Huge environmental, social, political and economic changes are affecting both the peoples and the states in the arctic region. International cooperation and research are needed to support sustainable development in the area and to face the other challenges brought about by the global change. Polar libraries and archives are important partners in these international networks.

PLC 2018 brings together librarians and all others concerned with managing and providing polar information. In addition to discussion of polar networks’ future developing, the keynote lectures will cover different aspects of social and legal sciences as well as arctic art and design. PLC 2018 is organized by Lapland University Consortium Library and University of Lapland.

The Polar Libraries Colloquy is an international organization of librarians and others concerned with the collection, preservation, and dissemination of information dealing with the Arctic and Antarctic regions. This organization grew out of the Northern Libraries Colloquy, which first met in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in June, 1971. The Colloquy meets biennially, by tradition alternating between Europe and North America. PLC is governed by an international Steering Committee and publishes a newsletter, Polar Libraries Bulletin, as well as Proceedings of the Colloquies.

Membership provides great opportunities to network with colleagues in other institutions. From its origin, the fostering of greater international collaboration has been a central objective. PLC is a member of the University of the Arctic.

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