

Ina Smith



Ina Smith's research focus is on promoting digital skills, open access, open science and open data publishing in the global South, with specific emphasis on Africa. She holds a Masters' Degree from the University of Pretoria in Computer-Integrated Education, a Higher Education Teaching Diploma, and an Honours Degree in Library and Information Science. She has vast experience working in open access during her employment at the Univ. of Pretoria and Stellenbosch University – in repositories, journal publishing and conference publishing, and vast experience in developing training material in digital skills, as well as presenting training as part of continued professional development. She is currently employed as a project manager

at the Academy of Science of SA, where she is managing the [African Open Science Platform](#) project, and also do digital citizenship training in her free time as co-director of *In the Cloud: Creating Digital Citizens* (MICT SETA accredited training company). She is also a DOAJ Ambassador for the southern Africa region. In 2014 she received the LIASA President's Acknowledgement for Exceptional Contribution (2014), in 2011 she was a Runner-up in the international EPT Award for Open Access, and in 2016 she was awarded LIASA Librarian of the Year. Ina served on the LIASA Executive Committee during 2014 to 2016, and during the same time she also served as Chair of the LIASA Higher Educational Library Interest Group (HELIG). She has a keen interest in the research process in general, and are actively promoting all to become digital citizens and to remain lifelong researchers and self-learners towards preparing themselves for the challenges brought along by the 4th Industrial Revolution, incl. Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and Robotics. Her involvement in digital citizenship and open research/science takes her all over the world, and she frequently presents papers at conferences.