

Finding Conference Papers



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What are Conference Papers?

Terminology – sometimes conferences are called workshops, symposia, meetings, seminars, colloquia or conventions.

Whatever term is used these are, at the root, professional events.



Why are Conferences so useful for researchers?

- Primary ways that scientists and other academics communicate with one another.
- Gathering in person allows for the quick exchange of new information.
- Meetings will include the presentation of new information through the readings of reports to one another.
- This information is often published later in specialized journals and books.



Parts of a Conference – Is everything available?

Conferences are composed of multiple events like:

- Keynote Speaker
- Presentations
- Panel Discussions
- Roundtable

Not all parts of the conference will be printed. Many times only the abstract will be available of poster sessions.



When/Where are Conference papers available?

It is up to the society/organization that sponsored the conference to decide how the conference proceedings will be available.

- Conference presenters and attendees get copies of proceedings. Check if you know someone who is a member of the organization.
- Check the organization's homepage. The proceedings may be available for free or for a cost to non-members.
- Check Google Scholar. Sometimes researchers will put the full text of their presentations up on their own pages.



Availability continued...

- Proceedings are sometimes published in book form 1 to 3 years after the event.
- Presentations can be published in journals.

The thing to remember is associations and organizations are not publishers so printing up the proceedings is not necessarily a priority for the organization.



Know what you are looking for -

Does your citation look like this -

"IEE and MOD HFI DTC Symposium on People and Systems-Who are we Designing for?,"
2005 The IEE and MOD HFI DTC Symposium on People and Systems - Who Are We
Designing For (Ref. No. 2005/11078), London, UK, 2005, pp. 0_3.

U.S. flag pacific islands vessel grounding workshops, january and february 2002 :
Workshops proceedings. (2002). National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Kumar, R., Arora, N., & Santosham, M. (2016). South asia symposium on pneumococcal
disease and the promise of vaccines - meeting report. *Vaccine*, 34(23), 2622-2626.



Finding a US Government Workshop or other US Government sponsored event

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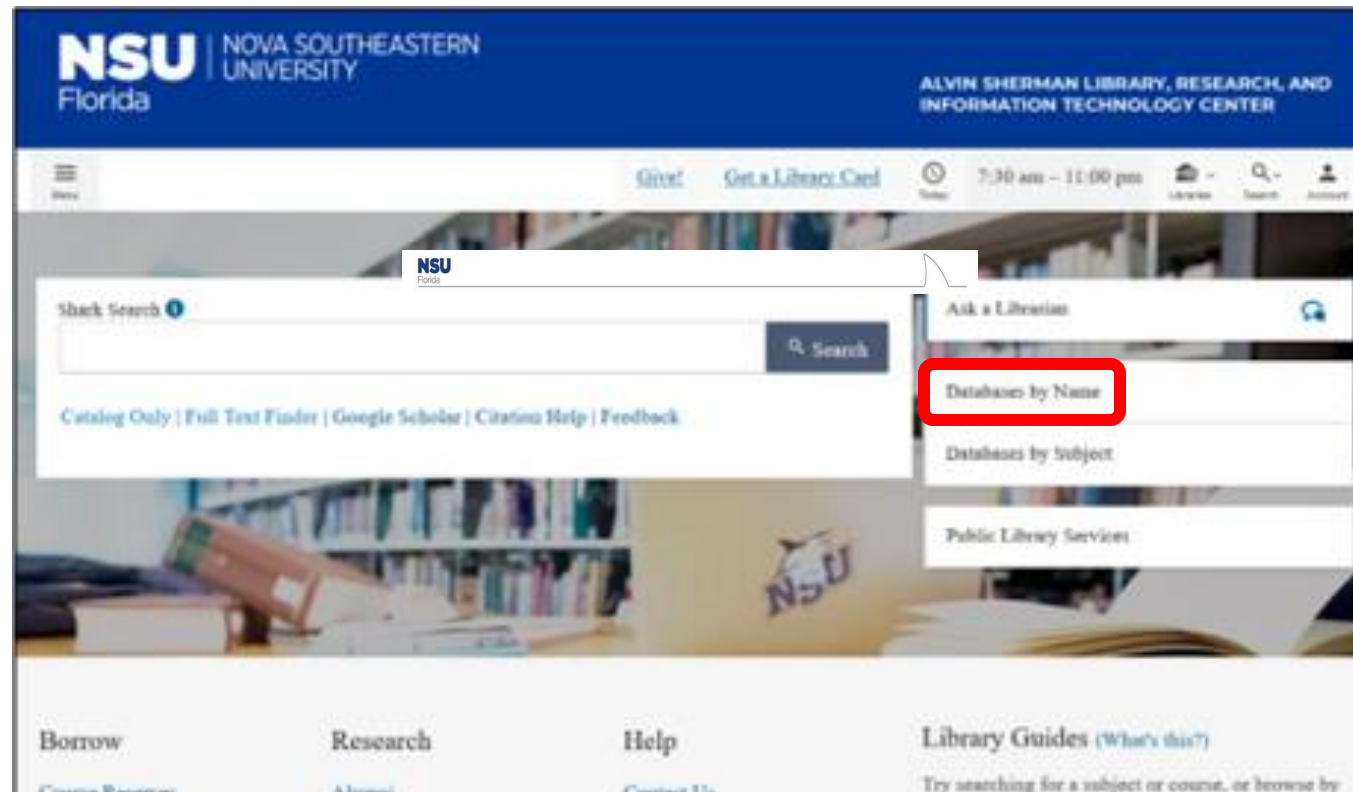
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Sometimes the item citation lets you know where to find the full text

Example: Kumar, R., Arora, N., & Santosham, M. (2016). South asia symposium on pneumococcal disease and the promise of vaccines - **meeting report. Vaccine**, 34(23), 2622-2626.

The citation shows this item is a 'meeting report' and is available in the journal **Vaccine**.

Once you know the name of the journal you can search **Full Text Finder** for the journal title. The link for Full Text Finder is located on the library's homepage.



Library Databases with Proceedings

Here is a select list of library databases that can help you find proceedings information:

- IEEE/IET Electronic Library (IEL) - IEEE
- Conference Proceedings Citation Index – Science
- Conference Proceedings Citation Index - Social Science and Humanities



Expanding your search

<p>Check if the proceedings were published as a book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Search the Alvin Sherman Library catalog• Search Worldcat.org
<p>Do a search across the ProQuest Platform</p>	 The ProQuest logo features the word "ProQuest" in a serif font, with the "Q" in red and the rest in grey. A red swoosh underline is positioned beneath the "Q".
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