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## Code of Ethics (CoE)

A Code of Conduct is a central guide and reference for users in support of day-to-day decision making. It is meant to clarify an organization's mission, values and principles, linking them with standards of professional conduct. As a reference, it can be used to locate relevant documents, services and other resources related to ethics within the organization (ethics glossary).

The Sri Lanka Library Association is in the process of revising the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics (CoE) of the Association published in 1998 as per the resolution passed at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting in 2013. The Ethics committee of the SLLA conducted discussions to revise the document. As a result, a draft revision of the Code was prepared. The existing SLLA CoE document, the guidelines of IFLA/ FAIFE and some recently published CoEs of few Asian countries were the tools used to draft the new document. A meeting was called on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to discuss the said draft CoE for further improvement. The group consisted of Past Presidents, Secretaries of the Association, Key Librarians and the Council/Ex-Co members.

The meeting was expected to draw new ideas, concepts, concerns and issues relating to professional ethics. Therefore a constructive discussion was conducted to improve the revised draft Code further. At the discussion, areas and aspects such as new trends, norms and attributes of the LIS profession that are necessary for professional sustainability of Sri Lankan Librarians and Information Specialists were incorporated. The document will be presented at the Annual General Meeting after incorporating the feedback received at the discussion.



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## EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/14 & 2014/15

#### S.C. Blok Memorial Scholarships

#### Diploma in Library and Information Science – Level I – 2014/2015

Sinhala Medium - Mr. V G U D Priyalal  
English Medium - Ms. A Sivasanthiran  
Tamil Medium - Ms. K Sivappragashiny

#### Diploma in Library and Information Science – Level II – 2013/2014

Sinhala Medium - Mr. H D P M Hadunpathirana  
Tamil Medium - Ms. Y G Fernando

#### Gold Medal for Best Achievement at

Diploma in Library and Information Science – Level III – 2013/2014 - (Final Examination)



Sinhala Medium - Ms. M V A Weerasinghe

#### A. L. B. Pethiyagoda Memorial Award – Level I – 2014/2015 (Kandy Centre)

Ms. A A Lakmali Gnanarathna

### Inauguration ceremony of DIPLIS Level- 1 – 2014/2015



The Diploma in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS) is the main education programme of SLLA. Every year many students enrol for the programme with a view to become librarians. This year 223 new students were registered for all three mediums (Sinhala, Tamil and English) in all centers.

The inauguration ceremony of the DIPLIS Level I course was held at the National Library & Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) on 16th May 2015. DIPLIS Lectures commenced on 24th May, 2015.



## **APIIT Sri Lanka – Setting the Benchmark for Library Services in Private Higher Education**

APIIT Sri Lanka is a leading provider of quality higher education conducting Staffordshire University degree programmes in Software Engineering/IT, Business and Legal studies in Sri Lanka for over fourteen years.

APIIT Sri Lanka is driven by a vision to be a leading provider of higher education in the Asia Pacific Region with a global reputation for academic excellence; its mission is to produce professionals who are effective in a competitive international environment.

A Student-Centered Learning philosophy supports the grooming of students to achieve their full potential and succeed in life. Students at APIIT will not only acquire the core skills of their chosen discipline but will also be imparted with essential soft skills and entrepreneurial skills.

APIIT Sri Lanka has produced over 1800 graduates in Software Engineering/IT, Business and Legal Studies over the past few years. A recent study has established 100% employability of the graduates with over 90% securing employment in less than 3 months of graduation.

The cornerstone of APIIT Sri Lanka's success has been the consistent upholding of high standards and quality of education programmes. This is achieved through constant attention to critical factors that underpin quality, namely, the adoption of international curricula to suit the Sri Lankan context, recruitment of highly qualified and competent lecturers, efficient delivery and management of education programmes and strategic investments to maintain the teaching and learning facilities at the cutting-edge.

Foremost among these strategic investments is the APIIT Sri Lanka Library consisting of two facilities, one each in the City Campus and Access Towers premises with a total capacity to accommodate 200 students. The library consists of a common reading area, individual quiet study area, display area for text books, journals and other library materials, circulation desk, and office space for the library staff. The library is equipped with computers with access to e-libraries and other online resources. In addition, students are provided WIFI access at 450 Mbps to aid learning and research activities. The library also manages several group study rooms with a combined seating capacity of 50 students to facilitate group assessment activities. Library patrons have online access to the library's catalogue, which enables them to check for new arrivals, reserve resources and renew library loans without having to visit the library premises.

The APIIT Sri Lanka Library is committed to support the high quality delivery of education programmes by timely acquisition and maintenance of superior quality, highly relevant resources. It is the repository of a comprehensive collection of nearly 4000 titles (11,000 books) and periodic journals such as Communications of the ACM, Harvard Business Review, The Economist, Time, Reader's Digest, People's Bank Economic Review, Professional Manager, Lanka Monthly Digest, Sri Lanka Journal of International Law, LST Review, Bar Association Law Journal and the Labour Gazette. In addition the library provides access to a substantial number of online databases such as Emerald, Science Direct, EBSCOHOST, ACM, Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw.



The library maintains a student to book ratio of 5:1 for the main recommended texts for all subjects taught at APIIT. Adequacy of library resources are verified through Resource Planning Meetings held 3 months prior to the commencement of relevant academic programmes in accordance with the ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System in operation at the APIIT Sri Lanka Library.

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## GROUP ACTIVITIES

The NACLIS group plans to hold an International Conference on Library & Information Services (ICLIS) from 17-18 September 2015. The Theme is "Challenges for Information Professionals and LIS Services in the 21st Century". Dr (Ms) Pradeepa Wijetunga, the convener and her team are working on the project as many abstracts for paper presentations have been received. The conference will be held at the Galadari Hotel, Colombo.

### Awareness Seminar for the SLLA Lecturers

A one day seminar was held for the lecturers who are involving in the DIPLIS course conducted by the SLLA. The objective of the seminar was to update teaching methods and teaching skills of the lecturers. The Education Committee of the SLLA organized the seminar on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the National Library & Documentation Services Board seminar room.



The National Library Group Organized a Workshop and an Awareness program for staff of the Provincial Library Services Board (PLSB) on 15th May 2015, at the National Library & Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) Auditorium. There were 15 participants from the Uva, Sabaragamuwa, Central and North Central Province Library Services Boards. Mr. M.S.U. Amarasiri, Mr. W. Sunil, Mr. Gamini de Silva, Mr. W. Premadarshana and Mr. Chaminda de Silva served as resource persons.

மட்டக்களப்பு மாவட்டத்தில் பொது நூலகங்களை கணினிமயப்படுத்தும் செயற்திட்டம்:

கொஹா - நூலக முகாமைத்துவ முறைமையை உபயோகித்து ஸ்ரீலங்கா, கிழக்குப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தைச் சேர்ந்த சிரேட்ட உதவி நூலகர் திரு. எம்.என். ரவிக்குமரினால் காத்தான்குடி பொது நூலகமும் அதன் செயற்பாடுகளும் கணினிமயப்படுத்தப் பட்டுள்ளது. காத்தான்குடி பொது நூலகத்தின் கணினி மயப்படுத்தப்பட்ட (OPAC) பட்டியலானது 2015 மே மாதம் 15ம் திகதி ஹிஸ்புல்லா மண்டபத்தில் வைத்து முன்னைநாள் கௌரவ பிரதி அமைச்சர் எம்.எல்.ஏ.எம் ஹிஸ்புல்லா அவர்களினால் அலுவலக ரீதியில் ஆரம்பித்து வைக்கப்பட்டது. இப்பொழுது இந் நூலகத்தையும் அதன் சேவைகளையும் இணையத்தில் நேரடியாகப் பெற்றுக்கொள்ள முடியும்.

## Conference Alerts

**A-LIEP 2015** The Asia-Pacific Library and Information Education and Practice (A-LIEP) Conference will be held in the Philippines from 21-23 October 2015. More details: <http://www.a-liep.com/>

**CDIPC 2015** : The Fifth International Conference on Digital Information Processing and Communications (CDIPC2015), Oct 7- 9, 2015 at The University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (HES-SO Valais-Wallis) Sierre, Switzerland. More details: <http://sdiwc.net/conferences/cdipc2015/>

**Diamond Jubilee Conference on Librarians for the Cyber World**, Date : 14-15 September 2015, Venue : Pullman Hotel, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur. More details: <http://www.ppm55.org/diamond-jubilee-conference/>

**Global Symposium on Information and Network Security Conference**, 25th to 26th September 2015, Riverside, California, United States of America. more detail: <http://www.conferencealerts.com/show-event?id=148001>



### **IFLA Appointments - Standing Committee on Asia & Oceania Section**

Dr. Wathmanel Seneviratne, Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka has been selected as a Standing Committee member for Asia and Oceania Section-RSCAO of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). She was initially nominated by the SLLA after calling of the nominations from IFLA.

Main objectives of the RSCAO 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; namely 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 in line with the Core Activities, especially the Action for Development through Libraries Programme. Her term of office will be from August 2015 to August 2019. IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2015 will be held in Cape Town, South Africa.

**SLLA wishes her all success**

### **SLLA**

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) was incorporated by Law No.20 of 1974 of the National State assembly and amended by act. no. 7 of 2004. The SLLA is a founding and executive member of the Organisation of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka. It holds membership of the Regional Federation of South Asian Library Associations (REFSALA), Commonwealth Library Association (COMLA) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)

### **Vision**

To be the center of excellence in the field of Library, Documentation and Information Science through an educated and proactive membership and collaboration with other stakeholders in the field.

### **Mission**

To act as the pivotal professional body for library, documentation and information services in the country, by providing library education programmes, setting professional standards, fostering cooperation between all individuals and organizations interested in the welfare of libraries, acting as the forum for the exchange of ideas among members of the association, safeguarding and promoting the rights, privileges and status of librarians and information scientists and playing a leadership role in chartering the course of future library needs in the country.

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The commitment to quality in all aspects of the library operation and the caring and supportive learning environment contributes significantly to the exceptional learning experience at APIIT Sri Lanka enabling it to make a positive contribution to Sri Lankan society and economy.

## INFOCUS

The SLLA Publication Group intends to highlight one library with its special features in each Newsletter. If you wish others to know about your library, please email a write-up accompanied with photographs to the Publication Officer. ([bgskariyawasam@yahoo.com](mailto:bgskariyawasam@yahoo.com))

இலங்கை நூலக சங்கத்தின் வெளியீட்டுக் குழுவானது அதன் ஒவ்வொரு செய்திப் பிரசுரத்திலும் ஒரு நூலகம் பற்றியும் அதன் சிறப்புக்கள் பற்றியும் எடுத்துக்காட்ட எண்ணியுள்ளது. உங்கள் நூலகம் பற்றி பிறர் அறிந்துகொள்ளவேண்டும் என நீங்கள் விரும்பினால் உங்கள் நூலகம் பற்றிய விபரங்களை புகைப்படங்களுடன் வெளியீட்டு அலுவலருக்கு மின் அஞ்சல் மூலம் ([bgskariyawasam@yahoo.com](mailto:bgskariyawasam@yahoo.com)) அனுப்பி வைக்கவும்.

### ජාතික පුස්තකාලය වසර 25ක් සපුරයි

ජාතික පුස්තකාලයට වසර 25ක් සපිරීම නිමිති කොට ගෙන පුස්තකාල 112ක් සඳහා රුපියල් දස ලක්ෂයක් වටිනා පොත් කට්ටල බෙදාදීමේ උත්සවයක් 2015 මැයි මස 07 වන දින කොළඹ 07 නිදහස් මාවතේ ජාතික පුස්තකාල හා ප්‍රලේඛන සේවා මණ්ඩලයේදී උත්කර්ෂවත් අයුරින් පවත්වනු ලැබීය.

අධ්‍යාපන ඇමති අකිල විරාජ් කාරියවසම් මැතිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් පැවති මෙම උත්සවයේදී දූෂ්කර පාසල් පුස්තකාල සඳහා පොත් කට්ටල පිරිනැමීම සිදු කෙරිණ.

### පාසල් සිසු සිසුවියන්ට ජාතික පුස්තකාල හඳුන්වාදීමේ සම්මන්ත්‍රණයක්

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Handbook on library classification by the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA)

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R. D. Ananda Tissa

Content: **DDC** – Introduction to DDC, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Summaries; selected class numbers with instructions and Auxiliary Tables

**UDC** – Main classes and subdivisions and Auxiliary Tables

Price: Rs. 400.00 (For LIS students)

Rs. 600.00 (For others)

(This handbook is valuable for LIS students and small and medium level libraries)

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DDC - DDC க்கு ஒரு அறிமுகம், 1ம், 2ம், 3ம் சாராம்சங்கள். தெரிவுசெய்யப்பட்ட அறிவுறுத்தல்களுடன் கூடிய பகுப்பெண்கள் மற்றும் துணை அட்டவணைகள்

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## National Library of Sri Lanka completes 25 years



This year the National Library of Sri Lanka completes 25 years of distinguished service to the country. The establishment of the National Library in April 1990 was a fulfillment of a long felt and cherished dream of the Sri Lankan library community. It is no secret that the Sri Lanka Library Association was at the forefront of the long struggle to establish this leading cultural institute.

From the inception of the SLLA (then CLA), it has been vociferous in requesting the establishment of the National Library and during the mid 1960s set up a National Library Committee as a regular committee of the association for this purpose. Ms Evelyn J Evans who came to Sri Lanka as a Library Advisor in early 1967 and made a substantial contribution to the national library project, worked in close collaboration with the National Library Committee of the SLLA. The UNESCO conference of National Library Experts held in Colombo in 1967 triggered a chain of events which culminated with the enactment of the Ceylon National Library Services Board Act in 1970 and also the establishment of the Ceylon National Library Services Board in the same year. Establishment of the National Library was the main mission of the new Library Services Board. The next 20 years was spent in acquiring a land in a prime location in the capital city, planning and erecting the National Library building, developing core national library services and amassing the national library collection. UNESCO further assisted the project by providing the services of Prof. Micheal Brawne of University of Bath, Bristol, UK as the consultant architect.

After the inauguration, the National Library of Sri Lanka quickly established itself as a dynamic national library in the South Asian region. The national library collection grew rapidly and the newly established Reader Services Division enthusiastically embarked in serving the multiple needs of national library users. Although the publishing the National Bibliography commenced some time back, the national bibliographic activities blossomed under the national library covering many areas including Sri Lankan periodicals, newspapers, professional conferences, palm leaf manuscripts, government publications, theses, etc. and also embarking in the retrospective bibliographic control activities and developing the National Union Catalogue. It gradually introduced the ICT in organizing its collection and to its services. Digitizing the National Library collection has already commenced and the National Library website provides a wide variety of services.

Perhaps the most challenging aspect was to popularize the national library services and attract and build a strong user community to the National Library. The paucity of researchers in the country, the location of the National Library in the capital city without branches and the lack of reference materials in special subject fields undoubtedly act as inhibitions to attracting a large clientele. Through a number of initiatives including the acquisition of valuable e-resources, monthly National Library lecture series, regular exhibitions of its resources and services, user education programmes, publications, providing free membership at the annual celebrations, facilitating national library visits, regular media briefings and other promotional activities the National Library is trying its level best to make itself visible and attractive.

While engaged in the promoting and strengthening the National Library, NLDSB is constructively playing its role in invigorating the library services in the country. Launching the National Reading Month, lay the ground work in establishing the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences at the Colombo University, Provincial Council Central Library Project, National Conservation Centres Project, Publication Assistance Projects, Promotion of School Library and Resource Centres, leading the Tsunami damaged library reconstruction project, initiating the Public Administration Circular on

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how to deal with book losses in libraries, publishing library standards and grading of libraries, dealing with Ministries of Education, Local Government and Public Administration on the issues related to salaries and cadre positions, resources for libraries, formulating Authority Files on Sri Lankan authors, Sri Lankan publications and other important areas and publishing a number of LIS publications including the National Library Review are some of the major contributions of the NLDSB towards the LIS field. The new NLDSB Act of 1998 provides a strong legal base for the new National Library as it contains a separate section on responsibilities and activities of the National Library.

SLLA can be proud of its contribution towards the development of the National Library of Sri Lanka. In addition to its initial contribution in agitating to establish the institute, SLLA has developed a close collaboration with the National Library over the last quarter century. SLLA is officially represented at the BoM of the NLDSB and most of the advisory committees. Senior members of the SLLA helped the National Library and the NLDSB in numerous ways as advisors, resource persons, consultants or facilitators. In the same manner the National Library and the NLDSB reciprocate by assisting the SLLA in many ways.

No doubt that the next 25 years will be crucial to the National Library. It is facing a number of challenges including dealing with fast growing ICTs, new expectations of the user community, providing services to distant users, developing close collaboration with other library services in the country and in the region, linking national library services to the national development process, digitization, combining the scattered Sri Lankan collections either physically or virtually, modernizing its facilities and fulfilling the new space requirements, strengthening its legal base, revamping the archaic legal deposit legislations in the country and developing a high quality and versatile human resources. The SLLA can assure the National Library of its continuous support in meeting the above challenges.

**The SLLA extends its very best wishes to the National Library of Sri Lanka as it celebrates its silver jubilee.**

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