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Day 1

COBISS CONFERENCE 2026
18–19 NOV 2026

8:00	Participant registration
9:00	Conference opening and introductory speeches
9:40	Digital Libraries Unchained *Laurent Le Meur (director of the European Digital Reading Lab – EDRLab)*
10:10	The Book as a Bastion of Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence *Dr. Dan Podjed (Institute of Slovenian Ethnology at ZRC SAZU)*
	WITH E-MATERIAL TO KNOWLEDGE
10:40	New Chapters of COBISS Ela: Development, Cooperation and the Future of Digital Reading *Urša Likar Luzar (Public Library Miran Jarc Novo mesto)*
11:00	Break
11:30	COBISS Ela: The Story Continues *Mag. Zdenka Kamenšek and Tanja Turšek (Institute of Information Science, Maribor)*
11:50	Establishment, Development, and Operation of the Audiobook Market in Slovenia and Future Challenges *Marjan Povše (Audibook)*
12:10	Books for Listening: The Use of Audiobooks at the Slovenske Konjice Public Library *Simona Marinšek (Public Library of Slovenske Konjice)*
12:30	Loan of Audiobooks in the COBISS system in Serbia: Storia Platform Experience *Aleksandar Petrović (Sluš Audio d.o.o.)*
12:50	*Sponsor presentation*
12:55	Lunch
13:55	Operation of (National) Consortia for Access to E-resources and Open Access Publishing *Miran Petek (Institute of Information Science, Maribor), Tatjana Intihar (Central Technical Library), Mag. Karmen Štular Sotošek (National and University Library Ljubljana)*
	NEW FEATURES IN COBISS SOFTWARE
14:40	Modern Approaches to Software Development in the COBISS System *Mag. Andrej Krajnc (Institute of Information Science, Maribor)*
15:00	A Step Forward with COBISS Lib: An Overview of New Features and Improvements *Tanja Žuran Putora (Institute of Information Science, Maribor)*

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15:20	Break
15:50	Evolution of COBISS Plus: From Architectural Overhaul to the Present Day *Jani Pulko (Institute of Information Science, Maribor)*
16:10	COBISS Edu Portal and Website *Branka Mlakar-Štok (Institute of Information Science, Maribor)*
	FOR ADDITIONAL MOTIVATION
16:30	From Digital Collections to Living Knowledge Systems: Libraries in the Age of Artificial Intelligence *Dr. Igor Ševo (Independent AI consultant and AI systems architect)*
17:00	Day 1 closing
17:30	Guided walking tour of Maribor
19:30	Social evening with dinner and live music at Hotel City Maribor

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8:00	Participant registration
	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN LIBRARIES AND SUPPORT FOR RESEARCHERS
9:00	Towards the future: AI-supported cataloguing of articles at the National and University Library *Ajda Zavrtanik Drglin (National and University Library Ljubljana)*
9:30	Introducing AI to COBISS Cat *Dr. Marko Šterk (Institute of Information Science, Maribor)*
9:50	Development of the Slovenian Cataloguing Rules and Implementation of Entity-Based Cataloguing in COBISS.SI *Suzana Šulek (National and University Library Ljubljana) and Mag. Branka Badovinac (Institute of Information Science, Maribor)*
10:10	Lorya – Unlocking Written Cultural Heritage with AI *Tamara Butigan Vučaj (National Library of Serbia)*
10:30	Break
11:00	Custodians of Knowledge in the Age of AI: Libraries as Champions of Digital Inclusion *Dr. Hu Xianhong (UNESCO)*
11:20	Twenty Years After the Maribor Declaration: The Use of AI in Academic Libraries to Ensure the Quality of Study Programmes *Sandra Grajfoner and Sandra Kurnik Zupanič (University of Maribor Library)*
11:40	Researcher library request *Andrej Korošec (Institute of Information Science, Maribor)*
12:00	The Transformation of Special Librarians and Special Libraries in the Open Science Ecosystem *Dr. Maja Peteh (Forestry Library of the Slovenian Forestry Institute)*
12:20	*Sponsor presentation*
12:25	Lunch
	A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE
13:25	The Role of Public Libraries in the COBISS System *Igor Podbrežnik (Slovenian Public Libraries Association)*
13:45	The Maribor Library's Transition in Light of the Construction and Launch of the Rotovž City House of Culture *Mag. Klemen Brvar (Maribor Public Library)*

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14:05	Medicine: Between technological divergence and convergence *Jurij Dreo (BrainTrip)*
14:25	*Impro liga performance*
15:00	Conference closing

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