Fiesole Retreat

What is the likely shape of the library of the Future?
And how do we build collections for it?



Join the Fiesole Retreat in Coimbra on 20-22 April 2027

Evolution? Or Revolution?

Planning for the Present and Future of Collections in a Rapidly Changing Environment

How should collections evolve in an era of rapid technological and structural change? How can libraries shape tomorrow's collections while meeting today's needs? Join librarians, researchers, publishers and leading scholarly communication colleagues to exchange ideas and experiences and discuss changes in how knowledge is created, selected, accessed and used.

Opening the conversation: knowledge without barriers

The Retreat opens on the morning of 20th April with a focus on **The Future of Scholarly Communication Infrastructures: Open, Multilingual and Inclusive Knowledge Dissemination**. Hosted by the University of Coimbra's Centre for Classical and Humanistic Studies (CECH), in collaboration with Cécile Swiatek Cassafieres of Université Paris Nanterre, the session brings a Portuguese perspective to a shared international conversation.

A far-reaching programme

Four themes frame the conference, inviting reflection and discussion on challenges, opportunities and collaboration. Over two days, we will:

- explore what AI-generated scholarship means for trust and acquisition in **Who Writes Science? Artificial Intelligence, Quality and Collection Development**: session chaired by Pep Torn, Library Director, European University Institute
- consider collection management and development, priorities and choices in **Redefining Collection Management and Development**: session chaired by Stephen Rhind-Tutt, Chair and Publisher at Coherent Digital
- exchange international perspectives on inclusion, openness, equitable access and sustainability in **Global Approaches to Collections: Perspectives that Inform the Future**: session chaired by Buhle Mbambo-Thata, University Librarian, National University of Lesotho
- discover how digital tools and AI are transforming the discovery and use of scholarly content in **Reading Scientific Literature in the Digital Age**: session chaired by Julien Roche, Director of Libraries and Learning Center, University of Lille

Full programme details will follow shortly. Stay tuned to our website and LinkedIn group for updates.

Beyond the conference: AI Workshop with CLIR

Stay with us after lunch on 22nd April for **Knowledge Organization in the Era of AI**, a workshop organised by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) and led by its President, Charles J. Henry. Building on the Retreat's discussions of open, multilingual scholarly communication, the workshop explores how AI is reshaping the way we describe and organise knowledge to make it more discoverable and reusable, connecting practical experience with critical reflection: where is evolutionary change enough, and where might collections need a more radical rethink?