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Dear Colleague,

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND SECSAL XVIII

The Zambia Organizing Committee of the XVIII Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Information Associations (ZOC-SCECSAL XVIII), has the pleasure of inviting you to the SCECSAL XVIII to be hosted by the Zambia Library Association at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre, in Lusaka, Zambia, from **15-18 July 2008**. Pre-conference meetings and workshops will be held on **13-14 July 2008**.

SECSAL was established in 1974 as a biannual regional conference for librarians and information professionals in the Eastern, Central and Southern Africa region. Currently it has a potential membership of over 20 African countries. The conference has a reputation of being an outstanding Library and Information event on the African professional calendar.

The main theme of SCECSAL XVIII is - "*Libraries and Information Services Towards the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)*".

Sub-themes of the conference include:

- i. *The MDGs in the African context* - Are there African specific factors that need consideration in the discussion and in expounding the MDGs; Is it obvious what roles libraries and information systems play and need to brace for?
- ii. *MDGs and Libraries: Challenges* - The different types of libraries (public, special, academic, etc.) have different challenges that they encounter in information management and delivery, what are the major ones that they need to address and be aware of towards the attainment of the MDGs?
- iii. *Information Communication Technology in Delivering Library and Information Services to achieve the MDGs* - How can e-commerce, e-governance, e-education, e-agriculture, e-health, etc contribute to the attainment of MDGs in Africa? Should ICTs be harnessed differently in Africa? Is the global village a reality in management and delivery of information in Africa?
- iv. *Libraries and Information Services in Specific Sectors* - Placing emphasis on the specific MDG areas such as environment and health including HIV/AIDS.
- v. *Partnership in Information Provision towards the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals* - Are library consortia a way to go in Africa? What is the potential and challenges of partnerships in information management and provision in Africa
- vi. *Knowledge Management in the Context of the MDGs* - what are the many facets of knowledge management and how could they be harnessed and/or dealt with in relation to the MDGs.
- vii. *Indigenous Knowledge and Millennium Development Goals* - what is the significance of Africa's indigenous knowledge to the attainment of the MDGs?
- viii. *Marketing of library and Information Services in the context of MDGs.*

The last time the Zambia Library Association hosted this conference was in 1976. You are therefore warmly invited to come and once more sample the Zambian hospitality by attending this important and useful conference. Please note that the draft and the final programmes for the conference will be circulated in due course, and will also be available on the conference website (<http://www.scecsal.org/zambia2008.html>).

You are encouraged to register early, preferably before 30 May 2008, to enable the organizers plan early. Below is the fee structure that covers conference bag, conference papers, lunch, tea/coffee breaks, opening reception and attendance of sessions. The fee does not include costs associated with pre-conference meetings and workshops. In addition, all other expenses - travel, accommodation, subsistence, etc. are to be borne by participants.

Date of Registration	SCECSAL Member	Non-SCECSAL Member
Early registration (before 30 May 2008)	US\$270.00	US\$290.00
Late registration (after 30 May 2008)	US\$320.00	US\$340.00
Single day registration	US\$100.00	US\$120.00

All payments should be made by **SWIFT transfer** via the following US Correspondent Bank:

Name of Bank : **AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, NEW YORK**
FED Routing : **124071889**
SWIFT Code : **AEIBUS33**

Into the following account:

Account Name : **ZAMBIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SCECSAL)**
Name of bank : **INDO-ZAMBIA BANK LTD, LUSAKA**
Branch : **NORTHEAST BRANCH**
Account Number : **5019205004**
SWIFT Code : **INZAZMLX**
UID : **419915**

Library and information professionals in Zambia wishing to attend the conference should get in touch with the Treasurer - SCECSAL XVIII (2008) Zambia Organizing Committee, for the applicable registration fees, in Zambian Kwacha, and payment instructions.

Please note the following:

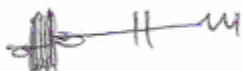
- i. The date and the same name you used on your registration form must appear on the proof of payment.
- ii. Retain all document relating to your bank transfer as they will be required as proof of the transaction in case we are unable to trace your transfer during registration.
- iii. All bank charges/commissions (overseas delegates) will be for the delegates on own account. In the event that the Zambia Library Association SCECSAL Account is credited with an amount less that the registration fee, we will ask the delegate to pay the difference during registration.
- iv. SCECSAL XVIII does not have credit card facilities.
- v. Original invoices will be available during the meeting at the registration desk.
- vi. The Treasurer of the Local Organizing Committee must be notified of all wire transfers to enable her keep track of the transactions (see Local Organizing Committee on the website for her contact details).
- vii. All registrations with payments received by 13 June 2008 will be acknowledged via email.
- viii. **No money transfers should be made after 13 June 2008.** All payments after 13 June will be by CASH at the Registration Desk.
- ix. Bring along a recent passport size photo for the purpose of registration.

The **Registration Form** can be downloaded from the SCECSAL Conference website at <http://www.scecsal.org/zregistration.html>. Please complete the form and send a scanned or faxed copy to us as soon as you make payments to:

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We look forward to meeting you all in Lusaka.

Yours sincerely,



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