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# Preface

The First European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL) was co-organized by the Department of Information Management of Hacettepe University, Turkey, and the Department of Information and Communication Sciences of Zagreb University, Croatia. Information literacy (IL), media literacy, and lifelong learning being the main theme, ECIL aimed to bring together researchers, information professionals, media specialists, educators, policymakers and all related parties from around the world to exchange knowledge and experience and discuss current issues and recent developments. In all, 396 proposals—236 of which were in the paper category—were submitted to the conference. All submissions were subjected to a double-blind review process and 93 were accepted as full papers. This book consists of 88 contributions (2 keynotes, 9 invited papers, 73 papers, 4 doctoral papers). Contributions came from 59 different countries (Albania, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, UK, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, USA) and address a number of issues dealing with, among others, theoretical framework, policies and strategies, the digital divide, disadvantaged groups, IL for the workplace, and IL instruction.

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