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**Improving Quality of Life Through Information - an international information science symposium BOBCATSSS 2017 held in Tampere**

The 25th BOBCATSSS symposium will be held in Tampere from January 25th to 27, 2017. The theme for the first BOBCATSSS symposium held in the Nordic countries will be Improving Quality of Life Through Information. The theme is divided to three subthemes: information, libraries, and interactive media.

The symposium will showcase nearly one hundred research papers or workshops around the theme of information and quality of life. The themes of the received abstracts are for example improving the quality of life through libraries or using virtual reality in mental health treatment. The keynote speakers of the symposium are Carol Tenopir, Guus van den Brekel and Josie Billington.

The symposium is aimed for students and professionals of the information field. The early cat tickets with a reduced price are still for sale. More information about the event can found at <http://bobcatsss2017.com/> and in social media #bobcatsss2017.

**What is BOBCATSSS?**

BOBCATSSS is an international symposium of library and information students and professionals. It is held annually in a European university and is organised by students. BOBCATSSS is formed by the first letters of the cities whose universities were founding the conference in 1993: Budapest, Oslo, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Tampere, Stuttgart, Szombathely and Sheffield. BOBCATSSS 2017 is organized in collaboration with students from University of Tampere, Finland, Oslo and Akershus University College, Norway and Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands.

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