# Presentation Proposal for PRRLA Annual Meeting 2023 Shenzhen

* *Presentation title*

Preserving the Past: Starting a Digital Preservation Service for the Future

* *Presenters’ names, titles, and institutional affiliation*

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* *A brief abstract (200-250 words) of the proposed presentation*

The presentation will share the challenges and experiences of starting a digital preservation service in Singapore Management University (SMU) with SMU Libraries leading the campus-wide initiative. SMU Libraries aims to develop an active centralised repository of digital materials that captures the culture, heritage, and memories of the institution.

However, starting a digital preservation service and maintaining a long-term preservation system involves significant costs, technical expertise, and organizational commitment. The presentation will discuss key steps and considerations for planning and implementing the digital preservation service in the areas such as policy formulation, stakeholder engagement and technical infrastructure.

The presentation will also share how SMU Libraries organised a project team to leverage on existing skills and expertise to overcome the challenges above and relied on the readily available resources from the Digital Preservation Coalition as well as experience of other Singapore libraries to embark on the journey to digitally preserve the past for the future.

* *Brief biographical notes of the presenter (200 words)*

As the librarian in charge of technology and innovation in SMU Libraries, Salihin is responsible for developing and transforming library services through the innovative use of technology. He was formerly an IT project manager handling enterprise information systems and digital library infrastructure projects in the Singapore Public Service. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/salihin-mohammed-ali/>

* *Identification of one or more of the area(s) in the theme that the presentation will address*

The presentation touches on the theme “Explore strategic opportunities of digital conservation and extending engagement/use of scholarly content across Archives and Special Collections” as the presenter will share about how SMU Libraries leverage on an upcoming jubilee celebration as an opportunity to launch a digital preservation service as a campus-wide strategic initiative.

* *Delivery of presentation: Will you be presenting in-person or unsure at the moment? If not in-person, could it be pre-recorded or live-streaming?*

I hope to present in-person. However, I am unsure at the moment as it is pending the outcome of my application for Karl Lo Award to fund the travel expenses to the PRRLA meeting.

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I consent the recording of the presentation. I can share the presentation slides as well, if required.