From survivors to an amazing race team

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Trip through memory lane
Trip through memory lane: Survivor

- Early 80’s
  - Terminals
  - Card Catalogues
- Late 80’s
  - Terminal to Workstations
Survivor ➤ Amazing race starts

• 90’s
  ➢ Start of electronic journals
• 2000
  ➢ More electronics
• 2003 Start as Information Specialist
• No IS experience
flying environment.

...have a serious purpose!
Survivor race Cont.

• Changing from bibliographic reference to full text
• Role of traditional Librarian starts changing
• Change the way we are working
• More clients are information literate
• Librarians have to change and adapt to:
  ➢ New demands
  ➢ Professional tasks
  ➢ Working conditions
...be flexible but firm!
• Became an active partner in the learning process
• Facilitating access to platforms and databases
• Give guidance and be a mentor
• Must have good ICT knowledge
• Accessibility supportive environment
• Skilled staff in supporting learners and learning process
• Resources in all formats
  ➢ Paper
  ➢ Media
  ➢ Digital
  ➢ Partnerships
• AIS investigate electronic thesis's
• 2004 compulsory
• Assist with Web-CT
• Start testing UpSpace in 2005
• 2006 UpSpace active
• 2006 change to ClickUP
• 2006 start with OpenUP
Projects

• Focus on new study curriculums
• Partnerships with Departments and Faculties
• Involved with Masters and Doctoral students
• Train the trainers
• Help with CIL courses
• Lifelong Learning
• Mentorship
Projects Cont.

• 2007 Start with strategic plan of level 5 EBIT and NS
• Marketing
• 2009 a restructuring of EBIT and NS
Challenges

• Design information skills programs for continuously changing and complex information environment
• Information explosion
• Digital revolution
• Identification of information needs become more precise
• More advanced browsing skills
• Effective communication with researchers all over the world
• Internet > critical evaluation
• IT skills in:
  ➢ Managing, storing and presenting information
...practice makes perfect!
...practice good briefings!
Conclusion

• Jarvis 2000 suggested the way ahead is about:
  ➢ Lifelong Learning and not work life learning
  ➢ People and not profits
  ➢ Enriching people rather than utilizing human resources
  ➢ Responding to needs, not meeting targets
• Goal is to contribute to the creation of high quality research and training environment
...do not expect too much too soon!
THANK YOU