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Absent :

Mr G.M.P. Gallaba (Nominated Member), Mr B G Kumarasinghe (Special Libraries)

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President's Message

I am happy to present the Annual Report for 2015/2016 and the Audited Accounts for the financial year that ended in March 2016, at the 56th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA).

The presentation of the Annual Report is a crucial item in the agenda of the Annual General Meeting. The membership is provided with information on the activities undertaken by the Association during the past year in this report, thus giving them the opportunity to critically evaluate the progress made. It is also an important document through which the history of the Association could be traced and thus functions as a historical record.

Year 2015/2016 was a significant period for the Association. To mark the 55th anniversary of the Association which fell last year, an international conference on Library and Information Science was held under the theme "Challenges for Information Professionals and Library and Information Services in the 21st Century".

It was a momentous occasion for the SLLA when the Secretary General of IFLA Ms. Jennefer Nicholson addressed the LIS community during her visit to Sri Lanka in December 2015 on "Transforming Library Services in the digital information environment". It was held under the auspices of the SLLA and the National Library and Documentation Services Board. It was also a landmark event when an MoU was signed by her on behalf of the IFLA and by the President of the SLLA, with IFLA pledging financial and advisory support for the Building Strong Library Associations project of IFLA. The final draft of the Strategic Plan was completed by the Strategic Planning and Strategic Directions Committee and sent to the members for their feedback. The working Committee of the Fellowship by Research programme developed a draft syllabus on research methods for the programme.

The year saw many other activities ranging from the current educational programme and the revisions being made for the Education programme, and other Group/Committee activities. A significant breakthrough was the acceptance of the DIPLIS qualification to register for the for a Bachelor of Arts degree at the Open University of Sri Lanka by the Senate and the course material is being developed. The Social Affairs Committee organized a very successful trip down South, even with a very low participation. The communication arm of the SLLA, saw the timely publication of its Newsletter and the Journal to keep the members informed of SLLA events and programmes and to publish scholarly literature respectively.

Although it was a significant and successful year, it was not an easy path for the SLLA Council, Executive Committee to follow, when attempting to strike a balance between catering to the members' interest and reducing expenditure of the association, being mindful of the decreasing numbers in registrations for the

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DIPLIS course and thus the decrease in income. The Education Officer and his team have been working to revise the entire education programme to suit a competitive educational environment in order to offer an educational course suited for the current job market. However there is promise as well as caution in facing future challenges of the association and the LIS sector. The COLA course was also held during the year.

The Treasurer's Report and the Audited Accounts shows a financial position that has earned a stable income over expenditure, but a drop in the income is shown Year on Year end.

I take this opportunity to thank the Council, Executive Committee and the membership for the extensive support given to me to carry out all the activities of the Association smoothly. I also thank the conveners of professional groups and committees and their team members for the work carried out to reach the members of their sectors. I would be remiss if I did not express my appreciation to the SLLA office staff for their dedication and diligence in carrying out the formidable tasks allotted to them to ensure the efficient functioning of the SLLA. The dedication and the commitments shown by many senior librarians both living and deceased, and well wishers have brought this association to a great height, and I thank them sincerely for their invaluable contribution towards the betterment of the Association.

Shivanthi Weerasinghe
President

General Secretary's Report

It gives me immense pleasure to present the 56th Annual Report and Auditor's Report of the Sri Lanka Library Association for the year 2015/2016.

Events such as an International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS) and a Training of Trainers workshop under the Building strong Library Associations Programme were held and a very successful year was culminated by a visit from the General Secretary of IFLA.

Formulation of the draft Strategic Plan and Strategic Directions of the SLLA was prepared and distributed among the members and the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics of the SLLA was finalized and uploaded to the website.

The Education programme being the major activity of SLLA was carried out during the year successfully

Various activities carried out by professional groups and committees, throughout the year are highlighted separately. SLLA newsletters were published in a timely manner.

An office assistant was recruited to the SLLA office and was later absorbed into the permanent cadre. The contract of the Administrative Secretary was extended by a year. The annual increment for the senior staff was granted and 50% of the salary was paid as an ex-gratia to the permanent staff members.

I would like to express my deep sorrow on the untimely demise of Mr. J A Amaraweera and Prof Russell Bowden both of whom rendered yeoman service to the SLLA and who always appreciated the work done by the council.

I would like to thank the President and members of the Council, the Executive Committee and all other members of the professional groups and committees for their invaluable support rendered throughout the year.

I extend my sincere gratitude and thanks to Ms. Shanthi de Alwis and the staff of the SLLA for their untiring work and service which we should be appreciated.

Sandhya Gunawardena
General Secretary

Treasurer's Report 2015/2016

Carter De Costa & Co., Chartered Accountants, continued to serve as the SLLA's Auditors for the year 2015/2016. They have done a comprehensive audit and have reviewed all the necessary documents. The statement of the auditors' is attached as annexed V.

The net income for the year was Rupees 2,779,804.00 compared with Rupees 3,752,432.00 for the last financial year. There is a decrease 26%.

The income from course fee and examination fee was Rupees 8,016,825.00 compared with Rupees 8,252,250.00 for the last financial year. There is a marginal decrease by 2.8%.

The other income for the year was Rupees 1,715,531.00 compared with Rupees 2,078,840.00 for last financial year. There is a reduction of 17.5%. The other income is mainly from the interest on fixed and savings account. The reduction in income is due to the drop in interest rates by the banks.

The direct expenses for the year was Rupees 2,858,921.00 compared with Rupees 2,190,821.00 for the last financial year. There is an increase of 30%. This is due to the increase in Hall hire charges and advertisements.

The administration expenses for the year was Rupees 4,813,803.00 compared with Rupees 4,950,551 for the last year. There is a decrease by 2%.

The fixed deposits at the end of the financial year was Rupees 27,081,497.00 compared with Rupees 20,841,070.00 for the last financial year. A new fixed deposit for Rs. 5 million was placed with the Bank of Ceylon.

The cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year was Rupees 8,851,077.00 compared with Rupees 11,760,010.00 for the last financial year. The reason for the decrease is the transfer of funds from the savings account to the new fixed deposit account.

The income generated from the workshops conducted by SLLA has brought an income of Rs. 383,796.00 as against Rs. 207,843.00 of the last financial year.

The Office Management & Finance Committee have requested the Auditors to perform a quarterly audit with no additional cost to which they have agreed in order to obtain a better view of the Association's financial stability.

Lilamani Amerasekera
Treasurer

1.0 Council - 2015/2016

Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe	-	President
Ms D I D Andradi	-	Immediate Past President
Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga	-	President Elect
Ms Sandhya Gunawardena	-	General Secretary
Mr Anton Nallathamby	-	Vice President
Ms Kumari Wickramasinghe	-	Asst. General Secretary
Ms Lilamani Amerasekera	-	Treasurer
Dr Ruwan Gamage	-	Education Officer
Mr K G S Gunatilake	-	Asst. Education Officer
Ms Sunethra Kariyawasam	-	Publications Officer
Mr Preethi Liyanage	-	Information & Public Relations Officer
Ms Dilmani Warnasuriya	-	Nominated Member
Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne	-	Nominated Member

Professional Groups – 2015/2016

Academic Libraries	-	Mr Harsha Balasooriya
Government Libraries	-	Ms Sumithra Meegasmulla
Public Libraries	-	Ms Sewwandi Jayasinghe
NACLIS Group	-	Ms Deepali Talagala
National Library	-	Ms Senani Bandara
School Libraries	-	Ms Chandani Senerath
Special Libraries	-	Mr B G N Kumarasinghe

Executive Committee – 2015/2016

Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe	-	President
Ms D I D Andradi	-	Immediate Past President
Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga	-	President Elect
Ms Sandya Gunawardena	-	General Secretary
Mr Anton Nallathamby	-	Vice President
Ms Kumari Wickremasinghe	-	Asst. General Secretary
Ms Lilamani Amerasekera	-	Treasurer
Dr Ruwan Gamage	-	Education Officer
Mr K G S Gunatilake	-	Asst. Education Officer
Ms Sunethra Kariyawasam	-	Publications Officer
Mr Preethi Liyanage	-	Information & Public Relations Officer
Mr G M P Gallaba	-	Nominated Member
Prof Russell Bowden	-	Nominated Member
(Up to 27 th January 2016)		
Dr Ms Nayana Wijayasundara	-	Nominated Member
(From February 2016)		

2.0 Membership

The total membership of the SLLA is 438 which includes Corporate and Non Corporate Members.

2.1 Fellowship by Achievement

Senior Associate Members of the Association who have continuous membership and have made significant contributions to the LIS profession of Sri Lanka are eligible to apply for Fellowship of the SLLA. The applicants should provide documentary evidence of the professional achievements mentioned in the selection criteria. This year too Fellowship by Achievement is awarded to one corporate member of the Association.

2.2 Fellowship by Research

The working sub-committee developed a draft 45-hour syllabus (3 Credits) on Research Methods for those who opt to obtain Fellowship by Research. The balance credits will be awarded for the complete research project including the report. However, the taught component and the Level of the SLQF on which this proposed Fellowship is placed need to be further discussed at length.

3.0 Council/Ex-Co Meetings

For the year 2015/16 the Council and the Executive Committee of the SLLA had 7 & 6 Regular Meetings respectively.

4.0 SLLA Activities

4.1 SLLA Education Programme

4.1.1 Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS)

The DIPLIS course, the flagship professional course conducted by the SLLA over the years was conducted successfully during the year under review. At the same time, the recommendations for curriculum revision by the previous Education Committee (EC) were discussed and expedited. Feedback obtained from the lecturers which was received at the Lecturers' seminar held last year was analysed, reported and followed.

A Curriculum Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) was formed to Review the Education Programme and to revise the curriculum. Sub committees were appointed to look into several related matters such as; renaming DIPLIS as 'Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science (HDIPLIS)', identifying other qualifications for admission to DIPLIS, recommending solutions for issues relating to facilities available at centres, streamlining continuous assessment methods, and providing library services for DIPLIS students. The revisions have been proposed and are under consideration by the EC, and the CDAC.

A major proposal of the current EC was to write textbooks to help solve issues with content standardization, consistence across all the centers, non-availability of local language resources, etc.

The course is conducted in all three languages in five education centres covering Colombo (S, T & E), Kandy (S), Galle (S), Jaffna (T) and Batticaloa (T).

The Education Officer (EO) visited the Colombo and Kandy centers. The educational center for Colombo classes was moved from the Wycherley International School to the Thurstan College, Colombo from May 2016, due to the fact that the charges for Wycherly School were increased two fold from mid 2015.

Relocating centres especially in Colombo is a hindrance to carrying out the Education Programme. It was also felt that the rent paid for class rooms incur high costs for the Association. To resolve this problem the feasibility of purchasing a building to conduct classes in the Colombo Centre in a suitable location by obtaining a bank loan and to pay the instalments equivalent to what is presently paid as rent for the building was considered and discussed.

Kandy center administrators have been requested to consider provision of basic facilities for class rooms. If a favorable response is not received, the center will be moved to a new venue.

Nearly 200 applications were received for the year 2016 Level I DIPLIS (distance and regular) courses. Out of these, 150 applicants enrolled before 31st March 2016. However more applications were received and enrolments were made during April- May 2016. A gradual decrease in the registrations for the DIPLIS course during the last few years was evident and this year too a decrease was observed. However it is expected that these numbers will go up with the scheduled curriculum changes next year.

The COLA course was also conducted during the year.

4.1.2 Distance Education Programme in Library & Information Science

This year out of the 166 new entrants around 40 students enrolled to follow Level I of the Distance Education Programme. Course notes were updated with current information. These notes can be considered the foundation for writing text books.

It was also decided that the SLLA should gradually move into distance/online mode, systematically phasing out the face-to-face lecturing. In lieu of traditional teaching, more practical sessions and discussion forums could be introduced.

4.1.3 Study carried out on the Current Status of the DIPLIS program & Future Directions

The Education Officer (EO) prepared a SWOT analysis of the DIPLIS program. This was considered a source document in drafting the SLLA Strategic Plan 2016-2022 by the relevant committee.

The current national developments were considered and the proposed curriculum was prepared to be on par with the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF), and National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) standards. This exercise will help in maintaining uniformity across different LIS programs across institutions, which will facilitate upward mobility of library professionals.

The proposed LIS degree program of the Open University of Sri Lanka is pending initiation. SLLA Corporate members (with adequate library experience) are being enrolled to

Postgraduate programs at the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS), University of Colombo.

4.1.4 Bachelors Degree in Library & Information Science (Honours)

The degree course on BA in Library & Information Studies were approved at the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) subject to the adoption of Sri Lanka Qualification Frame work (SLQF). The course is credit rated to 120 credits along 4 levels (SLQF- Level 3- level 6) to achieve the learning outcomes expected by the SLQF.

It was accepted by the OUSL that the Diploma holders (DIPLIS) of the SLLA will be eligible to enter into the level 5 of the degree course and will complete the degree at Level 6 completing 50% (60 credits) of the total credits assigned for the full course.

4.2 Vijita de Silva Research Award – Applications were called for the award but no applications were received for the year 2015/2016.

4.3 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics (PCE)

The Revised PCE was principally approved at the 55th Annual General Meeting in 2015. As there were a few comments by a member it was decided to invite further inputs before 31st July 2015 for the Ethics Committee to study and consider its incorporation accordingly. The feedback received by one member was studied and the necessary and required comments were incorporated. Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics of the SLLA was finalized and was uploaded to the SLLA website. The booklet on PCE was printed in all three mediums; Sinhala, Tamil and English.

4.4 SLLA Participation in Professional Programmes

4.4.1 The Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Library Association sponsored an excellent academic and professional training programme on "How to Conduct Research" for its students in December 2015.

Dr (Ms) Pradeepa Wijetunga, President Elect of the SLLA and Librarian, University of Colombo, and Dr (Ms) Nayana Wijayasundara, Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

were guest lecturers who shared their expertise with the intention of enhancing the knowledge skills of participants.

Students were also provided an opportunity to learn to develop the skills appropriate to their research.

At the end of the session, a feedback form was given to the students and students had indicated that it was highly satisfactory,

4.4.2 A Public Lecture on "National Library of Medicine: Trusted Health Information Databases and Services" jointly organized by the Sri Lanka Library Association and the National Library and Documentation Services Board was held at the National Library. The Lecture was delivered by Ms Samanthi Hewakapuge, Consumer Health Co-ordinator, National Network of Libraries of Medicine – Greater Midwest Region, Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois, Chicago. It was a highly interactive session.

4.5 Other Activities

Social Affairs Committee of the SLLA organized a field trip to Galle and Koggala on 21st February, 2016. Around 26 SLLA members and a few of their family members participated.

The itinerary for the outing included a visit to the Galle Public Library where they were warmly welcomed by the Librarian and her team. The Galle Fort, Light House, Sama Chaitiya, and the Rumassala Hill were the other places of interest visited. A sea bath at jungle beach and a boat safari to Madol Duwa was also enjoyed. Lunch was organized at the Catalina Hotel run by the Sri Lanka Air Force.

5.0 SLLA Collaborations with other Institutions and Organizations

5.1 SLLA works in partnership with other LIS institutions, through its representation in the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences and the National Library and Documentation Services Board. President of the SLLA serves as an ex-officio member of the Boards of Management of the National Library Documentation and Services Board and the National Institute of Library and Information Science, Provincial Library Services Boards of the Central Province and Uva Province.

5.2 Organization of Professional Associations (OPA)

The SLLA is a founding member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka, which was established in 1975. The Association is represented at the OPA in its Executive Council by the President Elect, and the by Council/Ex-Co members at the Forum.

6.0 International Projects/Participation

6.1 Visit of Secretary General of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) to Sri Lanka

IFLA Secretary General Ms. Jennefer Nicholson visited Sri Lanka in December 2015. Under the auspices of the SLLA and the National Library and Documentation Services. Ms Nicholson delivered a lecture on Transforming Library Services in the digital information environment. The presentation provided awareness on IFLA's key initiatives, activities, IFLA's Strategic Plans and Directions, Ethics Statement and the IFLA Trend Report.

Dr (Ms) Premila Gamage IFLA/BSLA Officer who coordinated the visit of the Secretary General to Sri Lanka also assisted in organizing this event. It was a great opportunity for the SLLA members and LIS professionals to learn and understand the directions of/for the LIS field and IFLA for the future.

It was an opportune time for the SLLA as it has embarked on the Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) programme, a key activity of IFLA.

Ms. Jennefer Nicholson discussed many issues pertaining to the SLLA BSLA with the SLLA BSLA Committee and it was also a landmark event for the SLLA when the MoU between IFLA and SLLA was signed by Ms. Nicholson and the President of the SLLA Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe pledging IFLA's support for the BSLA project in Sri Lanka.

6.2 IFLA Programme on Building Strong Library Association (BSLA)

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) conducted a "Training of Trainers" workshop on Professional Conduct and Ethics from 23rd to 25th March at Renuka City Hotel, Colombo. It was the first phase of the IFLA sponsored BSLA project and the Resource person for the three day workshop was Prof. Gillian Hallam from Queensland University of Technology, Australia. It was attended by 20 Library and Information (LIS) professionals in Sri Lanka who represented regions and sectors in the country. The trainers were selected out of 50 LIS professionals who applied for the training programme. The BSLA/SLLA Committee members also participated.

The workshop was organized and planned to provide awareness on the Code of Ethics of the SLLA as SLLA's vision for this programme is to establish and promote professional ethics among Library and Information (LIS) professionals in Sri Lanka and ensure a sustainability of a strong ethical culture in the LIS sector.

- 6.3** IFLA has invited the President and Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne as Co-ordinators of the BSLA to attend a global meeting organized to review/report on the progress of the Association's and future plans on the above project in Manila, Philippines scheduled to be held from 30th May to 2nd June, 2016.

7.0 Reports of Regular Committees & Professional Groups

7.1 Appointments & Resignations of Conveners & Co-ordinators

7.1.1 Ms Kumari Wickramasinghe resigned from the Special Library Group.

7.1.2 The following members were added to the relevant group/committee;

Ms Jayanthi Weeratunga	-	NACLIS Committee
Ms Vijitha Nandani	-	Special Library Group

7.1.3 International Relations Committee – Convener, Prof. Russell Bowden resigned from the position due to personal and health reasons. The Council decided to discontinue the Committee as it was felt that any matters relating to such activities can be attended to, by the Ex-Co/Council.

7.2 Education Committee

Under the leadership of the Education Officer, Dr. Ruwan Gamage the Education Committee, Centre Co-ordinators and the Teaching Faculty together with the SLLA office staff contributed immensely to the success of the Education programme.

7.2.1 Diploma in Library Science (DIPLIS)

DIPLIS Level 1 – 2016/2017

The Inauguration of the DIPLIS level I course in all three languages was held at the National Library & Documentation Services Board on the 7th of May 2016.

The total number of new students were 166 for the current year in all three mediums in all centers. DIPLIS Lectures commenced on 15th May 2016.

DIPLIS Level II - 2015/2016

DIPLIS Level II - Course commenced in October 2015.

DIPLIS Level III

DIPLIS Level III – 2015/2016 Examination will be held in July 2016.

DIPLIS Level III - 2016/17 Course will commence in July 2016.

Revision Seminars

Revision Seminars were conducted for DIPLIS all three Levels during the year 2015/2016.

Total registration for DIPLIS Level 1 – 2016/2017

Centre	Sinhala Medium	English Medium	Tamil Medium	Total
Colombo	26	04	05	35
Kandy	20	-	-	20
Galle	19	-	-	19
Badulla	12	-	-	12
Batticaloa	-	-	13	13
Jaffna	-	-	20	20
Distance Course	47	-	-	47
Total	124	04	38	166

Total registration for DIPLIS Level II – 2015/2016

Centre	Sinhala Medium	English Medium	Tamil Medium	Total
Colombo	31	04	10	45
Kandy	15	-	-	15
Galle	13	-	-	13
Batticaloa	-	-	15	15
Jaffna	-	-	17	17
Distance Course	30	-	-	30
Total	89	04	42	135

Total registration for DIPLIS Level III – 2015/2016

Centre	Sinhala Medium	English Medium	Tamil Medium	Total
Colombo	43	-	-	43
Batticaloa	-	-	13	13
Jaffna	-	-	-	-
Distance Course	41	-	-	41
Total	84	-	13	97

Examination Results

Exam	No. of Candidates			No. of Successful Candidates		
	Sinhala	Tamil	English	Sinhala	Tamil	English
Colombo						
Level I - 2015/2016	131	47	03	108	32	01
Level II - 2014/2015	86	51	04	60	37	04
Level III 2014/2015	64	52	01	36	29	01

7.2.2 Course on Library Automation

In addition to the Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS), SLLA conducted the Course on Library Automation to enhance the skills of librarians in utilizing information technologies for dissemination and retrieval of information. Course commenced in February 2015 and its duration was one year.

There were 18 SLLA students enrolled for the course and 11 students followed the full course while 07 students opted to follow selected modules. Out of the 11 students 09 passed out after successfully completing the course. The 07 students who completed the modules of their choice were issued participation certificates.

7.2.3 Study Tour

Students of DIPLIS Level I from the Kandy Centre visited the libraries in the Colombo District viz. the National Library, National Archives and the ITI Library on their study tour with the guidance of the Staff of the SLLA and Centre Co-ordinator.

7.2.4 In Service Training for DIPLIS Level I Students by the SLLA

Students of DIPLIS Level I were sent to the following libraries for the purpose of practical training for two weeks.

- Gampaha Wickremarachchi Ayurveda Institute
- National Library
- Public Library, Colombo
- Public Library, Kandy
- Library, Industrial Technology Institute (ITI)
- Library, Eastern University
- Library, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
- Library, University of Colombo
- Library, University of Peradeniya
- Library, University of Ruhuna
- Library, University of Sri Jayawardenapura
- Library, University of Wayamba

The Sri Lanka Library Association thanks the Librarians and Staff of the above Institutional Libraries for the support extended in training the DIPLIS Level I Students.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR
2014/15 & 2015/16**

S.C. Blok Memorial Scholarships

Diploma in Library and Information Science Level I – 2015/2016

Sinhala Medium	-	Ms. Laddusingha Badu Thilini Bhagya de Silva
English Medium	-	Ms. Darshini Vijayanathan
Tamil Medium	-	Ms. Kirushnapiriya Kathirkamanathan

Diploma in Library and Information Science Level II – 2014/2015

Sinhala Medium	-	Ms P M C Erandi Pathiraja	-
English Medium	-	Mr W A S Attanayake	
Tamil Medium	-	Ms S Kajenthini	

**Gold Medal for Best Achievement
Diploma in Library and Information Science Level III – 2014/2015
(Final Examination)**



Ms. Warakagoda Gamage Suraji Surangika

**A. L. B. Pethiyagoda Memorial Award – Level I – 2015/2016
(Kandy Centre)**

Ms. A M I Udayangani Karunarathna Abeyesundera

**Course on Library Automation (COLA) – 2015/2016
Clodagh Nethsinghe Memorial Award**

Ms L Devika Ruwanthi Nilmini

7.3 International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS) 2015

The International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS) 2015 organised by the Sri Lanka Library Association was held on 17th & 18th September at Hotel Galadari, Colombo under the theme "Challenges for Information Professionals and Library and Information Services in the 21st Century". There were 82 participants including 7 international participants and 27 papers were selected and presented at the conference. Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET, India was the key note speaker and His Excellency Maj. (Gen) (Rtd) Syed Shakeel Hussain, High Commissioner of Pakistan in Sri Lanka was the Chief Guest. The conference was partnered by many national and international organisations.

7.4 Training Programme for Group Conveners

Ms Deepali Talagala conducted a Training Programme for all Conveners of Regular Committees and Professional Groups in August 2015. The objective was to guide them to conduct programmes and enhance their leadership skills as conveners.

7.5 Continuing Professional Development Group (CPD)

The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Group conducted a workshop on "Advanced and important features of essential ICT Tools" in November 2015 at NILIS. There were 31 participants at the workshop.

7.6 IT Committee

7.6.1 The IT Committee attended to and advised the SLLA Office on IT issues.

7.6.2 SLLA Council extended the services of Mr Ravikumar as Web Master for the year on the recommendation of the IT Committee.

7.7 Office Management Committee

7.7.1 Six meetings were held by the Office Management Committee during the year under review.

Many recommendations given by the Office Management Committee to improve the SLLA Office and Financial Management Committee were implemented.

7.7.2 Training for the SLLA Office Staff

The Librarian Ms. Pradeepika de Silva was nominated to participate at the Conference of the National Library held to commemorate its 25th Anniversary.

7.7.3 The SLLA Library

The professional library of the SLLA which is housed at the premises of the National Library is open for students on two days a week (i.e. on Thursdays and Saturdays) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is noteworthy to state, that it has been the wish of Professor Bowden to donate his collection of professional literature to the SLLA Library after his demise.

There were 202 material including books and journals received to the SLLA Library collection through this donation.

7.8 Special Libraries Group

Special Libraries Group held a 2 day workshop in collaboration with the National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS) on Greenstone Digital Library Software. The newest version 3.07 was used for the workshop. Participants, majority from special libraries were given hand-on practical knowledge on how to create a digital library collection and optimise the display of contents towards better display to users.

7.9 Public Libraries Group

The Sri Lanka Library Association in collaboration with the Department of Local Government, Southern Province, organized a one day workshop for public librarians in the province in January, 2016.

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There were 59 Public Librarians and the workshop was held at the Management Training Institute, Wakwella, Galle. Initially the participants were addressed by Ms Varuni Gangabodaarachchi, Chief Librarian, Public Library, Colombo.

Mr Kamal Bandara Heenkenda, Lecturer, University of Kelaniya and Mr Harsha Balasooriya, Senior Assistant Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka served as resource persons.

Areas covered were Usage of Library and Communication, Library Management, Customer care, Public Relations, Information Technology and Library Software.

7.10 The National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS) in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Library Association organized a Workshop on "Basic research methodology" to motivate the professionals working at Public, Schools and Government libraries to undertake research in February 2016. The main objective of the workshop was to guide the SLLA members working at these libraries to present a paper at NACLIS.

The main resource person was Dr. Ruwan Gamage and the NACLIS Committee Members assisted him as facilitators. There were 11 participants and at the end of the workshop they were able to identify an area to carry out a research and also indicated that they were pleased with the knowledge gained through the workshop.

7.11 School Library

A programme on New technical knowledge and sharing experience for School Librarians was held in December 2015 at the National Library Auditorium.

It was conducted mainly for the Zonal Education - Colombo and Sri Jayewardenepura School Librarians and there were 50 participants.

7.12 Government Libraries Group

This year the Group paid special attention to its various grievances - viz. recruitments, promotions, EB exams, salaries and other matters badly affecting some of its members (various designations, age limits barring them from entering the government service etc.). For this purpose, the group held 8 meetings within the year, mainly to discuss what action could be taken to amend the service minutes which had many shortcomings. Trade Union members who are also Members of the SLLA too were invited and they also made their representations. Members of the Group and the President SLLA

participated at a meeting organized by the NLSDB to discuss the above issues and to submit recommendations/views to the Public Service Commission.

At the final meeting held on 28th April, the group also agreed to request the President/SLLA to write to the DG/Combined Services for a discussion regarding the various service problems faced by the librarians in government service.

The group also assisted at the seminar convened by Ms Deepali Talagala (Convener of NACLIS) on "Basic research methodology.

7.13 National Library Group

The National library Group Committee met at the National Library and Documentation Services Board to discuss issues related to Library legislation, Library standards, Library buildings/furniture, equipment and the government librarian's service minute. This led to a meeting with the Director of the Government Library sector at the Public Administration and Home Affairs Ministry to discuss the government librarian's service minute. Another meeting was then held with the representatives of the Government Librarians Trade Union in March 2016 to discuss this further. The SLLA President and the Immediate Past president were invited to share views on the possible meeting with the officials of the Public Service Commission.

The National Library group engaged representatives from the SLLA Council for several rounds of meetings held at the National Library to discuss the amendment of the circular on Lost Books in Libraries. The revisions were added to strengthen the circular pertaining to the subject in favour of librarians. This was approved.

7.14 Academic Library Group

The Group compiled and prepared a guide to provide information on locally available products and services needed for library automation. It is titled "Librarians' Guide to Library Automation and Digital Library Services and Products 2016". The group also linked with the NACLIS Group.

7.15 NACLIS Group

The NACLIS Committee organized the 12th Annual Conference at the Sri Lanka Foundation on the 23rd June, the day prior to the Annual General Meeting of SLLA.

"Marching towards excellence: Contributions of LIS professionals in building a better society" was the main theme of the conference. Six main categories were identified under this theme. As suggested by the convener of the Academic libraries group, in conjunction with this event it was decided to organize a promotional campaign to motivate developers and users of software and other IT accessories related to library automation. This would provide an opportunity for them to meet the librarians and publicize their products as well as for the librarians to learn about available opportunities. Accordingly library automation software developers were invited for the conference.

Committee also solicited sponsorships from banks, book suppliers etc. Library software developers were also invited to present their products at a nominal rate.

The Committee noted a lack of participation of the professionals working at Public/Schools/Government libraries at NACLIS. Hence to motivate these professionals, a one day workshop on "Basic Research Methodology" was organized in collaboration with National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS). The Committee greatly appreciates the cooperation of NILIS by way of providing a resource person and their venue. The Committee appreciates the support provided by Public, School, Academic and Government library group conveners in organizing this event.

7.16 Publications Committee

Volume 14, Nos. 1 to 3 of the Quarterly Newsletter was released in a timely manner. The latest issue of the Newsletter and the Library Review will be released at the AGM 2016.

New Guidelines for paper submission for the Sri Lanka Library Review were formulated to update and change the existing ones.

7.17 Strategic Planning & Strategic Direction Committee (SPSDC)

The SPSDC was appointed in 2014/15 to formulate a Strategic Plan for the SLLA. After widespread consultations through the SWOT analysis, an opinion survey, studying the guidelines and relevant literature published by IFLA, best practices of leading library associations and studying a number of strategic plans of other library associations the SPSDC completed the task in early 2016. The Strategic Plan for the SLLA (2016-2022) was handed over to the President/SLLA in January 2016 and President submitted it to the

SLLA Council in January 2016. Council has accepted the plan and sent it to the members of the SLLA for information and views. The SLLA also initiated a web dialogue on the strategic plan.

It appears that the membership is in agreement with the plan as there were no major criticism or revisions proposed on the plan. However the SPSDC has further improved the plan by including a detailed section titled 'Implementation of the Plan' which deals with the issues pertaining to the implementation of the plan including funding, mechanism of implementation and responsibility of implementation. It has also improved the presentation of the plan and the revised plan was submitted to the President and the Council/SLLA in May 2016. The Council approved the plan and agreed to submit it to the 2016 SLLA AGM for approval through a resolution.

This is the first strategic plan of the SLLA in its 56 year history and its implementation will be a novel experience for the association and its members. Considering this, the SPSDC has proposed a two tier implementation schedule with a two year flexible time at the beginning. During the initial period, there are no strict time lines or specific targets to achieve, giving freedom to the Council and groups to choose and select what to implement, which will hopefully create a conducive atmosphere for gradual implementation. It is also hoped that the next Council, professional groups, the committees for special projects and the membership will study the plan closely, conduct discussions, brainstorming sessions and be familiar with the plan and commence implementation. SPSDC has also proposed to appoint special committees to deal with some major proposals.

The new strategic plan no doubt is a challenge to the SLLA and its membership. The SPSDC has done its utmost in producing a quality plan, identifying the responsibilities and the mechanism of implementation and provision of necessary funds. It is hoped that the Councils, Professional Groups, Committees and the Membership will positively and enthusiastically respond to the challenge presented in the plan.

8.0 Auditors

Carter De Costa & Co., Chartered Accountants continued to serve as the SLLA's Auditors for the year 2015/2016.

9.0 Bereavements

9.1 Mr J Amaraweera passed away on the 27th October, 2015. Mr Amaraweera, after his graduation served as a teacher for four years and then joined the Sri Lanka Rubber Research Institute (RRI) as Librarian and Publications Officer in 1972. He obtained his Masters Degree In Library and Information Science from the University of Kelaniya. In 1978 he left RRI and joined the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as the Chief Librarian and served for one year. Then in 1979 he joined the University of Sri Jayawardenapura as a Senior Assistant Librarian. He was then appointed the first Librarian of the Buddhist & Pali University in 1998 where he remained until his retirement in 2009.

He served on the Panel of Lecturers' in the University of Kelaniya, SLLA, NILIS and the NIE. Mr Amaraweera was an active member of the SLLA and the ULA for several decades and held key positions in these associations and contributed immensely to the profession.

9.2 Prof. Russell Bowden, Nominated Member of the Executive Committee of the SLLA, passed away on the 27th January, 2016 after a brief illness. Prof. Bowden had a distinguished LIS career spanning a few decades, in the British Council, Loughborough University of Technology and Library Association of UK. He also held the position of the Librarian in India, Nigeria, Iraq and Sri Lanka in the years of 1950s and 1960s.

During his tenure in Colombo in the years 1966-1968 he was involved in the activities of the then Ceylon Library Association and supported in many ways. He then joined the Loughborough University of Technology as a postgraduate student in Library and Information Science and later became a lecturer and rose up to be the first Course Director of the Postgraduate Programme where he was involved in initiating the Masters Programme for Library Science Lecturers in developing countries. Later in 1976 he joined CILIP then the Library Association of UK and retired in 1994 after a distinguished service during which time he also served as the 1st Vice President of IFLA for four years.

Professor Bowden was a regular contributor to the many professional journals and National and International conferences with his long experience in the field of Library and Information Science. He was also involved in developing the "Empowering 8" the well known Information Literacy Programme of NILIS, Tsunami Library Development Project at the National Library & Documentation Services Board and the formulation of the Code of Professional Ethics and the Strategic Plan of the SLLA. It has been

the wish of Professor Bowden to donate his collection of professional literature to the SLLA Library.

10.0 Acknowledgements

1. AGM Organising Committee
2. All outgoing Council, Executive Committee, Professional Groups and Regular Committee Members
3. Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd
4. International Federation of Library Associations & Institutions
5. National Institute of Library & Information Science
6. National Library & Documentation Services Board
7. Sri Lanka Foundation (SLF)
8. SLLA Office Staff
9. Bank of Ceylon
10. Emerald Group Publishing (India) Pvt Ltd
11. Balani Infotech Pvt. Ltd., India
12. Oxford University Press
13. APIIT Lanka Pvt. Ltd
14. Asia Foundation
15. The Book Rescues, UK
16. United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Colombo
17. Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology
18. DFCC Bank
19. Sampath Bank
20. Sarasavi Bookshop Pvt. Ltd.
21. Expographic Books Pvt. Ltd.

Annexure I

SLLA Professional Groups

Academic Libraries Group

1. Mr Harsha Balasooriya – Convener
2. Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne
3. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga
4. Ms Lalitha Bandaranayeka
5. Mr W J Jeyaraj
6. Ms Muditha Ankumbura
7. Ms Hiruni Kanchana
8. Ms Nadeeka Rathnabahu
9. Mr Hasitha Koralage

Government Libraries Group

1. Ms Sumithra Meegasmulla - Convener
2. Ms Dolitha Andradi
3. Mr Sugath Gunatileke
4. Ms Yanika Nandasena
5. Ms E Irangani
6. Ms W N Rasanjali
7. Ms K D Dilhani

NACLIS Group

1. Ms Deepali Thalagala - Convener
2. Ms Vasantha Dharmarathne
3. Ms Dushyanthi Daniel
4. Ms Priyadarshani Hemakumari
5. Ms Jayanthi Weerathunga
6. Mr Preethi Liyanage (Since March 2016)
7. Ms Padma Bandaranayaka (Since March 2016)

National Library Group

1. Ms Senani Bandara - Convener
2. Mr M S U Amarasiri
3. Mr N S J Edirisinghe
4. Ms Amara Nanayakkara
5. Ms Janaki Fernando
6. Mr Wijeya Premadarshana

Public Libraries Group

1. Ms Sewwandi Jayasinghe - Convener
2. Ms Chamila Samaratinga
3. Ms Varuni Gangabodaarachchi
4. Ms H K Padma
5. Ms Upeksha Perera
6. Ms Chamila Yapa

School Libraries Group

1. Ms Chandani Senerath - Convener
2. Ms Chamari Yapa
3. Ms Yamuna Geeganagamage
4. Ms Amara Pathirana
5. Ms R C Kusumanjali

Special Libraries Group

1. Mr B G Kumarasinghe - Convener
2. Ms Y Udumalagala
3. Ms Rasika Prabodani
4. Ms M D R Kumudini
5. Ms Savithri Weerakoon
6. Ms Chandrika Dabare
7. Mr Trevine Bastian
8. Mr Preethi Liyanage

Annexure II

SLLA Regular Committees

Advocacy & Grievances Committee

1. Mr W Sunil - Convener
2. Mr P B Gallaba
3. Ms Yanika Nandasena
4. Ms Varuni Gangabodaarachchi

Associateship Committee

1. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe - Convener
2. Ms Sandya Gunawardena
3. Dr Ruwan Gamage

Continuing Professional Development Group

1. Dr Ms Manoja Samaradiwakara - Convener
2. Mr Harsha Balasooriya
3. Mr Buddhin Kumar
4. Dr Ms Anusha Wijeratne
5. Mr P D N Punchihewa

Education Committee

1. Dr Ruwan Gamage - Convener
2. Mr Sugath Gunatilleke
3. Mr W Sunil
4. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe
5. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga
6. Mr G R Padmasiri
7. Ms K Kamalambikai
8. Mr Ananda Tissa
9. Ms K N Samanthi

Information & Public Relations Committee

1. Mr Preethi Liyanage - Convener
2. Mr K P G Kumarasiri
3. Ms Nanda Wanasundera
4. Mr S N Jayasinghe
5. Ms Ranjani Aluthge
6. Mr Lionel Amarakoon

IT Committee

1. Dr Ms Nayana Wijeyasundera - Convener
2. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga
3. Dr Ruwan Gamage
4. Mr Ravi Kumar
5. Ms Hiruni Kanchana

Office Management & Finance Committee

1. Ms Sandhya Gunawardena - Convener
2. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe
3. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga
3. Ms Lilamani Amerasekera
4. Mr Anton Nallathamby
6. Ms Nanda Wanasundara
7. Ms Kumari Wickramasinghe
8. Ms Anuja Silva

Professional Ethics Committee

1. Prof W Weerasuriya - Convener
2. Prof Russell Bowden (Up to Jan. 2016)
3. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga
4. Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne
5. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe

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Centre and Course Co-ordinators

1. Ms Kalpana Chandrasekera - Jaffna
2. Mr R Maheswaran – Kandy
3. Ms P Kariyawasam – Galle
4. Mr W J Jeyaraj – Eastern
5. Mr R M Gunasekera
6. Ms Hiruni Kanchana (COLA Course Co-ordinator)

Fellowship by Research

1. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga - Convener.
2. Ms Dolitha Andradi
3. Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne
4. Ms C N K Alahakoon

Fellowship Committee

1. Ms Dilmani Warnasuriya- Convener
2. Prof Russel Bowden (Up to Jan.2016)
3. Mr Upali Amarasiri
4. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe (Since April 2016)

Publications Committee

1. Ms Sunethra Kariyawasam - Convener
2. Mr Upali Amarasiri
3. Ms Nanda Wanasundera
4. Ms Dilmani Warnasuriya
5. Ms Kumari Wickramasinghe
6. Ms Pushpamala Perera
7. Ms K Kamalambikai
8. Ms Thushari Seneviratne
9. Ms Geethani Attanayake

Social Affairs Committee

1. Ms Indra Colonne - Convener
2. Mr Preethi Liyanage
3. Ms Dolitha Andradi
4. Mr Ananda Tissa
5. Mr Mahinda Amarasiri

Vijita de Silva Research Award Committee

1. Mr Upali Amarasiri – Convener
2. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga
3. Mr P B Gallaba
4. Prof Russell Bowden (Up to Jan.2016)

Strategic Planning and Strategic Direction Committee

1. Mr Upali Amarasiri - Convener
2. Ms Dolitha Andradi
3. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe
4. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunge
6. Ms Dilmani Warnasuriya
7. Ms Varuni GangabodaArachchi
8. Prof Russell Bowden (Up to Jan.2016)
9. Mr P B Gallaba

Annexure III

List of Fellow, Corporate & Non Corporate Members – 2015/2016

Fellow Members

1. Ms Harshani Dissanayake

Corporate Members

1. Ms Kalayally Balasubramaniam
2. Mr M H M A C Herath
3. Mr S Ketheeswaren
4. Ms S J Niles
5. Ms R M N Sanjeevani
6. Mr A L Rinos

Non Corporate Members

1. Mr A Dharmaratne
2. Ms A L G Rasika Nelanthi
3. Ms C W S P Yapa
4. Ms D M W V Jayasingha
5. Ms D R Chandima Dissanayaka
6. Ms E M Y C Dharmawardhana
7. Ms G H Lathika Priyangani
8. Ms G P S Jayaweera
9. Mr H R Thusantha
10. Ms H S P De Silva
11. Ms M G Padmini Renuka
12. Mr M Mathialagan
13. Ms M Thadshajini
14. Mr R B Kankanange
15. Ms R D S P Wijekuiaratne
16. Mr R Thananchayan
17. Mr S M A Gaffoor
18. Mr S M R Aminudeen
19. Mr S Santharooban
20. Ms S Yogeswaran
21. Ms Shamiia Udani Jayatunga
22. Ms T H Kalpani Chinthika De Silva
23. Ms T M Leelawathie
24. Ms U G Jeyamanika Amarasinha
25. Mr V Nisanth

Annexure: IV

Panel of Lecturers – 2015/2016

1	Ms C M Abeygunasekera	37	Mr K M Nishath
2	Ms C Alahakoon	38	Ms R Pararajasingham
3	Mr S U Amarasinghe	39	Mr S Pathmanathan
4	Mr R D Ananda Tissa	40	Ms N D Pieris
5	Ms A V M K Ankumbura	41	Mr W Premadarshana
6	Ms T Arulnandhy	42	Mr Sunil Premaratne
7	Mr M C M Azwer	43	Ms Nanda Perera
8	Mr A H K Balasooriya	44	Ms P K Pushpamala Perera
9	Ms P Balasuriya	45	Mr H N Pieris
10	Ms K Chandrasekar	46	Mr B Prashanthan
11	Mr A Dharmaratna	47	Mr T Ramanan
12	Ms Nalini De S. Wijenayake	48	Mr K Ramanayake
13	Ms Soma De Silva	49	Ms W A J K Ratnasekera
14	Ms Harshani Dissanayake	50	Mr J Ratnayake
15	Mr J Garusinghaarachchi	51	Ms Deepthi Ravi
16	Mr M K C Gnanasekera	52	Mr M N Ravikumar
17	Mr H M Gunarathne Banda	53	Mr M M Rumaiz
18	Ms Damayanthi Gunasekera	54	Mr M M Rifaudeen
19	Mr R M Gunasekera	55	Ms K N Samanthi
20	Ms C Gunasekera	56	Ms Y Shanmugasundaram
21	Mr K G S Gunatilake	57	Mr M S M Shiham
22	Ms J E A M S Jayasinghe	58	Mr M Sinnarajah
23	Mr W J Jeyaraj	59	Mr S L Siyath Ahamed
24	Dr Ms M Hindagolla	60	Mr K Subramaniam
25	Ms Hiruni Kanchana	61	Mr W Sunil
26	Ms K Kamalambikai	62	Ms I P Tilakaratne
27	Ms Sunethra Kariyawasam	63	Ms L Umashankar
28	Ms U G M P Kariyawasam	64	Ms M Visakaruban
29	Mr S Ketheeswaran	65	Mr D Weerakoon
30	Mr L Kumarasiri	66	Ms W A J Weeratunga
31	Ms M D R Kumudini	67	Ms Kumari Wickramasinghe
32	Ms M M Mashroofa	68	Mr K K G Wijeweera
33	Ms Ira Mudannayake	69	Dr K D G Wimalaratne
34	Ms K Murugathas	70	Ms C K S Yapa
35	Ms G Navirathan	71	Mr Anusha Yapa
36	Ms T N Neighsoori		

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Independent Auditor's Report

To The Members of the Sri Lanka Library Association

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Sri Lanka Library Association which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31st March 2016, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended and other explanatory notes, as set out in this Report.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLFRS for SME). This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Scope of Audit and basis of Opinion

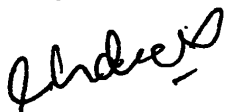
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit. We therefore believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, so far as appears from our examination, the association maintained proper accounting records for the year ended 31st March 2016 and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the association's state of affairs as at 31st March 2016 and its profit for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards for small and medium sized entities. (SLFRS for SME).



CARTER DE COSTA & CO.,
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26th May 2016
Colombo

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016**

Income	Note	2015/2016 Rs.	2014/2015 Rs.
Membership Fees	1	275,500.00	300,000.00
Registration Fees		198,500.00	241,500.00
Course Fees and Examination Fees	2	8,016,825.00	8,252,250.00
Surplus – Workshop	3	383,796.67	207,843.83
Other Income	4	1,715,531.41	2,078,840.55
		<u>10,590,153.08</u>	<u>11,080,434.38</u>
Expenses			
Direct Expenses	5	2,858,921.49	2,190,821.20
Administration Expenses	6	4,813,803.99	4,950,551.74
Surplus For The Year Before Taxation		<u>2,917,427.60</u>	<u>3,939,061.44</u>
Income Tax Expense	7	137,622.82	186,629.04
Surplus For The Year		<u><u>2,779,804.78</u></u>	<u><u>3,752,432.40</u></u>

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SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH 2016

	Note	31.03.2016 Rs.	31.03.2015 Rs.
Assets			
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	8	643,350.15	1,048,795.91
Investments	9	1,000.00	1,000.00
		<u>644,350.15</u>	<u>1,049,795.91</u>
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable	10	70,564.00	70,564.00
Advances and Prepayment	11	17,900.00	13,100.00
Short Term Deposit	12	27,081,497.82	20,841,070.69
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13	8,851,077.41	11,760,010.69
		<u>36,021,039.23</u>	<u>32,684,745.38</u>
Total Assets		<u>36,665,389.38</u>	<u>33,734,541.29</u>
Fund and Liabilities			
Fund			
Accumulated Fund	14	33,203,460.22	30,404,898.40
Building Fund	15	142,321.00	142,321.00
Library Rebuilding Fund	16	-	151,398.28
Distance Education Partnership Program Fund	17	979,695.00	979,695.00
Education Officers Fund	18	54,000.00	54,000.00
IFLA/ALP Workshop Fund	19	100,865.00	100,865.00
REFSALA Fund	20	78,070.80	76,050.00
Vijitha De Silva Research Fund	21	552,400.00	517,900.00
Building Strong Library Association Program F	22	260,457.04	-
Hikkaduwa Public Library Fund	23	380,785.00	380,785.00
		<u>35,752,054.06</u>	<u>32,807,912.68</u>
Non Current Liabilities			
Retirement Benefit Obligation	24	557,890.00	525,080.00
		<u>557,890.00</u>	<u>525,080.00</u>
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	25	217,822.54	214,919.57
Income Tax Payable		137,622.82	186,629.04
		<u>355,445.36</u>	<u>401,548.61</u>
Total Funds and Liabilities		<u>36,665,389.42</u>	<u>33,734,541.29</u>

These Financial statements are Prepared and Presented by Sri Lanka Library Association Management Committee

Signed for and on behalf of the Management Committee.

Shirani Kumari
President
25/05/16

R. G. I. S. S. S.
Secretary
25/05/16

P. A. M. S. S.
Treasurer
25/05/16