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PREFACE

I have pleasure in presenting to the general membership, a summary of activities of the Council during the past year. Instead of reporting routing and administrative matters, the Council decided, as adopted by many professional organizations, to highlight only the achievements and failures, which should be brought to the notice of the general membership.

Past year was a busy period for not only the Council and its various advisory Committees, but also for the general membership. The Council continued some programmes initiated by the previous Council, launched new projects and programmes, and had to re-organize some activities to overcome practical and professional difficulties. I thank the members of the Council and associated Committees for active participation and to all the members for supporting the activities of the Association.

The Council continued to concentrate on pre-professional and continuous professional activities. Education and training is essential for generating professionals and re-shaping them to harmonize with the continuously changing information environment. The education, training and awareness programmes should be continued as such programmes cannot be replaced. The pre-professional education programmes, which are designed. operated and monitored as a joint effort of the members of the Association needs continuation as it is only avenue for the Association to generate members who have acquired professional values, standards and ethics promoted by the Association.

The Council continued its activities in the international arena. Relationship with IFLA and particularly with RSCAO was strengthened and redefined by the Regional Meeting held in March 2003. Participation and presentation of papers by members at the international gatherings of IFLA, COMLA and INFILNET ?? was promoted. The unique inter-library association programme, ADEPLIS, was successfully completed. For the first time in the history of the Association it was possible to grant membership to foreign professionals.

Needless to reiterate the influence of ICT on the library profession. Library professionals continue to bombard by the new challenges created by ICT. The Council decided to enhance ICT facilities at the head office. A computer Laboratory was established to facilitate the library students at all education centres to get hands on experience on ICT. COLA course was redesigned to match with the ICT syllabus developed by UNESCO. Web page of the Association was re-constructed to give more global visibility to the Association.

Some procedures of the Association were streamlined. These included not only activities of the Office administration and Education but also granting of Fellowship. To overcome disputes, misunderstandings and prejudices a self assessment scheme was introduced for awarding fellowship.

Some progress was made in acquisition of a land for the Association to establish a Professional Development Centre. Negotiations were held with the

government authorities with regard to the Government Library Service. Unfortunately the progress of these activities was frustratingly slow due to facts beyond the control of the Association.

The Association could not do much to develop the library. It shares the library with OPA. The limited space had prevented improvement of the services.

The Annual Session was organized as two separate, events. National Seminar was organized to provide a forum to the young professionals to submit their research findings and to learn from the experiences of others. Annual ceremony and the annual general meeting were planned as the second event.

Plans are being made to start two new projects. The client organizations emphasized that they entrust these project taking into consideration the quality, capability and devotion of the Association. One project is computerization of the re-built Jaffna public library. UNESCO has sought the assistance of the Association for this work. The Second is from the Maldives Higher Education Ministry to conduct a professional development course for the library personnel.

All these activities are the results of devotion, determination, and dedication of the members of the Council and supporting Committees. Support of the general membership to carry out these activities is highly appreciated.

N.U. Yapa
President
SLLA

INTRODUCTION

The SLLA being a non-profit making organization, most of its income is through the educational programmes and from the membership fees. As such the Council invited the members to become life members, which showed a steady growth in membership. However there is a great potential for more members. SLLA needs to coordinate with the professionals in the country and educate them on the importance of being part of the professional organization.

The development of the profession has to be viewed from a realistic perspective without being unduly influenced by time related trends. SLLA should identify the real driver of change. It should allow the members to ask questions, the answers to which would guide the profession towards direction it should develop.

The new technology has penetrated every facet of library service, and every staff member has to know something about technology. These changes in turn have affected how we interact with and structure our organizations and how libraries are perceived by funders. Often the new roles are built on old ones. Many of the changes have been situational, depending on the talents of the people at hand. The decision to develop IT facilities at the SLLA and to include a separate module on IT for the DIPLIS Level II Part 1 & 2 inevitably proves the fact that SLLA intends to support the professionals to face their changing roles with more confidence.

Although the finances of the SLLA continue to be satisfactory, the funding of events like AGM is a cause for concern. Due to many problems in the country it has become very difficult to find sponsors for such activities. Council and ExCo after reviewing the activities of SLLA would introduce a system where the membership will bear 50% of the cost of the AGM from next year, so that the library professionals will not need to plead for funding from others.

This annual report covers the period after the 42nd Annual General Meeting held on 26th June 2002 and includes the year ending June 2003. It includes the activities during the period under review and where necessary full reports are given under annexes.

01. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of SLLA at the end of June 2002 was 394 and by the end of June 2003 it increased to 425. The pattern of increase in membership is given below.

	Life members	Personal members	Associates	Total
2002	125	269	235	394
2003	175	236	262	425

Out of 236 personal members only 110 members have renewed their membership for the year 2003. This means the actual membership for the year 2003 is only 285. The list of members who received the Associateship and the membership during the period reviewed is given in Annex 01.

02. COUNCIL

The Council comprised of the elected members at the 42nd AGM and the nominated members as given below:

President	Mr. N. U.Yapa	Vice Presidents	Mr. G.M.P. Gallaba
General Secretary	Ms. Deepali Talagala		Mr. A. D. Nallathamby
Immediate Past President	Ms. Daya Ratnayake	Education Officer	Ms. N. P. Wanasundera
Treasurer	Ms. D.I.D. Andradi	Publication Officer	Mr. M.B.M. Fairooz
Asst. Secretary	Mr. C. Kuruppu	Nominated members	Ms. D. Warnasuriya
Librarian	Mr. P. Ranaweera		Ms. Janaki Fernando
Asst. Education Officer	Ms. Premila. Gamage		

Representatives – Provincial	Central	Ms. Sriyani Ileperuma
	Eastern	Ms. T. Arulnandhy
	North Central	Mr. Gamini De Silva
	Northern	Ms. R. Pararajasingham
	Sabaragamuwa	Ms. T. Neighsoorei
	Southern	Mr. K. Ananda
	Western	Ms. S.C. Jayasuriya
Representatives - Groups	Academic	Mr. P. Vidanapathirana
	Government	Ms. P.M. Akarawita
		Mr. S. Gunathillake (w.e.f. 28 Oct. 2002)
	Public	Mr. M.D.H. Jayawardena
	Special	Ms. Swarna Jayatillaka
	School	Ms. T.K. Abeygunaratne

The Council held seven meetings during this period and among the main issues discussed were the preparation of draft amendments to the **"Service Minute of the Government Librarians"**.

Council was able to finalise the fellowship criteria recommended by the Fellowship Board. The fellowship criteria and application forms are available at the SLLA Office and online on the SLLA website. Applications were invited for the fellowship through the SLLA News letter. As a result the following fellowships were awarded:
> ➢ Dr. K.D.G. Wimalaratne - Honorary fellowship
> ➢ Ms. Nanda P. Wanasundera - Fellowship

The activities approved and carried out by the Council are given under the activities of the SLLA.

03. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
The Executive committee nominated by the Council comprised the following members:

President	Mr. N. U.Yapa	Vice Presidents	Mr. G.M.P. Gallaba
General Secretary	Ms. Deepali Talagala		Mr. A. D. Nallathamby
Immediate Past President	Ms. Daya Ratnayake	Education Officer	Ms. N. P. Wanasundera
Treasurer	Ms. D.I.D. Andradi	Publication Officer	Mr. M.B.M. Fairooz
Asst. Secretary	Mr. C. Kuruppu	Nominated member	Ms. D. Warnasuriya
Librarian	Mr. P. Ranaweera		
Asst. Education Officer	Ms. Premila Gamage		

The ExCo held seven meetings during this period. One of the main items of the ExCo agenda was the establishment of the computer room. During the year, a multimedia projector and two new computers were purchased. A Nescafe machine was also purchased for the benefit of the students and coffee was provided at a subsidized rate. The latest addition to office equipment was the fax machine, which had been added to enhance the SLLA office communication activities. The SLLA members can make use of the computer facilities at a nominal rate.

Arrangements have been made to get an Internet connection through the SLT/ADSL service to provide more extensive services to the members and students.

04. COMMITTEES

At the first meeting of the Council several Committees were appointed. Subcommittees were appointed as and when the need arose for different events. The full list of Committees is given in Annex 02.

05.   SLLA ACTIVITIES

05.01 Education programme

05.01.01 Diploma in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS)

The three level Diploma course in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS) continued in the three media, Sinhala, Tamil and English. The Level I and Level II Part 2 courses have been completed and revision seminars and exams scheduled to be held in June and July 2003; the Level II Part 1 course will end in June and exam is scheduled for July 2003. The panel of lecturers is given in Annex 03.

In addition to the three centres Colombo, Kandy and Galle, in June and July 2002 respectively courses commenced in Batticaloa and Jaffna centers. These centers were coordinated by Mrs. R Pararajasingham and Ms T Arulnandhy respectively (Annex 02 - Education Committee and center coordinators). In addition to lecturers from locality, lecturers from Colomobo were provided for the Batticaloa center. Although examinations will be held in Jaffna and Batticaloa in addition to Colombo, there will be a single Marking Centre in Colombo.

The syllabi of all three courses (Level I, Level II part I and Level II part 2) were revised to introduce newer concepts in library and information science (LIS) and information technology (IT). The revision ensured uniform policy with respect to subjects, lecture hours, assignments and evaluation.

The detailed descriptions of the examinations conducted during the period and the courses are given in annex 04.

05.01.02   Course on Library Automation

COLA 2002 course commenced on 10 August 2002 and ended on 22 February 2003. Inaugural session was held at the Industrial Technology Institute auditorium. The chief guest for this session was Mr. Upali Amarasiri, Director General, Sri Lanka National Library and Documentation Services Board and the guest of honour was Mr. Mahinda Abeywardena, Secretary General, Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO, The certificates to those who completed COLA 2001 was awarded at this session. COLA 2002 lectures were held at the newly developed computer room at the SLLA new conference room. As such SLLA could buy a new computer with the money spent on hiring the NSF training center where the lectures were held during the previous years. We are also grateful to the Institute of Policy studies for donating two computers and two printers. COLA 2002 examinations and project presentations were over by May 2003 and results released.

Total no. of students followed COLA 2002:	Full course 31	Modules 02
No of students sat for the exam	No of students completed the project	No of students completed the course
29	25	25

COLA 2003 commenced on the 07th June and 29 students have enrolled to follow the course. The certificates to those who completed COLA 2002 will be awarded at the inaugural session of the Annual sessions on 26th June at the Sri Lanka National Library & Documentation Centre Auditorium, which is organized in conjunction with the 43rd AGM.

05.01.03   ADEPLIS Course

The Advanced Distance Education Programme in LIS for librarians in the Republic of the Maldives went into its Final Level in early 2002. It was conducted through a series of workshops with lecturers from the SLLA visiting Male` to conduct workshops.

Six students from Male` traveled to Colombo from August 25th to   September on a study tour cum workshop in Colombo. The students presented their projects, which were evaluated by a panel of lecturers.

The Final Examination was conducted in Male on November 2002. Three students successfully completed the examination. Two more students completed the examination at the repeat examination held on 31 May and 1 June 2003.
The Council decided to grant membership of the SLLA to the students who completed ADEPLIS course.

05.01.04.   Distance Education Programme on DIPLIS - Sri Lanka

The Council approved on recommendation of EdC to conduct the Level I course as a distance education programme. This will be conducted at the beginning in Sinhala medium. DEPLIS (Sri Lanka) was advertised and the applications are being scrutinized. The course will include the dispatch of 40 lecture notes in the four subjects; assignments to be done by students, and three workshops will be held in Colombo.

05.01.05.   Library Technicians Course

Although applications had been solicited for a Library Technicians (LT) course, by the previous Education Officer, the number of applicants were insufficient, district- wise, to make the course feasible. Provincial Councils were written to but the response from them too was not sufficient to start a course.

05.01.06.   Education Rules

A rule made in 1992 was revised by incorporating the subsequent changes. These rules, recommended by EdC and approved by the Council, are now available as a separate document.

A student version of the rules has been prepared to provide correct and clear information on education policies and procedures. The edited/completed set of rules is now available at the SLLA Office.

05.01.07. Field trips by students

The Kandy and Galle students visited the National Library, National Archives, British Council Resource Centre and The Colombo International School library on 11 February 2003.   **Page 5 of 5**

The Ministry of Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Resettlement was requested for funds to arrange a visit by Jaffna and Batticaloa students to Colombo. This was not successful.

A benefit film show is being organised to obtain further funds for the education programme.

05.01.08. Awards

05.01.08.01   New Awards
Two new awards were approved by the Council.

> **The A L B Pethiyagoda Memorial Award** for the student who gains the highest total marks in the Level I Exam from the Kandy centre.

The donation of this award on a continuing basis, which will carry a Rs 6000/= scholarship for the Level II Part 1 course, was proposed by Ms. Nanda P Wanasundera at the Education Committee meeting on 23 May, and accepted by the EdC and subsequently by the Council. Thus, Ms. Nanda P Wanasundera will make available the necessary money each year for this award.

> DIPLIS Level II Part 1 - 2002 Best results
>   • Ms. Heshani Dilunika Maddumage (Sinhala medium)
>   • Mr. Sali-Thamby, Sufeen (Tamil medium)

> **The Clodagh Nethsingha Memorial award**
Council approved to name the award for the best student of the COLA Course as the Clodagh Nethsingha Memorial award.

> COLA 2002 best results
>   • Ms. Chamari Yapa

05.02. Professional development programmes
05.02.01. Certificate Course on MS Office
A six day course on MS Office was organized to enhance the IT skills of the members and was held at the Computer centre of the SLLA. Thirteen (13) participants successfully completed this course. The resource persons were: Ms. Deepali Talagala, Ms. Premila Gamage and Mr. J.S.K. Weerawardane.

05.02.02. Workshop on GenISIS : web interface of CDS/ISIS
A two-day workshop was conducted for the benefit of those who use CDS/ISIS for developing databases at their libraries. Twenty-four (24) participated at this workshop. It is worthwhile mentioning that the following libraries were able to provide online access to their databases using GenISIS after attending this workshop.

> University of Ruhuna
> (http://www.lib.ruh.ac.lk/wwwisis/isure.02/form.htm)
> The World Coservation Union (IUCN)
> (http://www.iucn.org/places/srilanka/library.htm)
> International Labour Organisation
> (http://thakshana.nsf.ac.lk/wwwisis/ilo/form.htm)
> The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka
> (http://www.icasrilanka.com)

The Resource persons for this workshop was: Ms. Deepali Talagala and Mr. J.S.K. Weerawardane.

05.02.03. Seminar on ICT
A seminar on ICT was organized in collaboration with the National Science Foundation at the NSF Auditorium. Mrs Lucy Tedd, Well-known LIS professional presented a paper on "ICT and Library Co-operation in the UK: an overview". A representative from The Science Direct New Delhi office held a demonstration on online access to journals. About sixty (60) members participated at this seminar. Full presentation is available at the SLLA website.

05.02.04. Workshop on IT for North Central Province public librarians
One-day Workshop on upgrading the skills of the Public/Special Librarians of the NCP was held at the Resource Center, Rajarata University. 35 Librarians of the NCP attended the workshop. Public librarians from such distance places like Manampitiya, Hingurakgoda and Padaviya attended the workshop. The resource personnel were the teaching staff of the Computer Center and senior staff of the library of the Rajarata University.

05.02.05. Workshop for Public Librarians in Sabaragamuwa Province
A workshop for Public Librarians in Sabaragamuwa Province was organized. The resource persons Mr. P.B.G. Gallaba, Mr. W.A. Weerasooriya and Ms. T. Neighsoorei volunteered to conduct the workshop. This was the first of its kind held in Sabaragamuwa province.

05.03.   Amended SLLA Act
The cabinet of the parliament has approved amended SLLA Act with the amendments by the Legal draftsman.

05.04.   Land for SLLA
A team of Council members accompanied by Mr S. M. Kamaldeen met the Minister of Western Region Development, Hon. M.H. Mohomed to explain the necessity of a land to develop a professional center. The Minister agreed to provide a land. UDA has allocated a land in Rajagiriya and processing the papers to release the land.

05.06.   Service Minute of the Government Librarians
The Council appointed a special committee to discuss and draft the service minute of the Government Library services. This was presented to the Minister of Public Administration. Presently an internal committee has been appointed to study the proposal.

05.07.   Representations at Governing Boards of other Institutes
The president represented SLLA at the following Governing bodies:
- Sri Lanka National Library & Documentation Services Board
- National Institute of Library and Information Science
- Central Province Library Services Board

The Vice President Mr. Nallathamby represented SLLA at the Executive Council of the OPA.

05.08.   43rd Annual General Meeting and Annual Sessions of SLLA
A Committee was appointed to organize the 43rd AGM and Annual Sessions of SLLA. The Council and ExCo noted that this is a costly event and SLLA will not be able to bear all the expenses incurred. Annual Seminar was organized to be held on the 26th June and AGM on the 27th June. The Annual Seminar will continue to be held at National/International level. The main objective of this was to provide an ideal forum to the library professionals and information providers to come together and interact on subjects of mutual interest, leading to the professional development of the members of the Association. Twenty members responded and seventeen full papers received and will be published on a CD. Due to financial situation of the SLLA, the Council decided to have this seminar at the Auditorium of the National Library. Although the response for presentation of papers was satisfactory, the response from the members for participation at this seminar was very low.

06.   COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

06.01.   International Federation of Library Associations/ Regional Standing Committee on Asia and Oceania Mid-Conference meeting
The IFLA/RSCAO Mid Conference meeting held on 4-5 March 2003 at the Hotel Renuka was hosted by SLLA and a workshop on "Digital divide" was organized on the 03rd March at Hotel Janaki in conjunction with this event. The resource persons for this event were foreign participants of the above meeting and one local consultant. (Annex 05 - full report) Thirty six (36) local professionals participated at this workshop and were co-sponsored by Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO. All the presentations are available online at:

<div align="center">http://www.nsf.ac.lk/slla/papers.htm.</div>

Speeches and photographs were also sent to be included in IFLA/ RSCAO video.

The Mid-Conference meeting was coordinated by Mr. Harrison Perera, SLLA representative for IFLA/RSCAO and was funded by the IFLA. A report written by the Chairperson, IFLA RSCAO has been published in RSCAO June newsletter titled "from drinking coconut water in Sri Lanka ... To farewells in the Hague, Netherlands" and part of it is published in the SLLA Newsletter (June 2003).

06.02.   IFLA Grant
Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe, has been awarded a grant from "Bibliothek and Information International - BII" to attend the world Library and Information Congress: 69th IFLA General Conference and Council, August 2003, Berlin, Germany

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06.03. IFLA/ALP Scholarship 2002

Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe, Librarian, Bank of Ceylon attended a Training Programme under the IFLA/ALP. It was held at the School of Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. A mix of electronic websites search; website creation; lectures; hands-on experience; video programmes; discussions and group exercises; and visits to the libraries and information centres of other institutions held from the 11th November to the 6th of December 2002.

06.04. COMLA 2002 General Council Meeting

Ms. Premila Gamage, Assistant Education Officer was invited to attend COMLA 2002 General Council Meeting and the seminar held in London from 14th to 16th August 2002. The seminar was jointly organised by COMLA and the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP), the former British Library Association. The seminar was organised as a pre-IFLA event. Ms. Gamage attended this meeting on her way to the 68th IFLA General Conference held in Scotland.

06.05. Automating the Public Library, Jaffna

The UNESCO, New Delhi office has offered the SLLA the task of automating the newly built public library of Jaffna. All arrangements have been made for four resource persons to visit Jaffna and install the software and train the library personnel and to further train them in Colombo. The project will start in July.

In connection with this Mr. G. Sundar, Director, Roja Muthiah Research Library, Chennai, visited the SLLA and discussed about the Tamil database management systems. SLLA also organized for him to visit the National Library and the National Science Foundation. A copy of the report he wrote for UNESCO on his visit has been sent to SLLA.

06.06. Distance Education Programme on LIS, Maldives (DEPLIS)

A request from the Educational Development Centre, Ministry of Education, Maldives, to conduct a distance education programme for 40 librarians was responded positively. As a result the arrangements have been made to start the course in early July.

06.07. Information and Library Network Center, INFLIBNET: International CALIBER 2003

Three full Papers and an abstract of three Council members and two members were accepted to be presented at the above International Conference held at NIRMA Education and Research Foundation, Ahmedabad in Febrary 2003. The event was organized by INFLIBNET. Mr. Yapa, the President, SLLA was unable to participate and his paper was presented by Ms. Talagala, Secretary. The following papers were presented:
  - ➢ Key Aspects in Planning an Interoperable University Library Access Portal (ULAP) : A Conceptual Model - *Wathmanel Seneviratne*
  - ➢ Library Auromation in Sri Lanka : An Overview - *Deepali Talagala and Premila Gamage*
  - ➢ Utilization of ICT for LIS With Special Reference to Sri Lanka - *N.U. Yapa*
  - ➢ Introducing a Library Automation Package as a Customer Care System - *Ruwan Gamage*

This was a good opportunity for Sri Lankan professionals to build up relationships with the Indian, Thai and US professionals. The INFLIBNET provided Board and lodging free of charge and the hospitality bestowed on us during our stay was admirable.

06.08. Organisation of Professional Associations

The SLLA participated at the 15th OPA Annual Sessions and Career Education exhibition held at the BMICH. Ms. Swarna Jayatilake and Ms. D.I.D. Andradi were sponsored by SLLA to attend the 04-day forum from 18 - 21 September 2002 at BMICH in this connection.

Mr N.U. Yapa, President made a presentation on 'Library Education' at the One day seminar on career education, which was held on 20th September at the OPA Auditorium. This was organized as part of the OPA Annual Sessions.

06.09. Central Province Library Services Board

On the occasion of the opening ceremony of the Central Province Library Services Board, the Central Province group of SLLA organized a demonstration and a lecture on "Meeting Information needs: role of the Provincial Council" and "New trends in information services". The resource persons were:

> Mr. Harrison Perera
> Ms. Ira Mudannayake
> Ms. S. Ileperuma

The participants included The Chief Minister, Central Province; members of Pradeshiya Sabhas and all librarians in the Central Province.

06.10. National Science Foundation Research Grant

Final report of the research project on "Co-operative practices in Sri Lankan Libraries and Information Centres" under the research grant projects of the NSF was completed and handed over to the NSF. The NSF accepted the report and is being deposited at the SRI Lanka Scientific & Technical Information Centre.

06.11. Sri Lanka Ranaviru Apparels- Workshop for Disabled Army Personnel

The SLLA conducted a two-day Workshop on MS Office for disabled soldiers of the Sri Lanka Ranaviru Apparels. This was organized on the request of the Major E.M.G. Wickramanayake, the Chief Commanding Officer of the Ranaviru Apparels. The workshop was held at the SLLA Computer Centre from 30th to 31st May and eight soldiers participated. In addition to lectures and handouts, participants were given hands on exercises. Ms. Deepali Talagala, General Secretary and Ms. Premila Gamage, Asst, Education Officer volunteered to conduct the workshop.

07. PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

07.01. Newsletter and the Journal

Publications Committee published four Newsletters for the period ending June 2003. The Council decided to publish the Journal as an annual publication. As such the volume 17 of the "Sri Lanka Library Review" was published.

07.02.   SLLA Website
SLLA website hosted at the NSF (http://www.nsf.ac.lk/slla/profile.htm) was continuously updated including workshop presentations, Newsletter and contents of the Journal. Arrangements have been made to provide online access to the membership database.

07.03.   New publications
Two new publications were added:
> Tamil translation of the "Library Standards" translated by Ms. T. Arulnandhy
> "Guide to Literature Survey" (Sinhala) which was prepared as a guide for the DIPLIS Level II part 2 students, compiled by Ms. R.H.I.S. Ranasinghe

A glossary of Tamil technical terms compiled by Mr. S.M. Kamaldeen, is in the process of publishing. A list of publications of SLLA is given in Annex 06.

08.   FINANCIAL REPORT – 2002/2003

Income from fixed deposits and savings accounts during the year is Rs. 327,190/-. This includes Rs. 501,899.50 being the income from four workshops held during the year. Total income from the education programme for the year is Rs. 3,465,551/-. This increase in income is due to the courses started in Northern and Eastern Provinces and as well as the final year courses in Tamil and English started after a laps of a few years.

The administration expenditure was Rs. 1,877,638.80. The following purchases were made during the year at a cost of Rs. 497,308.51.

- ✓ Furniture for the secretariat
- ✓ A Nescafe machine
- ✓ Three computers
- ✓ A Multimedia projector
- ✓ Five computer tables.

The Nescafé machine and the multimedia projector purchased during the last quarter of year 2002 were not depreciated on a decision taken by the Verification Board.

A special allowance of Rs. 1000/- per member was approved for the office staff from January 2003.

Annual verification of fixed assets was held on 30.03. 2003. The Board comprised, the Treasurer, the General Secretary and the Accounts Assistant.

This was compared with the fixed assets register. Some items decided to be disposed of at the previous years' verification were found to be still lying at the office due to lack of bidders. A final decision was taken to remove the items, which were not saleable. There were also a few items not mentioned in any of the inventories. As these are not saleable Council decided to dispose them.

Income over expenditure is Rs 820,764.28/- due to the fact that the lecturers have not claimed their dues during the last year.

Auditors' report is given in Annex 07.

09. SLLA STAFF
SLLA Staff comprise the following:
- Ms. Shanti de Alwis   *Administrative Secretary*
- Ms. Edna Malkanthi de Silva   *Accounts Assistant*
- Ms. Kaushali Morawaka   *Office Assistant*
- Mr. U. A. Perera   *Office Services Assistant*
- Ms. G.S.P.de Silva   *Library Assistant (Casual)*

Ms. De Silva followed the WinISIS module of the COLA 2002 course and successfully completed. As a result she is in the process of developing a database on the SLLA membership using WinISIS. Ms. Alwis followed the course on MS Office conducted by the SLLA. In addition to their salaries an allowance of Rs. 1000/= was paid with effect from January 2003. The Library Assistant Ms. de Silva's service was extended for another six months.

The co-operation and dedication extended in rendering their services for carrying out the activities of the SLLA is noted here with gratitude.

10. BEREAVEMENTS
During the last year the SLLA lost two members and some key professionals in the field of LIS. They are:
- Mr. S. Rubasingham
- Ms. S. Somabandu
- Ms. Manorani Karunanayake
- Mr. H.A.I. Gunatillake

10. OUR GRATITUDE
The SLLA is grateful to the following organizations for their support in organizing its activities during the last year:
- IFLA/ RSCAO
- UNESCO National Commission, New Delhi
- Science Direct, New Delhi
- Ms. Lucy Tedd,
- Secretary General, Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO
- Director, National Science Foundation
- Chairman and Director General, Sri Lanka National Library and Documentation Services Board
- Dr. Saman Kelegama, Director General, Institute of Policy Studies
- Industrial Technology Institute
- Colombo International School
- Director, Department of National Archives
- University of Colombo, Law Faculty
- Principal, Kandy High School
- The Vice-Chancellor; Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences; Rajarata University
- Teaching staff of the Computer Center of the Rajarata University
- Vice Chancellor, Sabaragamuwa University
- Divisional Secretary, Balangoda
- Chairman, Urban Council, Balangoda

- Librarian, Public Library, Balangoda
- Librarian, University of Moratuwa
- Chairman; Director, Editorial & Marketing and Editor, Silumina; Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd.
- DFCC Bank
- SARASAVI Book Shop
- Godage Brothers
- All media personnel who assisted SLLA in publicity
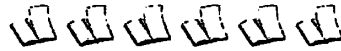
List of members joined during 2002/2003

Associate Members		Members	
Bandaranayake. D.M.P. (Ms)	388	Amarasinghe, A.A.N.S. (Ms)	406
Crishanthi, H.A.A. (Ms)	350	Chandrani, R.M.M. (Ms)	416
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Premasiri, P.H.N. (Mr)	410	Kariyawasam, G.V.D. (Ms)	425
Ranawella, T.C. (Ms)	355	Karthikeyan, T. (Ms)	413
Ratnayake, R.M.G.W.P.T.K (Ms)	353	Kulatunga, K.M.R.K. (Ms)	414
Samaratunga, S.C.P. (Ms)	365	Kumari, G.W.N.P. (Ms)	419
Silva M.G.C. (Ms)	377	Liyanage, S.P.K.K.A. (Mr)	421
Weerakoon, P.W.G.D. (Mr)	369	Murugadas, K. (Mr)	415
Weerasekera D.H. (Ms)	417	Nagesu, V. (Ms)	401
Weihena, D.S. (Ms)	375	Nandakumar, H.S. (Mr)	412
Weragala, L.K. (Ms)	384	Rajapaksha, R.L.A. (Ms)	422
Wijayasundara, W.A.D.N.D. (Ms)	405	Ratnasekera, W.A.T.K. (Ms)	411
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		Wickremasinghe, K.G.A. (Mr)	424
		Weerawardene, J.S.K. (Mr)	398

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Perera, Nanda (Miss)

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Punyawardena, W. (Mr.)

Rifaudeen, M.M. (Mr.)

Ranaweera, R.P. (Mr.)

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Wijesekara, H.V.S. (Mrs.)

Wimalaratne, K.D.G. (Dr.)

Yapa, N.U. (Mr.)

EDUCATION PROGRAMME – STATISTICS

Students registered for the DIPLIS courses - 2002/03							
	Colombo			Kandy	Galle	Jaffna	Batticaloa
	Sinhala	Tamil	English				
Level I	35	30	20	30	25	35	90
Level 2 Part I	40	20	10	20			
Level 2 Part 2	45	20	5				

DIPLIS Level I Repeat Exam November 2002

39 students sat for the exam	
No. completed	24
No. not completed	15

DIPLIS Level II Part 1 Exam April 2002

77 students sat for the exam	
No. completed	46
No. referred	17
No. Failed	14
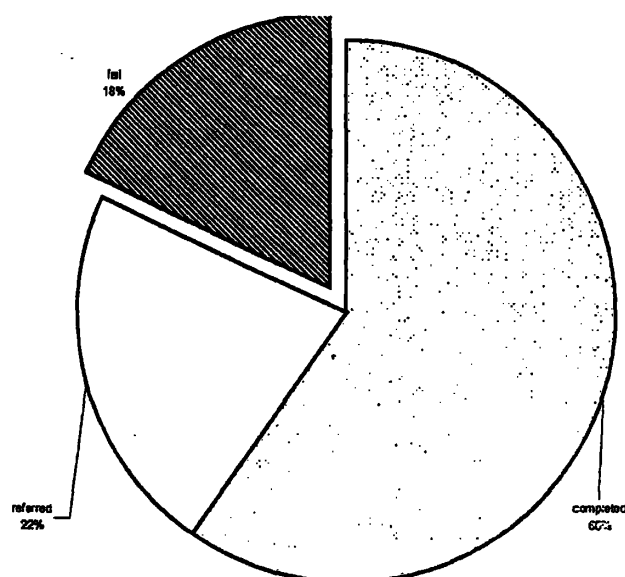
DIPLIS Level II Part 1 Repeat Exam December 2002

40 students sat for the exam	
completed	17
not completed	23

Final Exam (Old syllabys) September 2002

34 students sat for the exam	
passed in all 4 subjects	9
failed in 1 subject	15
Failed (2 or more subjects)	10

Best average mark - 62.2 %

No Gold Medal Awarded
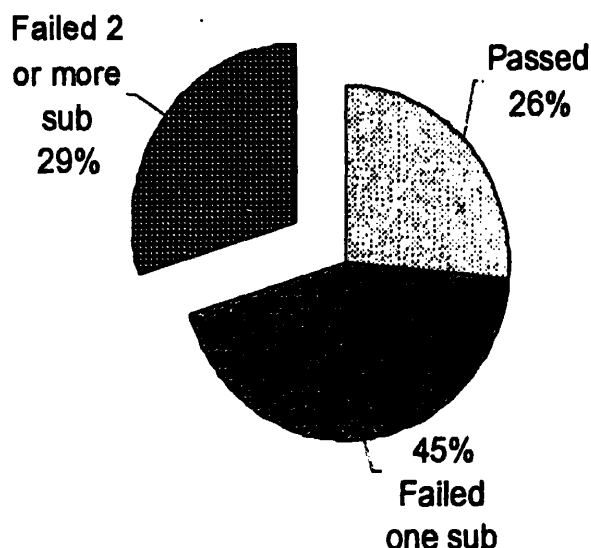
Final Repeat Exam (Old syllabus)
April 2003
Results not yet released

Failed 2 or more sub 29%

Passed 26%

45% Failed one sub

Intermediate Repeat (Old syllabus) April 2003
Results not yet released

ADEPLIS Exam November 2002 at Male'

7 students sat for the exam.

No. of Studnets completed	3
No. referred	4

ADEPLIS Exam May 2003 at Male'

No. of Studnets completed	2
No. referred	2

IFLA/ RSCAO
International Workshop on Digital Divide
March 03, 2003
Hotel Janaki, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Introduction
IFLA (The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession.
One of the main sections of IFLA is Asia and Oceania Section. The main objectives of the Section are to initiate, promote and facilitate the development of library and information services and the library profession within the five sub-regions of Asia and Oceania: West Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia and Oceania. The Section works in cooperation with the other Regional Sections and all of IFLA's Sections and Core Programmes, especially the Advancement of Librarianship Programme.
The Mid-Term meeting of the Regional Standing Committee of the Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) of IFLA was held in Sri Lanka on 04th and 05th of March 2003. SLLA organized a workshop in parallel with this event on the 03rd March on the theme "Digital Divide". The resource persons were the International participants of the IFLA/ RSCAO meeting. The workshop was held at Hotel Janaki, 43, Fife Road, Colombo 05, co-sponsored by UNESCO National Commission for Sri Lanka. Around 36 participants from different libraries/ information centers participated at this workshop.

Inaugural session
Mr. N.U. Yapa, President, SLLA welcomed the International and national participants of the workshop. Mr. Harrison Perera, SLLA Representative of RSCAO, Ms. Rashidah Begum, Chairperson, RSCAO, Mr. Tony O'Brian, Director, British Council also addressed the gathering. Mr. Mahinda Abeywardane, Secretary Genral, UNESCO National Commission for Sri Lanka, the chief guest delivered the Keynote address

Summary Report of the Workshop
Mr. N.U. Yapa, president, SLLA chaired the sessions. Ms. Padma Bandaranayake and Ms. C.D. Daniel were nominated as rapporteurs.
There were four presentations in the two sessions.

Session one
✓ The Digital Divide – Access and Literacy - Professor Gary Gorman, Victoria University of Wellington
This presentation was an overview of the issues of Digital Divide (DD) covering three components that should be addressed to solve Digital Divide namely Devices, Conduits and Information Literacy. It was also stressed that the Literacy Divide is the major factor that affects Digital Divide in Sri Lankan context.

✓ Bridging the Digital Divide: the University of the South Pacific Library's efforts - Ms. Elizabeth C. Reade Fong
This was a continuation of the first presentation and it was a case study report on how the USP Net & VSAT Network bridges the Digital Divide in the South Pacific region.

Group discussions
The Participants in five groups were given the lead questions for discussion.

Discussion leads 1
   1. To what extent do you see literacy and information literacy as keys to bridging the DD in Sri Lanka?
   2. What are main factors that prevent the DD from being overcome in Sri Lanka?
   3. How robust or effective is the information infra-structure in this country?

Discussion leads 2
   1. Electronic databases: how do you think third world libraries can work together in order to put pressure on publishers so as to get access for our people?
   2. What has your library done in terms of reducing the DD in your local areas/nationally?
   3. Does copyright affect your efforts to reduce the DD? If it does, how?

Questions & Answeres
   ➢ Ms. Elizabeth clarified what is Copyright and questioned about the Copyright Act in Sri Lanka. Mrs. Talagala informed the existence of the Copyright Law in Sri Lanka, and that the new bill is already drafted and it covers the electronic publishing and their rights as well.

   ➢ Mr. Ruwan Gamage questioned about the Unicode and Mrs. A. Nanayakkara said that CINTEC is still working on it but said the progress is very slow.

   ➢ Mr. Amaraweera questioned about the ISO Standards for Unicode and Mrs. Talagala added that the problem is not with the Unicode but with development of Unicode compatible Sinhala alphabet.

   ➢ Professor Gorman in his closing comments mentioned that a set of priorities should be identified and we should talk to the stakeholders to overcome this problem. He also added that the younger generation should be educated in information literacy.

Session 2
   ✓ Bridging the Digital Divide: the Malaysian experience - Ms. Rashidah Begum, Chair person, IFLA/RSCAO.
     She explained the National Digital Library Projects in Malaysia namely the PERDANA (Phase 1 and 2), the Academic Libraries Consortium (ALC) and the Penang Libraries Network (PLN).

   ✓ The current status and future development of CALIS (China Academic Library and Information System). - Mr. Zhu Qiang, China
     The presentation included the goals of CALIS, tasks, structure, functions and benefits to member libraries and their users.

   ✓ E-Sri Lanka and access: the Viswa Grama Kendra - Professor Rohan Samarajeeva
     The purpose of his presentation was to introduce "e Sri Lanka" project initiated by the Government of Sri Lanka. He explained his contribution towards e-Sri Lanka is to focus on Information Infra structure, to provide it, to support various access centres to use Internet and other IT facilities.

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Questions & Answeres

➢   Mrs. Ratnayake questioned about the LIS education and public library set up in Malaysia. Ms. Beghum replied there are three institutions for LIS education and also mentioned that the local authorities provide enough funds for the public libraries but progress depends on the capability of those in charge of these libraries.

➢   Professor Gorman added that clear directions should be given by higher authorities to overcome these types of issues, as is done in Singapore. He also said that the New Zealand Government introduced e-Government four years back and they educated the population to become information literate, in accessing e-Government.

➢   Professor Samarajeeva said that the present Sarvodaya Movement through its regional centres has introduced IT at village level.

➢   Mrs. Talagala requested to consider the possibility of including public libraries in Sri Lanka into the Viswa Gnana Kendras.

➢   Prof. Samarajeewa agreed to include the public libraries provided they are willing to be kept open throughout the week till late in the evening.

➢   Several participants from the public and special library sector responded positively.

The workshop concluded with the awarding of certificates to the local participants by Ms. Rashidah Beghum, Chairperson, IFLA/ RSCAO.
Mrs. Talagala, General Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

SLLA Publications

✓ Sri Lanka Library Review
✓ Library Standards (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
✓ Guide to bibliography compilation (Sinhala)
✓ Towards an Information Society: Seminar papers
✓ University Librarians Directory
✓ Guide to literature survey

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE
MEMBERS OF SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

We have examined the Balance sheet of Sri Lanka Library Association as at 31st March 2003 and the related statements of income and Expenditure for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with the Sri Lanka Auditing Standards.

The following depreciable assets, which have been purchased during the year, have not been depreciated as required by the accounting policies of the Association.

Item	Purchased Date	Amount
Multimedia projector	27.08.2002	270,000.00
Nescafe Machine	07.10.2002	35,777.00

In our opinion except for any adjustments which may be required in the Financial Statements due to the matter mentioned in the above paragraph, so far as appears from our examination and according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Association the said Balance Sheet and the related Income and Expenditure Account have been properly, drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 31st March 2003, and its Excess of Income Over expenditure for the year then ended.

SJMS ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants
Colombo
9th June 2003.

SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2002

		2002/2003	2001/2002
INCOME	*Notes*	*Rs:*	*Rs:*
Membership Subscription & Associateship		216,400.00	80,300.00
Course fees and Examination fees	3	3,465,551.00	1,521,181.00
Income on Workshops	4	501,899.50	346,400.00
Registration fees		109,800.00	13,900.00
		4,293,650.50	1,961,781.00
Less: Direct Expences	5	(2,047,136.11)	(1,197,511.00)
		2,246,514.39	764,270.00
Add: Other Income	6	503,400.69	508,985.00
		2,749,915.08	1,273,255.00
Less: Administration Expences	7	(1,877,638.80)	(1,469,298.00)
Excess of Income Over Expenditure before Taxation		872,276.28	(196,043.00)
Taxation Expenses	8	(51,512.00)	(23,664.00)
Excess of Income Over Expenditure		820,764.28	(219,707.00)

SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2003

ASSETS	Notes	31.03.2003 Rs:	31.03.2002 Rs:
Property, Plant & Equipment	9	1,431,811.95	1,156,830.00
Investments	10	1,766,735.43	1,563,610.00
		3,198,547.38	2,720,440.00
CURRENT ASSETS			
Account Receivable	11	103,346.37	192,524.00
Cash and Bank Balances	12	2,920,866.96	2,475,383.00
		3,024,213.33	2,667,907.00
Total Assets		6,222,760.71	5,388,347.00

EQUITY & LIABILITY NON CURRENT LIABILITY	Notes	31.03.2003	31.03.2002
Accumulated Fund	13	5,914,492.42	5,093,728.00
RESERVES			
Building Fund	14	27,349.77	25,862.00
DEFERRED LIABILITIES			
Provision for Gratuity	15	249,607.20	231,006.00
		6,191,449.39	5,350,596.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	16	31,311.32	14,086.00
			23,664.00
Total Equity and Liability		6,222,760.71	5,388,347.00

PRESIDENT

TREASURER

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