

SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



REPORT

of the council for

1989/90

March 1990

Professional Centre 275/75, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7

SLLA Education Programme 1989/90

Ten professional librarians were invited to serve in the Education Committee during 1989/90.

Mr S M Kamaldeen
Mr Upali Yapa
Mr J Lankage
Mr P Vidanapathirana
Mr Piyadasa Ranasinghe
Mr S Rubasingam
Mr Gunaratne Banda
Mrs Nanda Wanasundera
Mrs Nalini de Silva
Mrs Dharma Diyasena

Two main priorities were identified for 1989/90 by the Education Committee.

1. Critically review the education programme, especially the calibre of lecturers, teaching methodology and the syllabuses
2. Implementation of Fellowship Programme

Constraints

- * to limit travelling costs to lecturers- 6 lecturers to Kandy and 3 to Galle
- * to complete the missed lectures in Kandy at the Intermediate Level - 46 missed lectures were reported.
- * to find reasonable space to rent for Colombo lectures
- * to continue lectures during the prevailing unrest in the country
- * to uplift the low morale among the students

Counter Measures Taken

- * By re-distributing lectures among the Kandy lecturers and appointing new lecturers from Kandy the travelling costs have been reduced.
- * Missed lectures were covered prior to the examinations
- * Wesley College was chosen as a venue until access to the Institute of Aesthetic Studies is permitted
- * Time tables were constantly changed to cover the missed lectures due to transport difficulties
- * Student Representatives were appointed and Centre Co-ordinators were requested to liase with them

New Initiatives

- * Mr Kapila Sirisena, Assistant Librarian, University of Ruhuna (Galle) and Mr Gunaratne Banda, Assistant Director, Sri Lanka National Library Services Board were appointed as the Co-ordinators for Galle and Colombo Centres respectively. The decision was taken by the Education Committee to give easy access for the students to forward grievances.

- * Panel of lecturers was updated. The following professionals were invited to share their expertise in relevant lecture modules:
 - Mr N T S A Senadeera/ Librarian
University of Peradeniya

 - Mr S M Kamaldeen

 - Mr Gamini de Silva/ Senior Assistant Librarian
University of Colombo

 - Mr Y Ratnavibushana/ Head Librarian
Dept. of Agriculture, Peradeniya

 - Mrs S Jayasuriya/ Librarian
University of Colombo

 - Mrs S Kodagoda/ Documentation Officer
National Institute of Education

 - Miss Menik de Alwis/ AV Librarian
Public Library, Colombo

 - Mrs S M de Alwis/ Reference Librarian
American Centre

 - Mrs Nalini de Silva/ Deputy Director
National Library Services Board

 - Mr Gunaratne Banda/ Assistant Director
National Library Services Board

- * Services of two lecturers were terminated due to student grievance and evaluation reports.

- * Lectures were re-distributed with two objectives:

- (i) not to overburden the lecturers
- (ii) provide maximum opportunity to concentrate on the level(s) the lecturers were involved with

Note: It was found that some lecturers were teaching at all 3 levels and at all 3 Centres.

- * The following were appointed as the co-ordinators for each paper at Intermediate and Final levels:

Mr N T S A Senadeera
Mr J Lankage
Mr Upali Yapa
Mr Gamini de Silva
Mr Piyadasa Ranasinghe
Mrs I Mudannayake
Mrs S Samarasinghe
Mr H Amarasinghe
Mr S M Kamaldeen
Mr Y Ratnavibushana
Mr J A Amaraweera
Dr E W Marasinghe

- * An award was obtained from the British Council to train a lecturer in teaching methodology

Note: Mrs Daya Ratnayake was chosen from the applicants to follow Training for the Information Future: Education for Library and Information Science in Brighton, UK. The international air fare was provided by the Asia Foundation.

- * Two seminars on Teaching Methodology and Marketing were proposed. Seminar on Teaching Methodology was held on 24th March at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute.

Notes: The seminar was co-sponsored by the Sri Lanka National Library Services Board and Sri Lanka Foundation Institute.

* Sri Lanka National Library Services Board was approached

- (i) to obtain space for lectures
- (ii) to request an annual grant
- (iii) to co-ordinate seminars/workshops/lectures
- (iv) to train SLLA students

Fellowship Programme

The following were appointed for a sub-committee to organise the logistics:

Mr Gamini de Silva (Chairperson)
Mr S M Kamaldeen
Mr Upali Yapa
Mrs Nalini de Silva

32 applicants were invited for a briefing session. 19 turned up. Plans are underway to start the lectures from May 1990.

Epilogue

Even with prevailing unrest, lectures were conducted and courses were completed. Examinations at all 3 levels were held twice during 1989/90.

New Intermediate and Final Courses commenced in early 1990. Aptitude test/ Interviews were held on 18th March regarding 1990 First Year Course. Lectures will commence from April/May.

Education for Library and Information Studies has been undergoing exciting and dramatic changes over the last few years. The Education Committee stressed on

- * expertise and professionalism
 - * changing teaching and learning strategies
 - * manpower needs and
 - * above all on a new perception

1989/90 was a difficult year mainly due to the unrest in our country. However we achieved a lot and could have achieved more.

Thanks to all the co-ordinators, lecturers and students for their utmost co-operation and assistance throughout this period.

Students Enrolment

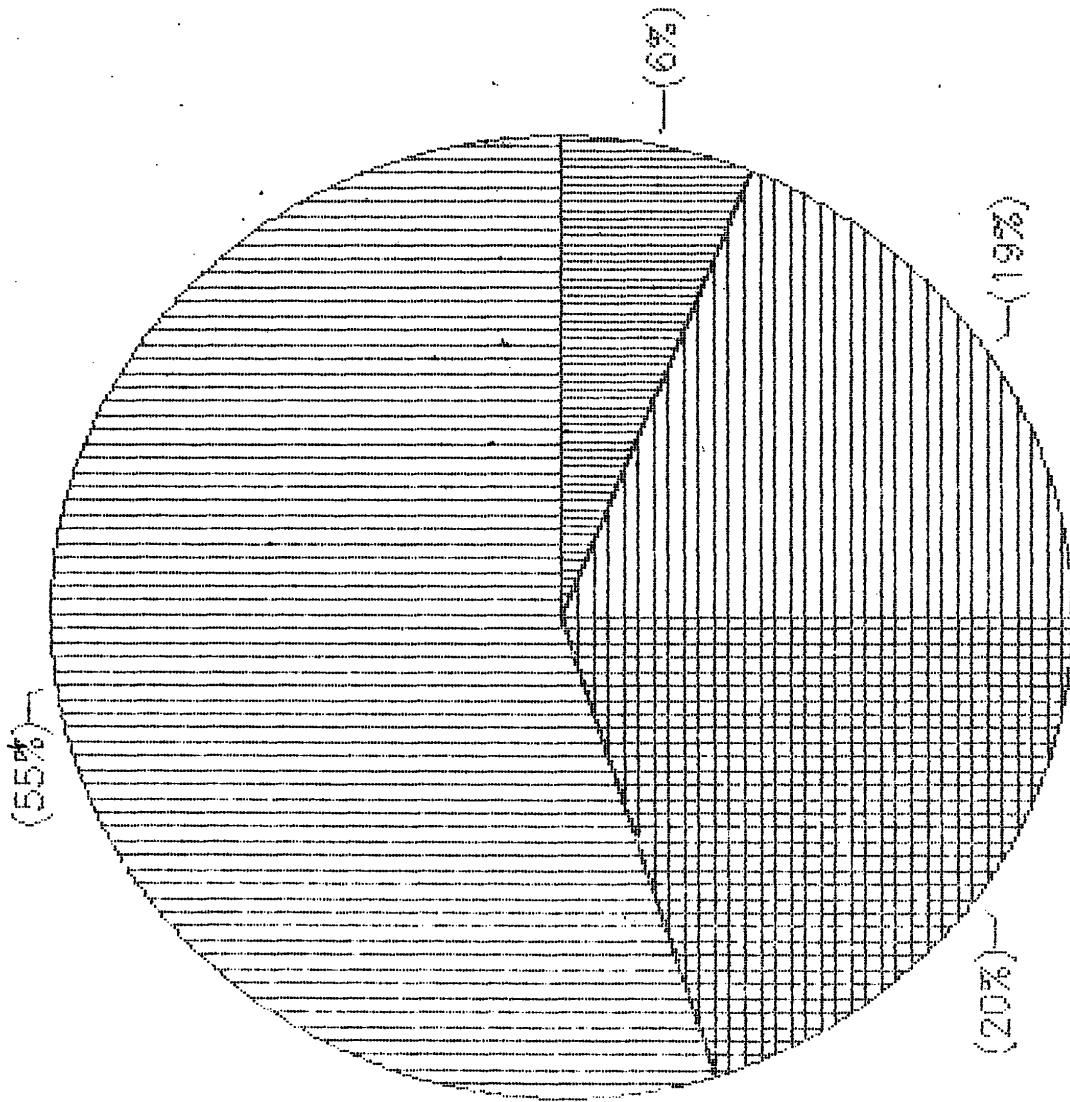
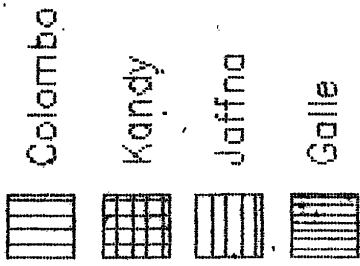
<u>Course</u>	<u>Colombo</u>	<u>Kandy</u>	<u>Jaffna</u>	<u>Galle</u>
First Year	85(S) 23(E) 19(T)	73(S)	71(T)	27(S)
Intermediate	43(S)	16(S)	12(T)	-
Final	40(S) 16(E)	-	-	-
Computers in Libraries	16 ---	- ---	- ---	- ---
Total	439	89	83	27

1989/90 Results

	<u>Colombo</u>	<u>Kandy</u>	<u>Galle</u>	<u>Jaffna</u>
First Level	68%(E) 16(S)	30%(S)	12%(S)	21%(T)

	<u>Sinhala</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Tamil</u>
First	20%	68%	21%
Intermediate	22%	45%	40%
Final	29%	-	-

SLLA 1990 STUDENT ENRÖLMENT



Total=439

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The following persons served the Association during the year:

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