## ICML+AHILA 2021, 21-25 June in Pretoria, South Africa (blended/virtual conference)



## Emma Farrow

Secretary, IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries section; COVID-19 Literature Digest team, Public Health England on behalf of the International Congress Planning Committee emma@farrow.email

## CALL FOR PAPERS: DEADLINE 11TH JANUARY 2021

The International Congress of Medical Librarians (ICML) will be coming to the African continent for the first time in 2021. The Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA) are the perfect partners - their biannual Congress is an important regional event, with 22 African countries represented in 2019 alongside international delegates. Combining these international and regional conferences provides an important platform to hear about the latest research, share learning and discuss best practice.

With less than ten years to achieve the UN <u>Sustainable Development Goals</u>, our joint theme "A call for action: Engaging to save lives" reflects the contributions that medical librarians and other information professionals are making by connecting, engaging, and ultimately improving health and saving lives. The call for papers, posters and lightning talks closes on 11th January 2021.

The organiser team, led by ITOCA, have selected an excellent venue and are working closely with the South African National Convention Bureau to deliver a complete package for participants both in person and online.

With the remaining uncertainties around the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the conference will either be blended (that is a mixture of "in-person" and online events) or fully virtual. You will need to register for the conference to present but you will not be required to travel to South Africa.



Welcome to ICML+AHILA 2021, we hope you can join us.

Journal of EAHIL 2020; Vol. 16 (4): 41