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## ACURIL 2019 Aruba

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Oranjestad, Aruba



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Dear Information professionals, Exhibitors and other Friends of Acuril,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Acuril conference to be held on the Happy Island of Aruba from June 2<sup>nd</sup> until June 6<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Conscious of the need that we, librarians and other information professionals, have to promote proactive changes and the sustainability of our countries I have selected the theme *“Access and opportunity for all: Caribbean Libraries, Archives and Museums supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*. In September 2015 the member states of the UN adopted *“Transforming our world : The 2030 agenda for sustainable development”* which includes Seventeen Sustainable Development Goals ( SDG’s) spanning economic, environmental and social development.

Caribbean librarians and other information professionals contribute to improved outcomes across the SDG’s by promoting universal literacy, closing gaps in access to information, advancing digital inclusion, serving as the heart of the research and academic community and preserving and providing access to the world’s culture and heritage. Our Conference program presents a selection of distinguished keynote speakers and special colleagues to contribute with their insights. Other special colleagues will be selected through our conference call for papers, s,workshops and poster presentations. Provision is made, as usual, for technological updates and visits to diverse information units.

This Acurilean event represents a singular, unique space, of our professional continuing education and development program geared to our members, other information professionals and interested parties. It brings us a special opportunity to share knowledge and experiences about our best practices in our information units, and to update our knowledge and skills with advances in the field. The exposure to the event facilitates the exchange of ideas and the opportunity to network, to strengthen professional ties with colleagues in common areas in the field, and to interact with information products and services providers.

The Local Organizing Committee is working arduously to provide the best infrastructure for the event. It has selected cultural and social activities to ensure a special, cultural flavor, to instill the synergy, facilitate the sharing environment on the beautiful island of Aruba. They are preparing themselves to receive us with open arms.

ACURIL rejoices in celebrating its 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and prepares itself to hold a most significant and successful Conference. You may visit the ACURIL 2019 ARUBA website

It will be my pleasure to greet you personally in Oranjestad, Aruba.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Alberts', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mrs. Monique Alberts Msc.  
ACURIL President 2018-2019