

2025

PROGRAMME

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Clarivate/LIASA pre-conference

28-29 September 2025

The Dome (Nelson Mandela
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DAY 1

Sunday, 28 September 2025

09:00–09:30 | Registration

Session Chair: Nomathongo (Noma) Bell

09:30–09:45 | Welcome – Lindsay Reid (Director – NMU)

09:45–10:00 | Opening – Larshan Naicker

Comfort break

Session Chair: Busisiwe (Busi) Ngxila

Presentations

10:05–10:30 | Anke McCallum and Sulaiman Majal
The Road Less Travelled: Implementing Alma's Course Reserves Module without Leganto

10:30–11:00 | Tsholo Maleho and Sifiso Banda
TK Mopeli Library leads the way: RFID chute implementation – A University of the Free State Case Study

11:00–12:00 | Suzanne Saunders Dora Ackerman and Huldah Raubenheimer
CSI: Data Edition – Discovery, Investigation and Cleaning the Crime Scene Names

Lunch

12:00–13:00

Session Chair: Deidre Gerber

13:00–15:00 | Robert Bley – Product update
From Legacy to Cloud: Navigating the shift to next-gen – a system librarian's experience of migrating to Alma

- Reasons for selecting Alma
- Getting the go-ahead
- Implementation and migration experience
- Change management and making the most of opportunities
- Life in production
- Lessons learned
- Q/A

Session Chair: Larshan Naicker

15:00–16:00 | IGELU – Dave Allen

DAY 2

Monday, 29 September 2025

08:30–09:00 | Registration

Session Chair: Nambitha Manqola

09:00–09:15 | Showcasing

09:15 – 09:40 | Welcoming - NMU DVC RII

09:45–11:00 | Word of support – Charlie Molepo (LIASA President)

11:00–11:30 | AI integration into ALMA

11:30 – 11:45 | Awards to Volunteers and Committee Vote of thanks

Session Chair: Larshan Naicker

11:45–13:00 | Transitional arrangements – Election of interim committee

13:00

Lunch

LIASA Conference Registration at Boardwalk

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