should be around 200-400 words.

Proposers should also indicate previous experience with public speaking or running workshops. We are particularly seeking participation by librarians, researchers & editors, and by people based outside the UK.

Please send suggestions, proposals or any other communications to the Conference Chairman, Mark Carden, at info@R2RConf.com preferably by 1 September 2015, or by 15 September 2015 at the latest.

For additional details and suggested themes and topics for these papers and workshops, please visit www.R2RConf.com