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SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

SLLA Newsletter



SLLA 52nd AGM on 22nd of June

The biggest annual gathering of librarians in SL...



The Annual General Meeting of SLLA will be held on 22nd of June 2012 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute. This year's Chief Guest of the Inauguration ceremony of the AGM will be Prof. P W Epasinghe, chairman ICTA and advisor to HE the President.



Professor P W Epasinghe

Former Professor of Mathematics and Dean of the Faculty of Science on two occasions, University of Colombo and Acting Vice Chancellor D.I.C.; Ph.D. (Lond), Advisor to the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka in the years 2004-2005 Advisor to His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka from 2005 onwards. Advisor to His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka on Scientific Affairs Awarded Honorary Doctorates by three Universities in Sri Lanka Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya from March 2012

SLLA Awards 2012

National Science Foundation: For its outstanding contribution towards the S & T Information

ICT Agency of Sri Lanka: For its outstanding contribution towards improving IT Literacy in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association: for its outstanding contribution towards publicizing Sri Lankan publications nationally and internationally

Seventeen papers to be presented at NACLIS 2012

9th Anniversary Conference on 21st of June

NACLIS 2012, the National Conference of Library and Information Science will be held on 21st June 2012. Seventeen papers to be Presented. Fourteen full & short papers and three poster/ position papers are in NACLIS this year. Address of the Chief Guest by Professor (Ms) Kshani Hirimburegama, Vice Chancellor University of Colombo. Key note speech by Mr. Chanuka Wattagama, Senior Research Manager, LIRNEasia. Nearly 100 professionals from all sectors of Sri Lankan librarianship are expected to attend the event.

Want to share your experience with your fellow librarians?

NACLIS 2012 discusses new developments in academic, research, special, public, NGO, &

Congratulations!

DIPLIS AWARDEES

Gold Medalist
Devika Weerasinghe (2010/2011)

S C Block Memorial Scholarship

Level I (2011/12)

Sinhala Medium
Ms. M H Weliwatta

Tamil Medium
Ms. V Ushanthini

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Ms. W A W Shankala

Level - II (2010/11)

Sinhala Medium - Ms. H N L Hewagama

A L B Pethiyagoda Award
Ms. A M J R Wijerathne

SLLA

The Sri Lanka Library Association 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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Jaffna Workshop on Library Advocacy; A series finale

SLLA with the support of Jaffna Municipal Council conducted the final lap of a series of workshops on library advocacy & policy development on 27th April 2012.

The workshop aimed to train library association leaders and LIS professionals on Library Advocacy & Policy development.

The start of this series was marked by a workshop held in Colombo, on 12-13 February 2009 on the same topic. The same was replicated in Badulla (Uva Province) and Colombo workshops were funded by the Action for Libraries Programme (ALP) of International Federation of Library Associations & Institutions (IFLA) with the financial assistance of the

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

Under the same project, Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe of the Department of Library Science, University of Kelaniya has translated a book on library advocacy to Sinhala medium. It will soon be hosted in the SLLA web site.



Workshop on Access to Information; Multimedia Materials

A workshop to train library professionals on using and organizing multimedia materials was held at the Sri Lanka Foundation on 29th May 2012 with the attendance of 52 participants. It was organized by the Special Library Group of the Sri Lanka Library Association with the collaboration of the Sri Lanka Foundation (SLF) which is the National Adult Training Centre functioning under the

purview of the Presidential Secretariat of Sri Lanka.

Recent developments in technology has made the use of non print materials in libraries increase dramatically both in terms of volume and variety.

The main objective of this workshop was to create awareness on the importance of multimedia materials among the library staff.

Organization, use and conservation were some of the topics discussed at the workshop. Qualified lecturers served as resource persons. The keynote speech was given by Prof. Ranjith Bandara, Chairman - Sri Lanka Foundation.

Reported by Ms. Bhadra Jayasinghe, Convener - Special Library Group, SLLA.

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Mr. Hamid no more...

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Mohammad Farook Hamid, retired library professional of the Central Bank, Sri Lanka (CBSL) and one of the founder members of the SLLA, on the 13th Friday



Mr Hamid accepting an award from the

His wife Sriyani, who was also working at the Central Bank was a victim of the bomb attack on the CBSL in 1996.

Mr. Hamid joined Central Bank in June 1959. He retired on 13th

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New Information Resources at the National Science Foundation

Facilities are now available for local scientists to access the **SCOPUS** (*abstract and citation database*) and **TEEAL** (*full text journals database*) at the National Science Library & Resource Centre from Monday thro' Friday from 8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Searching and downloading of information/articles is free for research and educational purposes.

SCOPUS Abstracting and citation database.

Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database containing both peer-reviewed search quality web resources. With over 18,000 journal titles from more than 5,000 international publishers,



Scopus offers researchers a quick, easy and comprehensive resource to support their research needs.

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TEEAL is a digital library for excellence in Agricultural research and education. It is a full-text database of articles from 200 high-quality research journals in agriculture and related sciences from more than 60 publishers.

Searching and downloading of articles is free for local scientists.

Scientists also forward requests through respective librarians and the NSF will provide copies on Inter Library



Loan (ILL) basis. A nominal fee will be charged to cover the photocopying and postage cost.

Pl. forward your requests to Ms. Jayanthi Weeratunge, Information Officer, NSLRC, NSF, 47/5, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07. E-mail jayanthi@nsf.ac.lk, phone 011 2696771-3.



NAC LIS 2012 21st June 2012 at the Renuka City Hotel, Colombo 03.

Draft Programme

Time	Event
9.00	Inauguration ceremony
9.30	Chief Guest speech & Keynote Address
10.00	Tea
10.30	Theme Paper - Empowering Librarians
10.50	Research Interests of University Librarians in Sri Lanka; An Investigation, by Geethani Attanayake
11.00	Expanding Boundaries in the Sri Lankan Library Profession, by R.D.Anandatissa (S)
11.10	Discussion 1
11.20	Theme Paper - Empowering Users
11.40	A Conceptual Framework for Information Literacy Education in Sri Lanka, by Prasanna Ranaweera
11.45	Effect of Information Skills in Teaching Computer Science in Schools, by K.A.M. Alwis (S)
11.55	Discussion 2-A
12.05	Empowering Public Library Users; Current Situation in the UVA Province, by K.P.Nimalasena
12.05	Level of User satisfaction in an Academic Library, by Anura Kiriella
12.15	Information Seeking Behaviour of Nursing Students; A Survey in University of Peredeniya, by K.P.K. Dambawinna
12.25	Discussion 2-B
12.40	Lunch
1.30	Theme Paper - Empowering Libraries
1.50	Delivering Community Information; Experiences of the Aturugiriya Public Library, by J.E.A.Sevwandi Jayasinghe (S)
1.55	Investigation on Effectiveness of Applying Essential Oils Fumigation Technology in Libraries for Pest Control, by T.C.P. Thilakarathne & I. Thumpela
2.00	An Information Audit at the Main Library, Eastern University of Sri Lanka, by M.N.Ravikumar & T.Ramanan
2.10	Discussion 3-A
2.25	Seeping Technology into Library Services; Recent Advances in Library Services of Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, by W.M. Thusithakumari
2.30	Library Automation in a multi-library environment, by S.K. Illangarathne
2.35	Lighting the Digital Darkness: Implementation of a University Digital Repository, by Harsha Balasooriya, A.S. Siriwardene, & S.K.Illangarathne
2.40	Automatic Document Classification Using a Domain Ontology, by P. K. C. M. Wijewickrema
2.50	E-Journal Applications in Sri Lankan University Libraries, by Tharanga Ranasinghe
3.00	Discussion 3-B
3.15	Poster Session/Tea/Closing Ceremony

IFLA Congress in Helsinki



The World Library and Information Congress 2012, 78th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, will take place from 11-17 August 2012, at the Helsinki

The following poster/position papers will also will be displayed.

- * Application of the 'Reading to Learn' Methodology in Teaching English, by **Z. D. Hussain**
- * The Contribution of Libraries in Sri Lanka's March Towards the Wonder of Asia, by **M.D.R.Kumudini**
- * Public access to ICT by **Mohammed Sajeer**
- * Development of the Library at the Government Analyst's Department, by **E.Iranganie**

Exhibition & Convention Centre Helsinki, Finland.

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