

**International Symposium 2014**  
**Reviewing the Development of Information Schools to inform their Future**

**Hosted by:** Research Center for Knowledge Communities, Faculty of Library, Information and Media Science, Graduate School of Library, Information and Media Studies, University of Tsukuba

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**Venue:** Conference Room, 3rd floor, Media Union (ULIS), Kasuga Area,  
University of Tsukuba  
1-2, Kasuga, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan

The fundamental changes occurred to our information environment in 1990s, which had significant impact on the research and education in Library and Information Science. The iSchools consortium which started in early 2000 has more than 40 member schools now. The information schools community is getting broader recognition in the global community. On the other hand, regional environments for information schools significantly vary different. This symposium will look back at the changes which we have experienced over the past decades and discuss issues for the future development of information schools and our community.

This symposium will invite speakers who have witnessed and engaged in the development of information schools. Presentations by the following invited speakers will lead to an open discussion for the development of information schools for the future in the global community.

**Registration:** Free of Charge

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## **Symposium Program**

### **9:30 Opening**

**Background** Shigeo Sugimoto (University of Tsukuba)

### **9:40 Information School Developments in North America and Europe**

- Stephen Griffin (University of Pittsburgh, USA)  
The Development of Digital Libraries Research and Infrastructure Programs in the United States
- Margaret Hedstrom (University of Michigan, USA)  
The iSchool Movement in North America: Coherence and Consistency or Dissonance and Diversity?
- Jens-Erik Mai (RSLIS/University of Copenhagen, Denmark)  
The possibility of humanistic iSchools
- Edie Rasmussen (University of British Columbia, Canada)  
Transitions in Balance: Managing the Past, Present and Future of iSchools

### **12:00 Lunch**

### **13:30 Information Schools Collaboration in Asia-Pacific**

- Hao-ren Ke (National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan)  
Research Communication and Collaboration: A Case Study of Asia Library and Information Research Group
- Chutima Sacchanand (Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand)  
Library and Information Science Education in the ASEAN countries

### **14:30 Break**

### **15:00 Open Discussion**

#### **Short presentations (15:00-15:45)**

- Robert Allen (Yonsei University, Korea), Information as an Academic Discipline
- Sam Oh (SKKU, Korea), Why and how did SKKU join iSchool and what is our future plan?
- Noriko Kando (NII, Japan) tba
- Atsuyuki Morishima (U.Tsukuba, Japan) tba

#### **Panel Discussion with invited speakers (moderator: Shigeo Sugimoto)**

### **17:00 Closing**