



SLLA NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Bulletin of the Sri Lanka Library Association

Annual General Meeting-2008

48th Annual General Meeting of Sri Lanka Library Association was held on 25th June 2008 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Independence Square, Colombo. Prof. Sumanapala Galmangoda, Director, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya was the Chief Guest.

Highlights of the AGM

- **Welcome Address by Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinge, President**
- **Address by Prof.Sumanapala Galmangoda, Director, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya.**
- **Presidential Address,**
- **Presentation of awards**
- **Vote of thanks, Ms.Dushyanthi Danial, General Secretary, SLLA**

SLLA in conjunction with its 48th AGM organized a National Conference on Library and Information Studies (NACLIS) and was held on the 24th June at the same venue. The theme was 'Towards and Information Society through Borderless Libraries'. This is in keeping in line with the IFLA theme as well.



Inauguration National Conference on Library and Information Studies (NACLIS 2008)



Inauguration of the 48th AGM



Prof.Piyadasa Ranasinghe, President, SLLA addressing the 48th AGM, 2008

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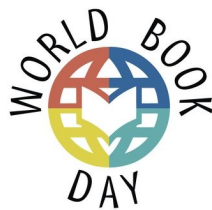
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World Book and Copyright Day April 23

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23rd April: A symbolic date for world literature for on this date and in the same year of 1616, Cervantes, Shakespeare and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega all died. It is also the date of birth or death of other prominent authors such as Maurice Druon, K.Laxness, Vladimir Nabokov, Josep Pla and Manuel Mejía Vallejo. It was a natural choice for UNESCO's General Conference to pay a worldwide tribute to books and authors on this day, encouraging everyone, and in particular young people, to discover the pleasure of reading and gain a renewed respect for the irreplaceable contributions of those who have furthered the social and cultural progress of humanity.

The idea for this celebration originated in Catalonia where on 23rd April is Saint George's Day; a Rose is traditionally given as a gift with each book sold.... Source: The :INTERNET.

Sri Lanka Library Review 2009

Sri Lanka Library Review, the Journal of the SLLA is published once a year. Suitable articles on Library and Information Science are published this Journal. The Publication Committee wishes to receive articles from the members for publication in the next issue due in June 2009.

Please check the SLLA web site for guidelines on submitting articles. You may submit articles written in Sinhala, English or Tamil language.

Please send your manuscripts to the Publication Officer of the SLLA.

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 Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka. It holds membership of the Commonwealth Library Association (COMLA) and the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA).

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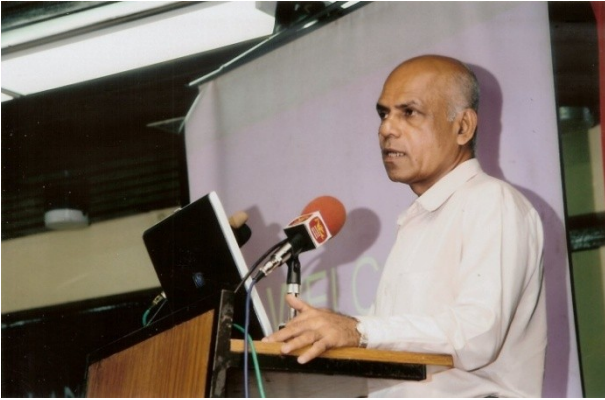
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පුස්තකාල සංගමයේ 48 වන වාර්ෂික මහ සභා රැස්වීමේ ප්‍රධාන අමුත්තා වශයෙන් මහාචාර්ය සුමනපාල ගල්මන්ගොඩ මහතා සහභාගිවිය.

මහා රැස්වීම අමතමින් මහාචාර්ය සුමනපාල ගල්මන්ගොඩ මහතා දැක්වූ අදහස් ස්වල්පයක්.

මා දන්නා තරමට ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමය වෘත්තීය සමිතියක් නොවේ. ඉල්ලීම් දිනාගන්න සටන් කරන සමිතියක්ද නොවේ. එය විද්වත් සංවිධානයකි. මිනිසාගේ දැනුම් අවශ්‍යතා හේතුවෙන් වගකීම දරණ ජාතික ආයතනයකි.

එදා මිනිසු භාමුදුරුවෝ මෙරට ජනතාවට හෙල බසින් දේශනා කළ ධර්මය හෙළදුවා වැනි පෝෂණය වූ ටේරවාදී බුද්ධ ධර්මය මුඛ පරම්පරාගතව රැකගෙන ආ ධර්මය මාතලේ අලුවිහාරයේදී ලේඛනාරාධ වුනායින් පස්සේ ඒ ලේඛනගත දැනුම් සම්භාරය සම්බන්ධව කටයුතු කරන විද්වත් වෘත්තික කණ්ඩායමකින් මේ රටේ බිහිවුණා. ඒ තමයි පුස්තකාලයාධිපතිවරු..

ලේඛනගත දැනුම් සම්භාරය පිළිබඳව පිරිසිදු ටේරවාදී ක්‍රීටිකය පිළිබඳව විශාල වගකීම්භාරයක් ඔවුනට පැවරින. පිරිසිදු ටේරවාදී ක්‍රීටික ධර්මයන් ජාතික අවශ්‍යතාවය සපුරාලීමට අවශ්‍ය දේශීය දැනුමින් ජාතික අනන්‍යතාවයක් හඳුනාගෙන එක් රැස් කර ගෙන රැකගනිමින් නිරාවරණය කිරීම ඔවුන් ඉතාමත් වගකීමකින් ඉටුකළා. මේ වනවිට ඔවුන් අවුරුදු දෙදහසක් පුරාවට රැකගෙන ආ දැනුම් සම්ප්‍රදායක් අදත් පවතිනවා.

ඒ සඳහා සුදුසු ලේඛන ද්‍රව්‍යයක් ඔවුන් විසින්ම සකසාගත්තා. ඒ තමයි පුස්තකාල පොත. එයට ගැලපෙන ලේඛන කලාවක් සිංහල අකුරු සම්ප්‍රදායක් නිර්මාණය කරගත්තා.

මේ අනුව රැකගැනීමේ ක්‍රමයක් සකස් කර ග ගත්තා. ආගන්තුක සම්ප්‍රදායික මති මතාන්තර වලින් ධර්මය රැක ගැනීම වැඩපිළිවෙලක් ඔවුනට තිබුනා. පොත්ගල පරිහරණය කිරීමේදීත් පොතක ලිවීමේදීත් නිර්මාණයේදීත් දැනුම නිරාවරණය කිරීමේදීත් රැකවරණ වැඩපිළිවෙල දැකගත හැකියි.

කිරීම සඳහා ශ්‍රාවක පිරිසක් පුස්තකාල ඇසුරේ සිටියා. බහුග්‍රහයන් බිහිවුනේ ඒ ක්‍රමයෙන්. මේ පුස්තකාල සම්ප්‍රදාය යලි නිරාවරණය කර ගැනීම වර්තමාන පුස්තකාල වෘත්තිකයන්ගේ තවත් එක් වගකීමක්. මේ සඳහා පර්යේෂණ කරන්න ඕන. විශේෂයෙන් පුස්තකාල විද්‍යාව ඉගැන්වීමේදී අධ්‍යයනයේදී දේශීය සම්ප්‍රදායන් පිළිබඳව යලි සිතා බැලීම වැදගත්. ඒ වගකීම වෘත්තිකයන් වන ඔබට තියෙනවා. ඒක ජාතික අවශ්‍යතාවක්. ඔබ වෘත්තියෙක් වන්නේ එමගින්. දේශීය දැනුම කළමනාකරණයේදී ඔබට ලොකු වගකීමක් මෙන්ම බැඳීමක් ද තියෙනවා.

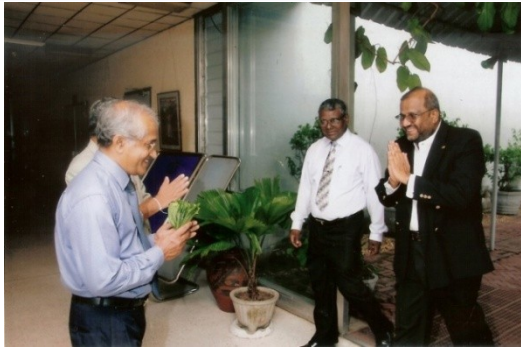
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SLLA Requests donations for its new building

SLLA is planning to build its own Education and Training Centre at Pannipitiya. After many years of hard work SLLA was able to get a land from the UDA. More than 80% of the Public and School librarians received their professional education through the SLLA education programme. SLLA had to face many difficulties in conducting these courses since there was no proper venue. SLLA expects to have its own training center to cater to the needs of the thousands of librarians all over the country.

Those who wish to contribute to our building fund please contact the SLLA Office



Chief Guest Mr. Renton De Alwis was received by Mr. Gallaba, President Elect at the NACLIS 2008



A Session of Participants at NACLIS 2008

5th National Conference on Library and Information Studies (NACLIS 2008)

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) held its Annual Conference on Library and Information Studies on the 24th June, 2008 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo.

Each year, the Association focuses on a general theme for papers during this Conference, and this year SLLA have picked on a theme which is very current in the perspective of the present role of the Librarian.

The theme was ‘**Towards and Information Society through Borderless Libraries**’.

This is in keeping in line with the IFLA theme as well. The Chief Guest at the inaugural session was Mr. Renton De Alwis, Chairman of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. A. Neelameghan. He is Honorary Visiting Professor, DRTC; Executive Director, Ranganathan Centre for Information Studies, Chennai, an icon of international LIS research and training.

The following papers were presented at this seminar by Library and Information Science professionals:

- Print vs. Electronic: User preference for Information Recourses; A Comparative Study By Ms.K.P.Damayanthi and Ms.T.M.Seneviratne
- Effectiveness of National Union Catalogue in Sharing Information in Sri Lanka by Ms.R.A.A.S.Ranaweera
- Determinants of Academic Performance of LIS Undergraduates by Ms S.A.D.H.Namali Suraweera
- Creating a Multi Lingual website for those who don't have English as the first language by Ms. Edwina Smart
- Information Society through Information Literacy by Mr.Prasanna Ranaweera
- Using Mind Mapping and Subject Mapping in the Learning Process: A Pilot Study by Dr. Wathmanel Seneviratne
- The unknown Role of Map Librarians and the Challenge of satisfying Cartographic User Needs by Ms. Pushpamala Perera
- Milestone in the Road Map of Library and Information Education and Research in Sri Lanka by Mr.W.A.Weerasuriya
- Reaching out to Milk Farmers in the Plantation Community in Sri Lanka: A Case Study by Ms.Ira Mudannayake
- A Study of Problems faced by the OPAC Users in Sri Lankan University Libraries by Ms.Priyanwada Wanigasuriya

Congratulations

We Congratulate Dr. W.A. Weerasooriya, Senior Lecturer, University of Kelaniya and the present Education Officer of the Sri Lanka Library Association, who has been awarded a PhD in Library and Information Science from the University of Pune, India. Dr. Weerasooriya followed BA (Special) Degree in Library and Information Science at University of Kelaniya in 1985 and joined the University of Ruhuna in 1986 as an Assistant Librarian. In 1990, he was released to University of Colombo and became a Senior Assistant Librarian. In 1992 he could secure MLib. Degree from University of Punjab, India. He is working as a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya since 1988 to date. We wish him all success.

Appreciation - Mr. S.M. Kamaldeen



S.M.Kamaldeen

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The recent demise of Mr. Kamaldeen, one of the eminent Librarians of Sri Lanka is a great loss to the library community of the country and I write this to acknowledge the valuable services he rendered to the profession during his lifetime.

Mr. Kamaldeen was born in Kandy and graduated from the University of Peradeniya after which he followed the Diploma Course in Library Science at University of Peradeniya. On completion of this course, Mr. Kamaldeen entered the profession of Librarianship in Sri Lanka. During this period, a few prominent Librarians were contemplating the formation of an organization to promote the field of library and information science in Sri Lanka and he was one of those.

Mr. Kamaldeen's contribution to librarianship of Sri Lanka is multifarious and unparalleled. Highlights of his enormous services to librarianship are the services he rendered to the Colombo Public Library, the National Library of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Library Association. He also contributed greatly towards library education to the Tamil community and to the development of

libraries and cultural development within the Muslim community. While working as a Deputy Librarian at the Colombo Public Library, he assisted Ms. Iswari Corea the then Chief Librarian in the management and administration of the library. His most valuable contribution was in collection development of Tamil books, improvement of reader services and library extension services, particularly for the needy people, and the management and administration of the library.

His advisory role in the Library Committee was immensely useful to the progress of the Colombo Public Library for a long period. As an Assistant Director of the National Library of Sri Lanka, Mr. Kamaldeen was able to serve different sections in the library such as the library services, book selection, library research and development and library administration.

Since 1963 he has held a number of key positions in the Sri Lanka Library Association as Council member, Vice President and President. For a long period, he was a Lecturer for Tamil and English medium courses, conducted by SLLA. Once Sri Lanka Library Association conferred on him the Best Librarian of the Year Award. Mr. Kamaldeen's yeoman services to the library profession have earned him a unique position in the annals of librarianship in the country and will be long remembered in posterity. His death will be an irreplaceable loss to us.

In addition to his expertise in librarianship, he was a prolific writer and an eloquent speaker and possessed a sound capability and skills in influencing authorities and politicians in winning the rights of the library profession.

Mr. Kamaldeen was an outstanding human being, having qualities of brotherhood, kindness, dedication to duty and service and democratic thinking. May his spirit rest in peace.

Dr. W.A. Weerasooriya

Education Officer - Sri Lanka Library Association.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Grading of School, Public and Departmental Libraries

National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) has launched a programme for grading of school, public and departmental libraries in Sri Lanka. Library standards required for grading, Charges for Library Grading and application forms can be downloaded from the website of NLDSB <http://www.natlib.lk>. Grading of your library will be beneficial for its development.

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National Reading Month - 31st of October 2008

On the initiative of the National Library and Documentation Services Board and the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Government declared the Month of October as the National Reading Month in 2004, with the objective of increasing the reading habit among the public.

The main ceremony for the National Reading Month was held at the NYSC Youth Centre, Anuradapura on 31st October 2008 from 2.00 pm onwards under the **chairmanship of Governor of the North Central Province Mr. Karunratne Divulgane. Hon. Berty Premalal Dissanayake, Chief Minister of North Central Province and HE Robert 'O' Blake, US Ambassador of Sri Lanka were the Guest of Honours on this occasion.**

Mr. E.A. Samarasinghe, Chairman of the National Library, Prof. M.K. Weerasinghe, Director General of the National Library and Documentation Services Board, Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Head of the Library Science Department, University of Kelaniya/President of the Sri Lanka Library Association, Mr. Herath, School Library Coordinator, Provincial Ministry of Education, Anuradhapura, the competition winners, invitees of Room to Read, Sri Lanka and the National Library were among the other distinguished guests who participated in the programme.

The National Reading Month Programme is considered as a significant event in the educational and cultural calendar of the country, although the literacy rate for Sri Lanka is fairly high. **Room to Read, Sri Lanka an international non-governmental organization who sponsored the event believes that 'World Change Starts with Educated Children'.**

"Where there is literacy, there is increased economic opportunity; where there is literacy, public health and well being of the people improve; and where there is literacy, the dreams of our children can become a reality".



Chairman of the NLDSB
Mr. E.A. Samarasinghe,
addressing the Conference



Children at the Anuradhapura
"reading camp"

From the year 2004 onwards each year in the month of October NLDSB and the GOSL have been conducting programs of different intensities, embracing all the academic sphere of the country to coincide with the 'National Reading Month'. This event was held on a grand scale this year with the financial and technical support of the Room to Read Sri Lanka.

Holding competitions in photography, poster designing, short story writing, conducting seminars at provincial level and presenting books to libraries were some of the events included in the National Reading Month's celebrations this year. Room to Read Sri Lanka conducted a Reading Habits Development Camp in Anuradhapura with the following objectives in mind.

- **To develop the reading habits and skills of school children**
- **To Get children's attention to printed media**

Nearly 350 children were participated in this National Event (including 50 children of (Vedda) indigenous people from Dambana, Mahiyangana. Room to Read Sri Lanka received a greater opportunity to collaborate with the National Library and the School Library Development unit of the Ministry of Education, as a result of the National Reading Month Program 2008.

AWARD WINNERS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DIPLIS LEVEL 1 BLOCK MEMORIAL AWARD 2006/2007

<i>Mrs.K.H.T.Abeysekera</i>	-	<i>Colombo, English Medium</i>
<i>Mr.H.R.Thusantha</i>	-	<i>Colombo, Sinhala Medium</i>
<i>Ms.Chaminda Sandamali</i>	-	<i>Galle, Sinhala Medium</i>
<i>Mr. W.W.R.W.M.U.P.M. Weerasooriya</i>	-	<i>Kandy, Sinhala Medium</i>

A.L.B PETHIYAGODA MEMORIAL AWARD

Ms.Ishani Madurika Pinnaduwwage

DIPLIS LEVEL 2 part 1 BLOCK MEMORIAL AWARD 2006/2007

Ms.R.M.I.T.Ratnayake - *Kandy, Sinhala Medium*

CLODAGH NETHSINGHE MEMORIAL AWARD 2006/2007

Ms.U.D.Hiruni Kanchana

COURSE ON LIBRARY AUTOMATION

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| 1. <i>Mrs.Buddhika Damayanthi</i> | 3. <i>Mrs. Hiruni Kanchana</i> |
| 2. <i>Miss. W.K.Harshani Jayani</i> | 4. <i>Miss. Rupani K. Gulanwatta</i> |

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CALL FOR PAPERS/ PARTICIPATION

National conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS 2009)

Sri Lanka library Association Invites members, academics, lecturers, and other interested parties to participate in the above event which will be held in Colombo in 2009.

The main objective of the conference is to provide an ideal forum to the Library professionals and information providers to come together and share their views and ideas among the others.

Please send your abstract by 30th January 2009 to:

NACLIS COMMITTEE- 2009

Sri Lanka library Association

OPA Centre, 275/75, Baudhaloka Mawatha,

Colombo 07.

Registration details: www.slla.org.lk

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

Action for Development through Libraries Programme Core Activity (ALP) SCHOLARSHIPS ASIA AND OCEANIA

Scholarships

Middle level professionals and technical specialists (computing staff) working in libraries/information centers in Asia and Oceania may apply. The candidates must be less than 46 years old. They must have a degree and basic IT Skills. The scholarships will enable the recipients to gain experience and hands-on exposure in a professionally advanced environment at a recognized institution in Asia and Oceania. The period of scholarship will not exceed six weeks. (Closing date 31st December each year)

Please send your application to the IFLA Regional Office:

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Congratulations

IFLA Asia and Oceania ALP Scholarships and Training Attachment Grants Recipients, 2008.

ALP Scholarship Grant Recipient
S.A.D.H.N. Suraweera, Sri Lanka

Training Attachments 2008 Recipient
Chamari Yapa, Sri Lanka

1. **Computers in Libraries 2009**
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
2799 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202-March 30 – April 1, 2009
Pre-conference workshops Sunday, March 29
Internet@Schools East 2009
2. **Internet Librarian International 2009**
Novotel, London WestOne Shortlands
London, W6 8DR October 15 – 16, 2009
3. **Internet Librarian 2009**
Monterey Conference Center
1 Portola Plaza, Monterey, CA 93940
October 26 – 28, 2009
Pre-conference workshops Saturday, October 24
- Sunday, October 25
4. **American Library Association Annual Conference 9-15 Jul 2009**
Chicago, USA American Library Association.
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5. **IFLA General Conference**
World Library and Information Congress 75th
IFLA General Conference and Council 23–
27 Aug 2009
Libraries create futures: building on cultural heritage., Milan, Italy, The Congress Group,
wlic2009@congreg.com.nospam.
6. **Ninth Australian Library History Conference: 25–27 Jun 2009**
Melbourne, Prahran campus; Swinburne
University, Centre for the Book,
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7. **5th International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference**
29 Jun 3 Jul 2009 EBLIP 5, Stockholm, Sweden,
Lotta Haglund, lotta.haglund@ki.se.nospam
8. **Electronic Resources and Libraries 2009– 12 Feb 2009**
To register please contact, Bonnie Tijerina
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Awarding a prize to a student



A Student who used the library frequently receiving a prize



Awarding a prize to a student



SLLA Officials at the function

"LITERATURE MONTH" CELEBRATIONS AT THE CHILDRENS LIBRARY OF SUDHARMA VIDYALAYA, GALLE

Children's Library of the Sudharma Vidyalaya was renovated and upgraded under the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) Tsunami Rehabilitation Project in 2007. The school was given a computer with all accessories, children's books, furniture etc., and since then a teacher librarian is managing and maintaining the Library successfully.

To commemorate the "Literature Month" the Teacher Librarian and the staff of the school organized a ceremony on our request and guidance. Ceremony was held on 23rd of September 2008 at the auditorium of the school.

Following competitions and events were organized and prizes were given to the winners.

- Three essay competitions among children in Gr.3-5, (nine prizes)
- A girl and a boy who used the Library frequently (Two prizes)
- Two dancing items by two children

Speeches were made by Mr. P.B.Gallaba, Mrs. D.I.D. Andradi, Mrs. Swarna Jayatillake, the Acting Principle, and a Primary School Teacher. Vote of Thanks was made by a pupil of Grade 5. The Acting Principle, Staff, Students, Mrs. Palika Kariyawasm, Librarian, Rahula College, Mr. Samarasinghe, Librarian, Public Library, Galle, Mrs.Wijayanthi, Librarian, Public Library, Ginimellagahe also participated.

In addition, a set of books worth Rs.25,000/- were also handed over to the Library for the use of children of the School.

On the same day SLLA Council Members visited a number of other Libraries in Galle District and distributed books donated by UK via British Council. They are Public Library—Kosgoda, Public Library-Galle, Public Library—Baddegaama, Sudharma Vidyalaya, Vidyaloka Vidyalaya, Ginimellagaha Pradeshiya Saba Libraries.

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SLLA EVENTS

Course on Library Automation (COLA) 2008/9

COLA (Course on Library Automation) 2008/9 was inaugurated on 15th November 2008 at the SLLA Auditorium. Course on Library Automation is a one year computer course conducted by SLLA which was first started in 1993.

Total no of 18 students have been enrolled for this year for the course and Vice President, Mr. J.A. Amaraweera, Education Officer, Dr. W.A.

Weerasooriya and Mrs. Deepali. Thalagala, Mrs. Hiruni Kanchana (Resource Persons) and Coordinator, Mr. J. Rathnayake were participated at the inauguration.

SLLA/ALP Project

The series of workshops will be held on 12 - 14 February 2009. Participants are to be from seven SAARC countries including Sri Lanka. Only three participants one each from the three countries will be fully funded. Others will be provided accommodation only. Council appointed a committee to coordinate the Workshop.

New Coordinator for Jaffna Centre

Ms. Latha Umashankar, Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna has been appointed for the post of Coordinator at Jaffna Centre for the year 2008/2009.

Books for the SLLA Library

A sum of LKR 6000.00 was approved by Council to purchase selected books for the SLLA Library which is housed at the National Library at present.

The membership of OPA

Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, President, Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba, President Elect and Mr. Anton Nallathambi were elected for the membership of the OPA.

A Project to conduct Career Guidance Services for students

On the request of the Ministry of Labor Relations and Employment the OPA organized a two day workshop to train 100 career guidance officers of the Ministry on 15th September 2008. President elect of the SLLA Mr. G.M.P. Gallaba participated in this workshop as a resource person on behalf of the SLLA.

It was a very successful workshop and SLLA had an opportunity to introduce our education programmes as well as professional activities with an overall view of the profession including 08 supervisory and craft level positions, entry requirements, training paths and required qualifications.

DISTRICT LEVEL CAREER FAIRS

The Ministry of Labor Relations and Employment has organized a District Level Career Guidance Fairs in 18 districts for advanced level students.

The first fair in Sinhala medium was held in Yasodara Balika Madya Maha Vidyalaya in Gampaha District, Western Province on 15th November 2008.

Mr. G.M.P. Gallaba and Mr. G.R. Padmasiri participated in this workshop as resource persons on behalf of the SLLA. Fairs in the other districts also will be held in near future.

Request

Please co-operate with the publication officer by sending articles, news items, new appointments, seminars, functions etc. related to Library and Information Science field to be published in the SLLA Newsletter next issue.

Thank you.

Publication Officer

Workshop on "Information Security Awareness"

Organized by the Special Libraries Group will be held at the auditorium of the Samudra Hotel of Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism in Colombo on 16th January 2000. Resource persons will be professionally qualified lecturers in the subject. A nominal fee will be charged from the participants and the income will be credited to the SLLA building fund.

For details contact Shanthi at 011 2589103



At the AGM, President thanked to all the former Members of the Council for their co-operation



Vote of thanks by General Secretary Mrs.Dushyanthi Danial



Registration at the 48th AGM 2008



Mr.J. Amaraweera donated Rs.10,000/- to the SLLA Building Fund.



Few participants of the COLA Course 2008/09 at SLLA Auditorium



Coordinator Mr.J.Ratnayake addressing the Course on Lib. Automation (COLA) participants

SLLA Newsletter is a bulletin to members, students and all others connected with Library and Information Science. It is also a means to exchange and disseminate news and views among the members including SLLA activities, professional and educational matters, international training events, seminars and workshops etc.

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