

**Conference Attendance report template - to be sent to gertrud@internetnz.net.nz  
1 month after attending the conference**

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Name of recipient and contact details	Mark Boddington
Name of organisation ( <i>if applicable</i> )	N/A
Name, date and location of conference attended	Journalism in the Era of Artificial Intelligence and Big Data, 11 June -15 June 2018, European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom, Florence, Italy
Amount of funding received	\$1800
<i>Budget details</i>	<p><i>List a breakdown of any expenditure to date and compare it with your expected expenditure</i></p> <p>Actual Expenses (in NZD):          Airfares \$2120          Conference Attendance (incl accommodation) \$1800          1 nights accommodation either side of conference (2x\$125) \$250          Travel (Bus and Taxis), Subsistence and other expenses \$500          Total \$4670</p> <p>Estimated Expenses          Airfares \$2300          Conference Attendance (incl accommodation) \$1800          Accommodation, Subsistence and other Expenses \$1000          Total \$ 5100</p> <p>Difference between Actual Expenses and Estimated Expenses: +\$430</p> <p><i>Have you achieved what you expected to achieve and with this spend? (If "No", please provide more details)</i>          Yes</p> <p><i>Please account for any areas of overspend or underspend.</i>          My airfares and travel expenses were slightly cheaper than initially quoted.</p>
What were the highlights of the conference?	<i>Favourite sessions, contacts made, etc</i>

	<p>There was a lot of excellent discussion on regulatory developments affecting online media and the dissemination of information, including the proposed EU Copyright Directive and of course the GDPR.</p> <p>The most interesting presentations were by Damian Talbini on the “Impact of Tech Platforms on Democracy and Possibilities of their Regulation” and Miguel Polares Maduilo’s “Media Pluralism in the Age of the Internet and Globalisation.”</p> <p>I especially enjoyed hearing how views on intermediary liability are changing in Europe, and about the challenges of finding suitable definitions and measures to debate issues to do with Internet and communications freedoms.</p> <p>Another highlight was being exposed to a number of new and soon to be released reports, including the Oxford University’s Reuters Institute’s Digital News Report and the latest Media Pluralism Monitor.</p> <p>I made a number of useful contacts throughout the week, who will hopefully be people I reconnect with both socially and professionally. They included other lawyers, policy specialists and academics.</p>
<p>What were the lowlights of the conference?</p>	<p><i>What would you do differently?</i> No lowlights.</p>
<p>How have you shared your learnings from the conference?</p>	<p>I plan to share my learning by speaking at this year’s International Internet Preservations Consortium’s conference held in Wellington in November. The title of my presentation is “Legal Deposit Legislation for Online Publications: Framing the Issues”</p> <p>I am also researching subscription business models used by news media and academic journals with the aim of putting a presentation together.</p> <p>I still plan to use the experience to contribute to a small research project with the working title Media Pluralism and Internet: The Role of Policy and Regulation in New Zealand. The output will include a written report.</p>
<p>Was their media coverage or media-worthy content at the Conference?</p>	<p><i>Please note that report/s might be included in a media release if applicable. Is there any information in this report that is not publicly available?</i></p> <p>Although the content was highly interesting there was nothing discussed that was especially media worthy or directly relevant to New Zealand.</p>