

National Libraries Now Conference 2021

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International Perspectives on Library Curation, 16-17 September 2021

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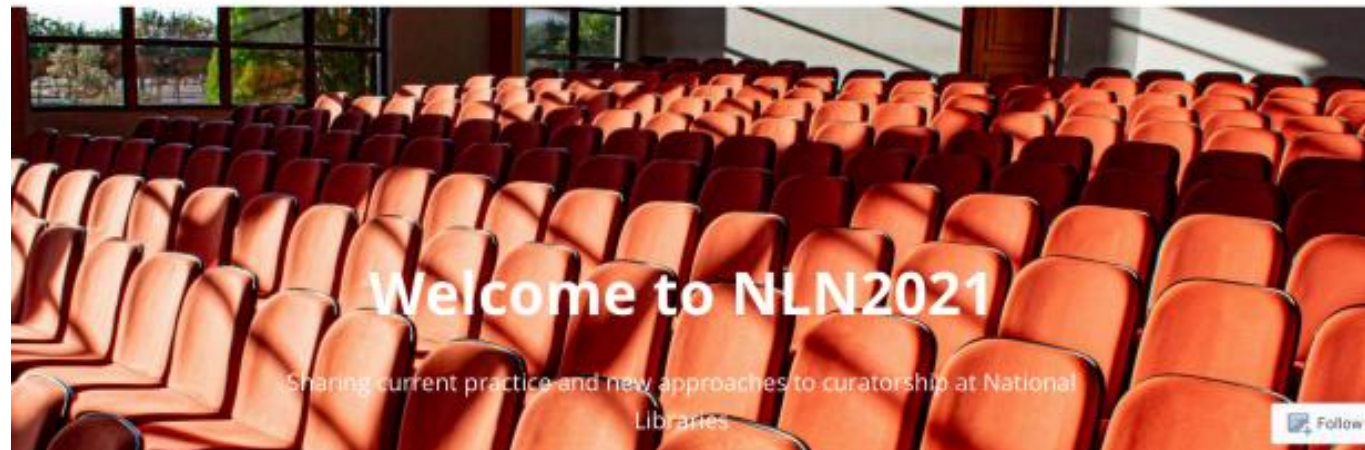
PROGRAMME

BLOG

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VIDEOS

BIOGRAPHIES



National Libraries Now 2021 Conference

- Presenters from National Libraries or equivalent institutions from more than 30 countries and five continents
- 60 video presentations and blogs
- 19 panel discussions
- 6 Intervention speakers
- More than 700 attendees from across the world registered



National Libraries Now 2021 Conference panel topics

Decolonising and countering bias

What is national heritage?

Legal deposit

National bibliographies

Literary archives

Born-digital literature

Multilingual collections

Covid pandemic (2 panels)

Unlocking digital collections

Future Libraries

Sustainability

Exhibitions & Interpretation

Digital tools

Co-operation between libraries

Collaboration with communities

Wikimedia and libraries

Digital humanities & research

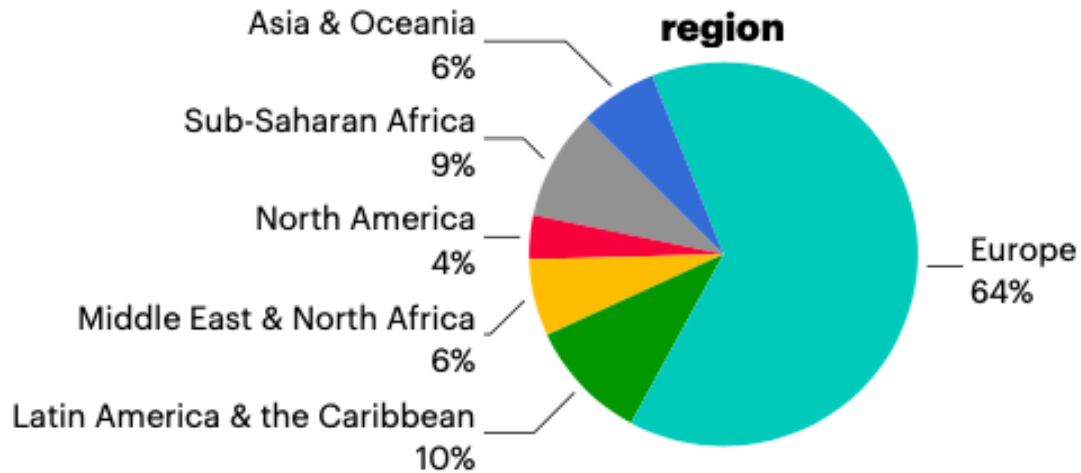
Preservation & conservation

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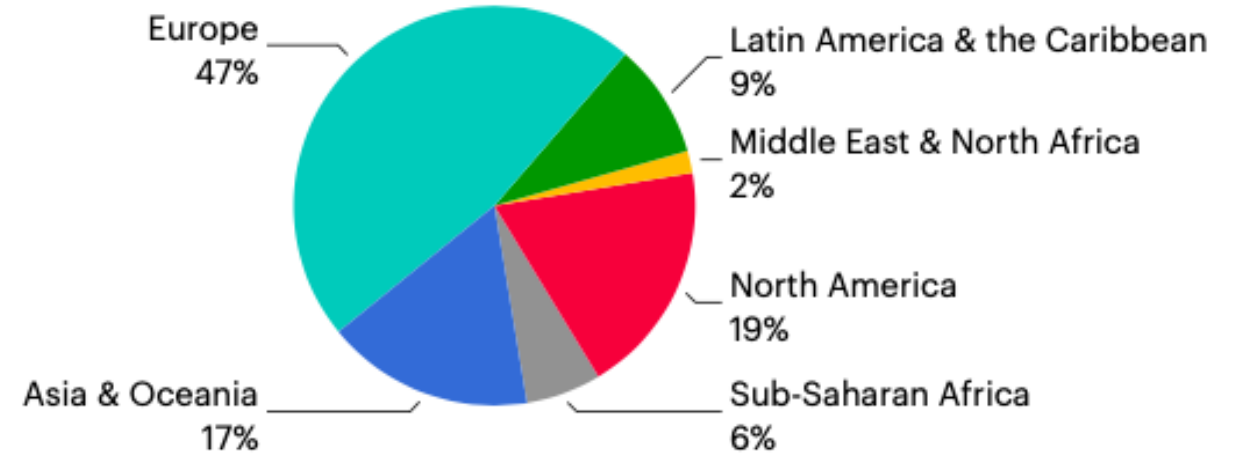
Aims:

1. To connect staff working with collections in National Libraries **worldwide**

Panellists by IFLA region



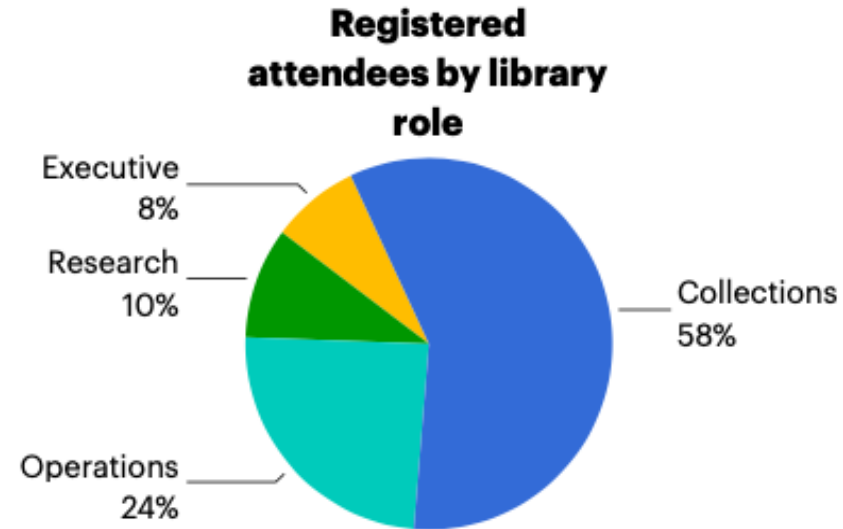
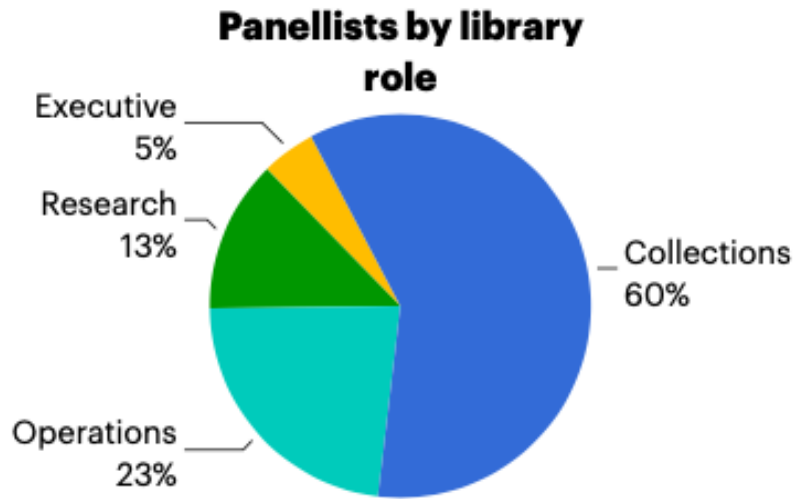
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2. To **learn** about new projects, **reflect** on current challenges, and **foster** collaboration

How did you benefit from being involved with NLN2021?

94.3% benefited from hearing from other libraries about the work that they do

56.6% were able to meet other national library professionals

56.6% benefited from the opportunity to present on an aspect of their work

Source: *Help Shape the Future of National Libraries Now*, October 2021



Two of the intervention speakers in action: Khairani Barokka, left, and Alberto Manguel, right

The future of National Libraries Now

“It would be great to see this forum develop and provide opportunities for international, cross-organisational knowledge exchange such as visiting fellowships, internships, [and] secondments”

Conference attendee, *Help Shape the Future of National Libraries Now*, October 2021

- In-person workshop at the British Library in Summer 2022
- 6 national libraries have expressed interest in hosting National Libraries Now 2023



“We need many more such NLN events to happen but at low cost so knowledge sharing can happen often.”

Conference attendee, *Help Shape the Future of National Libraries Now*, October 2021

Thank
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