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CONFERENCE HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT  
MOSHI CO-OPERATIVE UNIVERSITY, KILIMANJARO,  
TANZANIA**

**THEME: “RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP IN THE WAVE  
OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: THE CHANGING ROLE  
OF LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS”**

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## FOREWORD

The Consortium of Tanzania University and Research Libraries (COTUL) is a formal association of academic and research libraries established for the purpose of engaging in joint information provision activities particularly: acquisition of electronic information sources, research, carrying out capacity building training, providing consultancy services and other educational and research activities deemed critical in the attainment of academic excellence.

COTUL was established in 2008 as a voluntary organization formed in Tanzania. It brings together University and Research Libraries from both public and private universities, research institutions and other Higher Learning Institutions. COTUL was formally registered in 2017 with the Ministry of Home Affairs (Reg. No. S.A. 21148) under the Societies Act [CAP. 337 R.E. 2002].

The 2013 COTUL Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was held at Ruaha Catholic University in Iringa region decided among other issues to begin holding scientific conferences for the purpose of sharing knowledge and expertise among information professionals in the country and beyond. Since, then, a total of three (3) scientific conferences have been conducted. However, during the last COTUL Scientific Conference, which was conducted in November, 2021 at Moshi Co-operative University (MoCU), a total of ten (10) papers were presented under the following major conference theme: **Research and Scholarship in the Wave of Digital Transformation: The Changing Role of Libraries and Information Professionals.**

Therefore, COTUL is pleased to publish some of the selected papers in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference Proceedings.

On behalf of COTUL Executive Committee and the Conference Organizing Committee, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all authors, conference participants, sponsors, employers and other individuals for their contributions that have made the AGM and the Scientific Conference successful.

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