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Appeal to LIS Professionals

Dear Colleagues,
It would be highly appreciated if you could provide the news for the following for forthcoming ILA Newsletter.

1. Report of about 100 words with one snap of organised Seminar, Conference, Training & Workshop;
2. Book publications, or highly Impact Factor research outputs or just concluded projects;
3. Announcement for admissions, educational up gradations;
4. Technological innovations, research & development;
5. Any other LIS field related news, please send to Editor: pro@ilaindia.net

You are also welcome for your constructive suggestions and feedback for betterment of ILA Newsletter.

Library Quote

"I have a passion of reading books. I get positive and new thoughts from books and also get inspirational messages which always influence my mind"

Shri Narender Damodar Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Museum of Dr. S R Ranganathan

A Museum of Prof. S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library and Information Science in India has been inaugurated by Dr. Arun Shourie, Chairman, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) in presence of Prof. Bimal K. Roy, Director, ISI and many leading LIS professionals on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Documentation Research and Training Centre, ISI, Bangalore.

Report of 60th ILA International Conference

"Embedded Librarianship and Technological Challenges of the Digital Age"
held during April 08-10, 2015.
Conference Director
Prof. I.V. Malhan, Head, DLIS, Central University of Himachal Pradesh
Rapporteur General
Dr. Manish Kumar Singh, Information Scientist, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
Organising Secretary
Dr. Raj Kumar, Librarian, A. C. Joshi Library, Panjab University, Chandigarh
Venue
University Auditorium, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

This 60th ILA International Conference on the theme "Embedded Librarianship and Technological Challenges of the Digital Age" marked the diamond jubilee of the ILA conferences. The A. C. Joshi Library of Panjab University, Chandigarh organized this conference in the University Auditorium of Panjab University during 8th to 10th April, 2015. The organizing committee comprised of Prof. A. K. Bhandari, DUI, Panjab University as Chairman; Prof. (Mrs.) Ashu Shokeen, Professor, DLIS, Kurukshetra University and President, ILA as co-chairperson; Dr. Raj Kumar, Librarian, Panjab University as Organising Secretary; Dr. Rashmi Yadav, Deputy Librarian, Panjab University and Ms. Neeru Bhatia, Assistant Librarian, Panjab University as Joint Organising Secretaries; and Ms. Navjeet Kaur, Deputy Librarian, Panjab University as Treasurer. Prof. I. V. Malhan, Head, DLIS, Central University of Himachal Pradesh took the responsibility of Conference Director and Dr. Manish Kumar Singh, Information Scientist, B.H.U, Varanasi, acted as Rapporteur General.

The conference has been organised at the University Auditorium of Panjab University and comprised of an inaugural session held on 8th April 2015, followed by eight technical sessions distributed over a period of three days and a panel discussion on the final day, and a session of valediction on 10th April, 2015.

The theme of the conference, i.e. "Embedded Librarianship and Technological Challenges of the Digital Age", emphasized the need to embed the professional caliber of librarians into various other subject areas for the purpose of developing and delivering innovative library services in the digital age. This theme was divided into eight sub-themes, i.e. (i) Embedded Librarianship and Technological Innovations; (ii) Change Management and Leadership; (iii) User Needs, Resource Planning and User Services; (iv) Environment Friendly Library; (v) Technologies and Content Development; (vi) Capacity Building; (vii) TQM and TQP; and (viii) Role of Library and Information Science Schools and Professional Bodies. The first sub-theme coincided with the theme of the conference itself and the rest of the sub-themes corresponded to fundamental elements required for embedded librarianship. Each of these eight sub-themes was taken up in eight technical sessions in the order as mentioned. A total of nine invited lectures and thirty six technical papers were presented during the technical sessions, which has been described later.

Inaugural Session

The conference was inaugurated at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 8th April, 2015 by the Chief Guest of the inaugural session, His Excellency Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, the Hon'ble Governer of Haryana and Panjab and also Administrator of Union Territory of Chandigarh, and was presided over by Prof. A. K. Grover, the Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University.

Prof. Grover, in his presidential address, highlighted the evolution of information and communication technologies and their role in information accessibility and talked about growing demand for quality information in academic settings. Prof. Ashu Shokeen, Professor, DLIS, Kurukshetra University and President, ILA talked about the objectives of the Indian Library Association and described the brief history of the association after its foundation in the year 1933. Prof. I.V. Malhan, the Conference Director, talked about the conference theme and explained the concept of Embedded Librarianship.

Keynote Address: A scholarly and highly intellectual Keynote address was delivered on this occasion by Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET. Dr. Arora, in his address, described the key theme of the conference and explained how the library services and users' expectations have changed in the digital era. He emphasized on the changing role of librarians and stressed that the librarians must adapt with the change and provide user centric services.

Later, Mr. Pratap Das from Proquest described "Proquest summon", the product which has been newly acquired by the Panjab University. Thereafter, this product was inaugurated by the hon'ble Governer by doing a search.

The hon'ble Governor, in his speech, said that even in the digital age we require libraries to enlighten people and we need to make efforts to spread light and overcome darkness. He praised the librarians' profession for being so helpful in transfer of knowledge, which is very essential to the progress and routine tasks. He also talked about the importance of such conferences in the development of a profession. On this occasion he also released the conference volume and the souvenir.

Dr. Pardeep Rai, General Secretary, ILA announced the ILA awards. The "ILA - P.N. Kaula Best Librarian Award" was conferred upon Sh. Yogendra Singh, Librarian, IIT Roorkee. The "ILA - Gidvani-Deshpande Best Academic Librarian Award" was conferred on Dr. Mohan R. Kherde, University Librarian, S.G.B. Amravati University. The "ILA – Dr. P.S.G. Kumar Life Time Achievement Award" was conferred on Prof. Girja Kumar, former President, ILA (1983-1985).

During inaugural session, some eminent professionals associated with Panjab University were also honoured by the Vice-Chancellor, in recognition of their services.

At the end of the inaugural session, a vote of thanks was given by Dr. Raj Kumar, Librarian, Dr. A.C. Joshi Library, Panjab University and Organizing Secretary of the conference.

The inaugural session of this conference had, thus, concluded.

Technical Sessions

As mentioned earlier, the conference comprised of eight technical sessions corresponding to eight sub-themes, of which the first three were conducted on the first day, i.e. 8th April, 2015; the IV, V, VI and VII technical sessions were conducted on the second day, i.e. 9th April, 2015; and the last session was conducted today, i.e. 10th April, 2015.

A total of nine invited speakers, in various technical sessions, presented their talks filled of their experiences and observations in the profession of librarianship. During the eight technical sessions, thirty six technical papers were presented in the conference by the respective paper authors. Though a wide range of sub-themes were open for the conference, the technical sessions were dominated by two limited areas of two subthemes, i.e. e-resources and content creation, together constituting one third of the presented papers. Six papers were presented on the use and management of e-resources and six more were related to content creation. One scientific presentation and eight commercial presentations were also done by the industry representatives.

The first technical session was chaired by Dr. R. K. Sharma, United Nations Information Centre, New Delhi along with the co-chairperson, Dr. Rashmi Yadav, Dy. Librarian, Panjab University. This session comprised an invited lecture, a scientific presentation by industry representative and only one technical paper. All the presentations revolved around the core theme of the conference.

The session started with the well researched invited lecture by Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET, who delivered a talk on "Integrating ICT in Academic Libraries". He remarked that very frequently, information seekers go to "google" for their information needs. But, the information thus searched might not be reliable, sometimes. On the other hand, the Librarians are a source of reliable information. Dr. Arora pointed out that due to change in behavior of users, the librarians are now training themselves to adapt with the change and they must take over newer roles. He also outlined some new roles for the librarians, including; providing quality teaching resources; creating metadata; offer virtual reference service; teaching information literacy; choosing and managing licenses; collecting and digitizing archival materials; maintaining digital repositories; help in research assessment and world ranking of universities; and measuring research output.

After the invited talk by Dr. Arora, a Scientific Lecture by Taylor & Francis was presented by Ms. Shafina Segon on the topic "Use of Social Media by the Library". She presented a survey on the use of social media for searching e-resources in libraries of South Asian region. Thereafter, a technical paper on the title "Big Data and Libraries" was presented by Ms. Nirupma Chohda. She highlighted the need of exploitation of big data by libraries in India, as it is being exploited in developed countries.

The first technical session was then concluded by Dr. R. K. Sharma, the Chairman of the session.

The second technical session was chaired by Dr. Mohan R. Kherde, University Librarian, S.G.B. Amravati University along with co-chairperson, Dr. O. N. Chaubey, IGNCA, New Delhi. Ms. Neelima Chadha, PGIMER, Chandigarh acted as Rapporteur for the session. The session comprised of one invited lecture, one commercial presentation and four technical papers.

The session started with a talk by the invited speaker, Sh. Yogendra Singh, Librarian, IIT Roorkee on the topic "LIS Education in India: Perspectives and Expectations of an Academic Librarian". In his talk, he emphasized the mismatch between skills that are taught in LIS curriculum and the skills that are actually needed in libraries. He stressed on the need to redesign the LIS curriculum to suit the needs of libraries.

Dr. Poonam Chaudhary presented her paper entitled "United We Flourish, Divided We Perish". She highlighted the importance of library associations for the survival and development of library profession. Mr. Ravi R. Jani presented his technical paper entitled "Managing Change in Academic Libraries: A Case Study of Learning Resource Centre, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth, Vadodara". He presented results of his survey highlighting that a substantial majority of library staff were affirmative to changes and even more of them found that the effects of change were satisfactory. Dr. Kaushal Chauhan presented her paper entitled "Research Trends and Citation Pattern of 'International Journal of Information Technology and Knowledge Management': A Bibliometric Study". Another technical paper entitled "Perception and Effective Use of Search Engines and Web Information Storage Systems by the Students and Faculty Members: a comparative study of two Universities in Karnataka" was presented by Dr. Pravin Kumar Choudhary and Dr. N. S. Shokeen. They presented results of a survey to identify the preferred search engines and searching methods.

The second technical session was then concluded by Dr. Mohan R. Kherde, the Chairman of the session.

The third technical session was chaired by Dr. Jagtar Singh, Panjabi University along with the co-chairperson Dr. Trishanjit Kaur, Panjabi University. Ms. Neeru Bhatia, Assistant Librarian, Panjab University acted as Rapporteur for this session. This session comprised one invited lecture and presentation of six technical papers.

Dr. Jagtar Singh started the session by defining the term "Embedded Librarianship". The invited speaker for the session, Dr. D.V. Singh, Librarian, Kurukshetra University delivered his presentation on "Change Management". He started by outlining the importance of change and various sources of change and stressed that in an organization, though we plan certain changes, we should also be prepared for unplanned changes. He classified changes into external forms and internal forms, depending upon the factors which cause a particular change. Dr. Singh also talked about dealing with resistance to change and finally suggested some future roles for librarian, such as, information need assessor, information evaluator, information planner, information services manager and information instructor.

Later, Mr. Dharmesh Kumar presented his technical paper entitled "Information Systems Users Satisfaction: A survey of Choudhary Devi Lal University, Sirsa (Haryana)". He presented the results of user study conducted by him regarding use of information systems and identified the dismal utilization of information systems despite huge investments in information systems. Another paper entitled "Information Seeking Bahavior of Post Graduate Students and Teachers of DSCW Library Ferozepur City: A Case Study" was presented by Ms. Mohinder Kaur Gill. She presented results of her user study. Ms. Ritu Dhiman presented her paper entitled "E-resources: Acquisition and Management". She described the life cycle of e-resource management. Mr. Mahendra Kumar presented his paper entitled "Use of Electronic Information Sources by the Users of MLB Medical College, Jhansi: An Analytical Study" in which he presented results of his study. Another paper entitled "User Perception of Usability of Internet among Faculty and Post Graduate Student of Arya Kanya Mahavidyalya at Shahabad Markanda (Kurukshetra): A Case Study" was presented by Ms. Rajinder Kaur Gill. She presented results of her survey. Dr. S.N. Pandey presented his paper entitled "Status and Management of E-resources and Services at present in University Libraries of Uttarakhand - A Case Study". He presented results of his survey.

The third technical session was then concluded by Dr. Jagtar Singh, the Chairman of the session.

The fourth technical session was chaired by Sh. Yogendra Singh, Librarian, IIT Roorkee along with the co-chairperson Dr. Rajesh Kumar Bhardwaj, Librarian, Fore School of Management. The Rapporteur for this session was Dr. Seema Vasishta, PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh. This session comprised one invited lecture, presentation of seven technical papers and two commercial presentations.

The session started with a talk by the invited speaker, Dr. Rajeev Vij, Scientist F & Junior Director, INMAS (DRDO), Delhi on the topic "Success Tips for You: Change Your Attitude from 'Chalta Hai' to 'Empowering Users'". In his talk, Dr. Vij apprised the delegates of the activities being done by him in his organization and motivated them to start the variety of user services, which he implemented in his library.

The technical paper entitled "Information needs and information seeking behaviour of faculty members in electronic environment: A survey of teacher education colleges of Amritsar" was presented by Dr. Prabhjot Kaur Sandhu. She presented a survey of teacher education colleges in Amritsar and told that a majority of users prefer open access for easier availability. Another technical paper entitled "Challenges for Collection Development and Usages of E-books in Academic Library: a case study of B.H.U. Libraries" was presented by Dr. D. K. Singh. He presented the various challenges in collection development faced in BHU Libraries, e.g., cultural resistance. He also described the restructuring that has taken place in the technical processing after the start of procurement of ebooks and also stressed for reformulation of collection development policies to suit ebooks. The paper entitled "Green Library: A Conceptual Overview" was presented by Ms. Sarbjot Kaur. She described the features of a green library and described the standards to follow along with measures to transform the university libraries into a green library. Ms. Sanghamitra Dalbehera presented the paper entitled "Greening the libraries for sustainable development: the case study of Technical University Libraries in Orissa". Mr. Ashwni Kumar Ahluwalia presented a paper entitled "Implementation of Kaizen in Library and Information Services Activities". He described the Japanese term Kaizen as denoting continuous change to improve productivity. Dr. Dharam Kumar and Dr. Pardeep Rai presented their paper entitled "Libraries and Space Management: an overview". In his paper he presented his observations of change in user expectations and emphasized the need for the libraries to change according to user expectations. Ms. Taruna Joshi presented a paper entitled "Use of Internet by the University Students: Review of Literature".

Two commercial presentations were also done before this fourth technical session was concluded by Sh. Yogendra Singh, the Chairman of the session.

The fifth technical session was chaired by Dr. Kautilya Shukla, Director, Learning Resource Centre, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth, Vadodara along with the co-chairperson Ms. Navjeet Kaur, Dy. Librarian, Panjab University. The Rapporteur for the session was Shri Manmohan Singh, Senior Librarian, NITTR, Chandigarh. The session comprised one invited lecture, presentation of five technical papers and one commercial presentation.

The session started with a talk by the invited speaker, Dr. Pravin Kr. Choudhary, AGM Documentation, DLF Limited, Gurgaon & Vice-President, ILA (north) who delivered his talk on "Management of Records in Business Houses". He talked about the establishment of Documentation Centre in DLF and record management activities there. Scenario of record management in corporate houses was presented pointing out the least importance given by most of the corporate. He described various positive steps taken by him to change the mindset and develop a world class documentation and information centre.

Mr. Gurjot Singh did a presentation on the topic "Wrecked Indian Fonts: A Problem for Digitalization of Indic Documents". He described the various problems faced while using indic fonts in computers due to diverse character encoding. Font conversion issues are explained and he suggested the use of Unicode character set. Ms. Puspita Mishra presented her paper entitled "Successful Implementation of Open Source Software in Libraries". She described various benefits of open source software and provided a list of open source software for various uses in libraries. Dr. Bidyut K. Mal presented his paper entitled "ETD Repositories in India: Some Major Initiatives". He listed and described the 35 ETD repositories in India. Dr. S. Jahan Ara presented her paper entitled "The Technological Change and Discovery in Services in the Library in Government College For Men, Kurnool (A.P.)". She presented results of her user study regarding use of e-resources in a government college. Mr. D. P. Tripathi presented his paper entitled "Open Source Content Management System for Content Development: A Comparative Study". He presented the results of comparative analysis of two open source content management systems, i.e. Joomla and Drupal.

A product presentation followed before conclusion of the fifth technical session by Dr. Kautilya Shukla, the Chairman of the session.

The sixth technical session was chaired by Dr. Preeti Mahajan, Chairman, Department of Library and Information Science, Panjab University along with the co-chairperson Dr. Abhijeet Sinha, Librarian, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, New Delhi. Dr. Jaspal Kaur, Dev Samaj College for Women, Chandigarh acted as Rapporteur for the session. This session comprised of two invited lectures, presentation of three technical papers and two commercial presentations.

The session started with the invited speech by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Network Manager, DELNET on the topic "Knowledge Services: Making Libraries Relevant for the Future". She expressed the concern that we are involved largely with the "information" and are leaving the sphere of "knowledge" and made a distinction between information resources and knowledge resources. She emphasized that we can come out of the information overload by adopting knowledge resources and presented model architecture for knowledge service. Another invited speaker Dr. Kishore Chandra Satpathy, Librarian, NIT, Silchar did a presentation on the topic "Empowering Information Professionals in NER - Role of NIT Silchar". He informed about infrastructure development in the library of NIT Silchar and its initiatives in manpower development in the north-east region.

Thereafter, Dr. Dipanwita Ray presented her technical paper entitled "Capacity Building of Library Professionals" in which she described the professional competency requirements expected from library professionals along with the concepts of total quality management and time management and stressed for continuous staff development programme. Dr. Kaushal Kishor Chaudhary presented his paper entitled "Stress Management by Library and Information Science Professionals in University Libraries of Bihar: A Study". He talked about common causes of stress and its consequences along with various methods used by librarians to handle stress. Ms. Surekha Kumari did a presentation on the topic "Green Libraries" in which she talked about benefits of being environment friendly and various methods for converting a library into green library. She also presented the design goals of a green library.

Two commercial presentations were also done.

The sixth technical session was then concluded by Dr. Preeti Mahajan, the Chairman of the session.

The seventh technical session was chaired by Prof. Manoj K. Joshi, Department of Library and Information Science, Kurukshetra University along with co-chairperson Dr. C. Jayakumar, Associate Director, Learning Resource Centre, ISB, Mohali. Dr. Jivesh Bansal, Dy. Librarian, Panjab University acted as Rapporteur for the session. This session comprised one invited lecture, presentation of three technical papers and one commercial presentation.

Invited speaker, Dr. P. V. Rao, Librarian, Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration presented his talk on "Aspects of e-Governance". He explained various benefits of e-Governance and discussed its implementation. Various challenges to e-Governance were also identified. Dr. Rao also described various elements of e-Governance, e.g., information management, content management, standards management, legal framework, etc. It was followed by an insight into a government initiative in this area, i.e. National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) and other department and state level initiatives.

Thereafter, a technical paper entitled "Assessing Library Service Quality (LSQ) at Rajiv Gandhi National Law University, Patiala" was presented by Mr. Rakesh Mohindra. He described various tools for assessment of service quality that can be used in a library. A paper entitled "E-governance and Information Literacy: Government Initiatives in India" was presented by Ms. Archna Saxena and Ms. Reena. Mr. Nasirudheen T presented his paper entitled "Copyright Laws of India and USA: an LIS perspective".

The seventh technical session was then concluded by Prof. Joshi, the Chairman of the session.

The eighth technical session was chaired by Dr. D. V. Singh, Librarian, Kurukshetra University along with the co-chairperson Dr. N. S. Shokeen, Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Kalpna Chawla Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Ambala. The Rapporteur for this session was Dr. Neeraj Kumar Singh, Assistant Librarian, Panjab University. This session comprised one invited lecture, presentation of seven technical papers and one commercial presentation.

Dr. Ravinder Kumar Chadha, Additional Secretary, Parliament of India was the invited speaker in this session. He delivered a talk on "Technology Driven Information Services". He emphasized on the importance of technology driven services to be used in library services.

Dr. Manish Kumar Singh, presented the paper entitled "Research Data Curation in Higher Education Institutions of India" highlighting the absence of research data curation efforts in higher education institutions of India. The essentials of research data curation in such institutions were identified. Mr. Vinod Kumar presented his paper entitled "MOOC: Opportunities, Challenges and Best Practices". He identified various opportunities and challenges in use of MOOCs. Mr. Abdul Gafoor Manningachali presented his paper entitled "Application of Transactional Analysis in Library and Information Profession: Methods and Techniques". He presented various aspects of transactional analysis and informed how to use it in the libraries. Dr. B. K. Singh presented his paper entitled "Intellectual Property Rights in the Digital Age". He described the special feature of IPR practice related to digital documents. Mrs. Harsha P. Patil presented her paper entitled "Digital Plus Era: Profile of a Law Librarian". She talked about various digital information services in the field of law. Dr. O. N. Chaubey presented his paper entitled "Digital Preservation of Indian Cultural Heritage Data: Project Overview". He talked about the activities of cultural heritage preservation done at Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts, New Delhi. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Bhardwaj presented his paper entitled "Print Books Vs Digital Book: Challenge for Change Management in Libraries".

A commercial presentation by Informatics followed.

The eighth and final technical session was then concluded by Dr. D. V. Singh, the Chairman of the session.

Panel Discussion

After conclusion of technical sessions on the final day, a panel discussion was held. The panelists were Dr. Ajay Ranga, Assistant Professor, University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University; Prof. Rupan A. Singh, Head, Department of Library Science, H.P.T. Arts College, Nashik; Mr. Parveen Khurana, Director, American Corner, Chandigarh; Dr. Prem Chand, Librarian, IIAS, Shimla; Prof. I. V. Malhan, Professor, DLIS, Central University of HP, Dharamshala & Conference Director; Prof. B. Ramesha, Department of Library and Information Science, Banagalore University; Dr. M. Krishna Murthy, Assistant Professor, DRTC, Bangalore. Prof. Malhan acted as the moderator and initiated the topic of "User Expectations and Satisfaction with LIS Services" for discussion. Thereafter, various experts gave their views aligned with the topic of discussion. After the formal discussion, various delegates were also involved by raising questions with the panel members. In the end, Prof. Malhan concluded the discussion.

Valedictory Session

The intellectual statement of the conference got emboldened with the presence of Prof. R. P. Bambah, former Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University and a world renowned mathematician as the chief guest of the valedictory function. Prof. Ashu Shokeen presided over the function. Prof. Malhan welcomed the chief guest and praised the organizers for having successfully organized the conference and pleasant hospitality. Dr. Pardeep Rai, General Secretary, ILA announced the awards for best paper presentation in the conference. Dr. B. K. Singh, Dy. Librarian, Allahabad University has been awarded with "ILA - C. D. Sharma Award" for best paper written and presented. Mr. Ravi R. Jani, Assistant Librarian, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth, Vadodara has been awarded with "ILA - A G Motiwale Award" for best paper written and presented by a young author. Prof. Bambah praised the library profession and recalled the role of library services in his own pursuit of knowledge. Prof. Bambah also felicitated members of the Organizing Committee and the administrators of the conference. In the end Dr. Raj Kumar proposed a vote of thanks.

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Recommendations and Resolution

In conclusion of the three day 60th ILA International Conference, the following resolutions have been emerged and the same are placed before the audience for their perusal and consideration.

1. To transform to embedded librarianship practices, India require to bridge the skill and competency gap of existing LIS professionals. Massive efforts are therefore required to organize need based short term training courses for LIS professionals. The Govt. of India should implement the recommendation of NKC to set up NILIS (National Institute of Library and Information Science) to start such training programs.
2. The UGC, ASC's (Academic Staff Colleges) organize refresher courses, OP's (Orientation Programs) for teachers & Librarians of academic institutions. But such training opportunities are generally not available for ICMR, ICAR, CSIR-Library professionals. Efforts in collaboration with ILA should be initiated by the Govt. of India, to organize short training courses for professional working in such Govt. of India organizations.
3. ILA should also constitute a committee to identify the areas of short training courses and find out how such training programs can be funded and executed.
4. ILA should also revisit professional ethical issues in view of growing Digital Environment & prepare a draft Report in collaboration with other professional associations.
5. Full parity should be given to library professionals with faculty in 7th Pay Commission.
6. To improve quality of LIS education, there should be some accrediting agency and controlling body to check the mushrooming growth of LIS educational institutions.
7. Government should take initiatives to fill all the vacant positions of library professionals at all levels in all Government Departments.
8. Government should form guidelines for private academic institutions for the position of Library professionals. The prescribed guidelines should be applicable to these organizations related to e.g., the minimum requirement of library professionals, their qualifications and entitlements at par with the other professionals in the similar Government Institutions.
9. ILA should work on broader policy guidelines to deal with IPR and plagiarism issues, which may be helpful to academic institutions to develop their policies to combat plagiarism

Personalia

Prof. B Ramesha, Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Bangalore University, Bangalore has been selected as one of the winners of the IFLA WLIC 2015 Participation Grants from IFLA for World Library and Information Congress to be held in Cape Town, South Africa during August 15-21, 2015.

Dr. R.K. Sharma (Librarian, United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan) (UNIC) has been conferred SRFLIS Professional Excellence Award-2014 by Satija Research Foundation for his contribution to Library and Information Science profession.

Prof S. B. Ghosh, Former Professor and Head Dept of Library and Information Science, IGNOU has been unanimously elected as the Standing Committee Member of the IFLA/ Section on Education and Training (SET) for the years 2015-2018 This is the second time, Prof Ghosh has been elected for the Committee. He is already a Standing Committee Member of IFLA/RSCAO.

Dr. J. K. Vijayakumar, Manager of Library Collections and Information Services at King Abdullah University of Science & Technology (KAUST) have been selected to LAB (Librarian Advisory Board) of IOP (Institute of Physics) and Springer Middle East and Africa board. He is already serving on LAB for ACM (Association of Computing Machines) and RSC

Homage

Prof. Sh. Ramansu Lahiri, founding faculty member of the Department of Library and Information Science, Manipur University, Canchipur expired recently.

In a statement issued on April 18 2015 at Imphal, by the Department of Library and Information Science, MU, HOD Th Madhuri expressed deep sorrow at Prof. Lahiri's death and remembered his contribution to the field of LIS in the State.
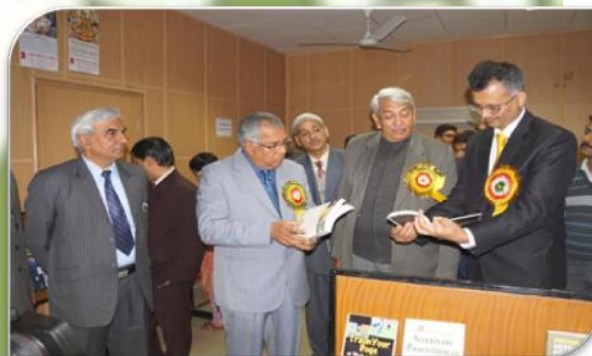
Past Events

National Seminar on **"National Mission on Libraries: Disseminating Knowledge for the Developing Societies"** has been organized by the DLIS, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, WB in collaboration with the UGC and RRRLF during March 12-13, 2015. The Seminar was attended by about 100 delegates from all over the country including participants from Bangla Desh. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. K.K.Bannerjee, Advisor, NML. The invited speakers were Prof. B. K. Sen, Prof S. B. Ghosh, Prof S. C. Biswas, Prof. Ratna Bandopadhyay Das, and Dr. Abhijit Bannerji. Prof Amitabha Chatterji acted as the Rapporteur General.

2nd Tecnia SRFLIS India Summit 2015

International Conference: 2nd Tecnia SRFLIS India Summit 2015 on **"Grey to Green: Creating Sustainable Environment through Green Management, Librarianship, ICT, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Social Responsibility"** has been organised by Tecnia Institute of Advanced Studies, Delhi and Satija Research Foundation in collaboration with United Nations Information Centre during April 11-12, 2015. A large number of LIS professionals, Environmentalists and Corporate dignitaries have participated in the conference.

Book Exhibition at CCSHAU, Hisar, Haryana

An **Exhibition of Books** was organised in premises of Nehru Library, CCSHAU during February 2-4, 2015. The Hon'ble former Vice-Chancellor, GADVASU, Ludhiana, Dr. V.K. Taneja being Chief Guest of the Foundation Day function inaugurated the exhibition. Dr. K.S. Khokhar, Vice-Chancellor, CCSHAU graced the occasion.

Reputed vendors have displayed more than 7000 books in disciplines of Agricultural Sciences, Basic Sciences and Humanities, Home Science, Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Food Science & Technology, Nanotechnology, Business Management, General Knowledge etc. Dr. K. S. Khokhar told that this exhibition will be of tremendous use for faculty as well as for students as students and faculty could select the books of their interest from the exhibition. Dr. Anand P. Singh, University Librarian applauded his staff, faculty and students for their active participation.

Forthcoming Events

May

"National Workshop on OSS - DSpace, Joomla and Koha" will be organised by The Mahatma Gandhi Central Library (MGCL), IIT Roorkee during May 4 – 8, 2015

"MANLIBNET 2015: International Conference on Managing library and Information Systems in the Digital World: Challenges and Opportunities" will be jointly organised by T. A. Pai Management Institute, Manaipal and Management Libraries Network (MANLIBNET) during May 7 - 9, 2015

National Workshop on **"Management of Library in Digital Era"** sponsored by UGC will be organised by Jengraimukh College Library, Jengraimukh, Majuli, Assam during May 8-9, 2015

"**Workshop on KOHA"** will be organised by the Kerala Library Association (KLA) at its Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram during May 09 – 10, 2015. More details can be obtained from https://klaweblog.wordpress.com

"ASIALA – 2015 on Managing Knowledge and Learning Resources: Repositioning Libraries in Virtual Era" will be jointly organised by DTU (Delhi Technological University) and Asian Library Association at Library Conference Hall, Delhi Technological University, Adjoining Sector, 17, Rohini, Shahbad Daulatpur, Delhi – 110042 on May 16, 2015

Workshop on **"Modernization of Digital Library for managing e-Resources using DSpace and Digi-MAT"** will be organised by the Department of Computer Science And Engineering, Bannari AmmanInstitute of Technology, Sathyamangalam, Erode Dt. on May 16, 2015. http://www.linuxpert.in/wp-content/uploads/Modernization-of-Digital-Library-for-managing-eResources-using-DSpace-and-Digi-MAT.pdf

Three Days **"National Level Workshop on "NewGenLib: Open Source Library Management Software"** will be organised by the DLIS, SASI Institute of Technology & Engineering, Tadepalligudem during May 18-20, 2015.

June

2nd International Conference on **"Innovation Driven Librarianship Creating Future Landscape for the New Generation Libraries and LIS Professionals"** will be organised by the SRM University, Kattankulathur during June 11-13, 2015

National Conference on **"Computerization and Automation in Library"** sponsored by UGC will be organised by the Yogeshwari Mahavidyalaya, Ambajogai, Beed during June 12-13, 2015

International Conference on **"Information Unbounded: The Past, the Present, and the Future of Information Sciences"** will be organised by the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Mysore during June 18-20, 2015

July

"SALIS - 2015 National Conference on Advancement in Library and Information Science & Technology: Challenges and Opportunities" (ALIST 2015) will be jointly organised by SALIS & Central Library, BS Abdur Rahman University, Chennai during July 10 - 11, 2015.

Seminar on **"Convergence of Technologies in LIS"** will be organised by the DLIS, University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya in association with Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA) Guwahati, Assam and Dr. S.K.B. Library, Cotton College, Guwahati during July 17-18, 2015. More details can be obtained from www.ustm.ac.in.

August

"The 2015 International Conference on Library and Information Science" (LIS 2015) will be jointly organised at Osaka, Japan by International Business Academics Consortium (iBAC), Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan & Tamkang University, Taiwan on August 23 – 25, 2015

November

ETD 2015, 18th International Symposium on Theses and Dissertations on a theme **"Evolving Genre of ETDs for Knowledge Discovery"** is being organized at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi during November 4 – 6, 2015.

International Conference on **"Information, Management & Libraries"** (ICIML-2015) will be organised by the Department of Information Management, University of the Punjab, Quaid-e-Azam Campus, Lahore, Pakistan during November 10-13, 2015.

6th International Symposium on **"Information Management in a Changing World"** will be organised by the Department of Information Management, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey and the School of Information Management, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China during November 25-27, 2015.

11th International Conference (COLLNET 2015): on **"Webometrics, Informetrics and Scientometrics"** (WIS) & Sixteenth Meeting will be organised by the COLLNET in association with Society for Library Professionals and Asian Chapter, Special Libraries Association (SLA) at Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi Enclave, Delhi, India during November 26-28, 2015.

"Refresher Course in Library & Information Science" will be organised by the Academic Staff College, University of North Bengal during November 26, 2015 to December 16, 2015.

E-books accessible to visually impaired, courtesy EPUB

"Deccan Herald, Thursday 23 April 2015"
The Daisy Forum of India board meeting discussed the ways of taking access to digital books to the million or so visually-impaired and print-disabled persons in India. Ms. Madhu Singhal, Managing Trustee of Mitra Jyoti and DFI, General Secretary, said the organisation is reaching out to textbook societies, universities and school boards to make sure educational materials are provided in accessible EPUB, the most popular e-book format in the world.

Announcement

4th Annual Open Access Award (http://epublishingtrust.net/4th-annual-oa-award)
The Electronic Publishing Trust is pleased to announce that it is offering its fourth annual award to individuals in developing and transition countries* who have made significant contributions to the advance of Open Access and the free exchange of research findings. Nominations are now sought by Sept 1, 2015, Individuals may be nominated by themselves, by others or by organisations, sending a statement using the attached form to the chair of the EPT Awards Committee, Barbara Kirsop (barbarakirsop@gmail.com), outlining the achievements of the individual. http://epublishingtrust.net/ept-awards.

Book Publication

"Embedded Librarianship and Technological Challenges of the Digital Age": Conference Proceedings of 60th ILA International Conference (Diamond Jubilee) edited by Prof. B. Ramesha, Dr. Pardeep Rai, Dr. Rajkumar, Ms. Hemavathi B N, Dr. O.N. Chaubey, Dr. Rajesh Kr. Bhardwaj, Dr. N.S. Shokeen, Dr. Pravin Kr. Choudhary has been released by His Excellency Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki, the hon'ble Governor of Haryana and Panjab and also Administrator of Union Territory of Chandigarh at Panjab University on April 8, 2015, p. xiv - 909, ISBN: 81-85216-49-5, Price: India: Rs 3500/-; Overseas: US$ 175

"Blended" Libraries and Information Centres: A Blue Print for the Development of Information Profession in India: a festschrift volume in honour of the retiring Professor, Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar (Head, DLIS, University of Kerala), has been published. The volume has 31 scholarly articles plus the biographical sketch of Dr. Vijayakumar and an exclusive interview with him. The volume is edited by Dr. G. Devarajan, Dr. K. C. Abdul Majeed, Dr. Dineshan Koovakkai, Dr. P. K. Suresh Kumar and Dr. S. Beena. It is published by Southern Book Star, Trivandrum. ISBN: 978-81-86660-23-2, Price Rs. 1950/-

"Consortium approach to resource sharing in an e-environment" authored by Dr. Y.M. Patil has been published by Scientific Publisher (India), Jodhpur, India, Hardbound; ISBN 9788172338824, Price: Rs. 1250.00; $42.00.

"Library and Information Science in Changing Perspective" authored by Dr. Pradeep Rai and Dr. Dharam Kumar has been published by Book Age Publication, ISBN- 978-93-83281-44-2, p236, Price: Rs-575/-

"Knowledge Management: Challenges and Applications" authored By Dr. M. Natarajan has been published by Ess Ess Publications Ltd, New Delhi. The Editor of the books is JSIR, NISCAIR, New Delhi. p530p. Price: Rs. 2000/-

THE TIMES OF INDIA

Chandigarh, April 8, 2015

World library meet starts at PU today

CHANDIGARH: The Panjab University (PU) will host the 60th Indian Library Association International Conference from April 8 to 10. The conference on 'Embedded Librarianship and Technological Challenges of the Digital Age' is being organized by PU's AC Joshi Library, in collaboration with United Nations Information Centre (UNIO), Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), and Indian Council for Social Sciences Research (ICSSR).

Director of Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre (Gandhinagar, Gujarat) Dr. Jagdish Arora will be the keynote speaker on the inaugural day. He is also director of the UGC-Infonet Consortium, through which universities are provided access to many e-resources and more than 7,000 e-journals, including Science Direct, JSTOR (Journal Storage), and journals of 27 publishers like Taylor & Francis, Wiley, Cambridge University Press (CUP), Oxford University Press (OUP), etc.

PU librarian Raj Kumar said: 'Summon: Web-Scale Discovery Service' by ProQuest will be launched on the inaugural day. "It will be very helpful for users of the PU library. The Summon Service would help in increasing the service delivery of the PU library and provide an unprecedented research experience," he said. Kumar added that the new service would be more than a single-search box, as it would make the books and journal collection more discoverable, and provide unique ways for users to connect with librarians. "The result will be a rich research experience that presents results without bias, increases resource usage, strengthens the library's role in the research process, and meets user expectations," he added.

Kumar said that eight technical sessions with talks by invited speakers, paper presentations, and product presentations by various publishers and software companies would be held during the three-day conference. Approximately 400 participants from various states like Maharashtra, Assam, Karnataka, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Uttarakhand are expected to participate. Sub-themes such as change management and leadership, user needs, resource planning, capacity building, and environment-friendly libraries will be deliberated upon during the conference.

There will be an exhibition area in which 15-16 publishers and vendors will exhibit their products. Library and Information Science professionals from academic, special, and public libraries, IT professionals, publishers, teachers, research scholars, students and all users of libraries, public library authorities/personnel, policy-makers, information providers, vendors and others have been invited to participate in the event.

The Tribune
THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Tribune News Service, Chandigarh, April 7, 2015

Three-day international conference begins today

Panjab University will host the three-day 60th Indian Library Association (ILA) International Conference from April 8 to April 10.

AC Joshi Library is organising the 60th international (Diamond Jubilee) conference of the ILA on the topic "Embedded Librarianship and Technological Challenges of the Digital Age".

Talking to media persons at the PU today, Librarian Dr Raj Kumar said during the inaugural function "Summon: Web Scale Discovery Service by Proquest" would be launched.

The new service will provide the information through a single-search box about the books and journal collection available on any issue.

Approximately 400 participants from Maharashtra, Assam, Karnataka, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand are expected to participate in the conference.

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