In the Pursuit of Global Standards for LIS Education: What Does ‘Librarian’ Mean Around the World?

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ABSTRACT

The IFLA Building Strong Library and Information Science Education (BSLISE) Working Group continues to study what it means to be a librarian around the world. Results from a global survey disseminated in six different languages found that only 27\% of participants held a terminal MLIS degree. Other differences in terms of professional qualifications and education will be shared by continent and region. Existing educational standards for LIS professionals were also gathered and global LIS leaders were interviewed about their thoughts on a set of internationally recognized standards for LIS education and potential ways to provide standardized training and education across the profession.

TOPICS

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