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President's Message

On this occasion, as our Association opens a new one-year cycle in the 60 years of its legendary life, I take this opportunity to greet all of you as I assume the post of Presidency. It was your decision which has bestowed this role on me and I feel deep gratitude for your trust and at the same time I feel the grave responsibility that comes along with the requirements of fulfilling this job.

SLLA will mark its 60th anniversary in 2020. With regard to this, we are planning to organize an international conference; making it a fabulous forum to exchange new concepts, ideas and research across the borders. It will also be beneficial in expanding our professional networks. I am pleased to report that the Conference Committee is already hard at work developing a strong program.

While aiming to increase the number of memberships, it is high time to streamline the existing educational programs. I believe that there is no "I" in the success of SLLA, the word that should matter to us is "TEAM". Therefore, it is a journey of support from each and every individual engaged in fulfilling the tasks given to us. Expect your reward as the feeling of satisfaction for a job well done, no matter what the outcome would be. Do your best and have fun doing it! Be proud, but be humble as well!

Dr.(Mrs.) Nayana Wijayasundara

President - SLLA



New Project Proposals for 2019/20

SLLA Council and COMAISP have decided to accept a limited number of project proposals for the year 2019/20 from the SLLA strategic Plan 2016-22. The SLLA Professional Groups and other members of the SLLA are kindly requested to submit only those most essential project proposals this year. The deadline for submission of proposals is 8th November 2019. The main focus of COMAISP for the current year is to complete the projects commenced in the last 3 year period. SLLA Council has decided to submit 7 completed projects to the authorities for information and necessary action. So far 18 projects have been completed out of 64 projects initiated in last 3 year period from the Strategic Plan, under the guidance of COMAISP.

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Highlights of NACLIS 2019

Sri Lanka Library Association organized National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS 2019) on 27th of June 2019 at Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo. NACLIS 2019 is the fifteenth of its series which is annually organized by SLLA since 2003 to bring together members of the LIS profession of this nation. The objective of the conference is to encourage our libraries and librarians to assert their core values by way of a conversation and research and technical paper presentations. The theme of this year's conference "Revaluating Libraries: National Conversation on Value of Libraries", was chosen to address many aspects of growing importance of the Value of Libraries in the country. The conference focused on hot issues, the latest research achievements, innovative ideas, and latest developments related to the theme.



SLLA President Ms. S. Arulanantham, Librarian, University of Jaffna chaired the conference. Prof. S. Pathmanathan, the Chancellor of the University of Jaffna, was the chief guest for the conference and Prof. A. Atputharajah, Dean, Faculty of Engineering from University of Jaffna delivered the keynote address. The efforts of the NACLIS convener Mr. S. Navaneethakrishnan, Senior Asst. Librarian, University of Jaffna had brought together a wide variety of participants from different library sectors such as public, academic, school and special libraries. Conference cherished with presentations of about twenty two carefully selected papers (Seven full papers and fifteen abstracts) covering a wide range of subjects within the theme of the conference with a Keynote Address. Papers were mostly written in all three languages fourteen papers in English, four in Tamil and four in Sinhala. They were presented in five technical sessions. Valedictory address delivered by Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Senior Lecturer, National Institute of Library and Information Science. Members of the SLLA Council and Exco, SLLA office staff, presenters, authors, reviewers, sponsors and many others participated in this event.



Research Papers of NACLIS 2019

Value of libraries and responsibilities of the librarian in digital era in the context of transformation of society.

A. P. Wickramarachchi

A Study on Green Movements in selected libraries in Western Province, Sri Lanka

W. W. S. Thrishala Warnasooriya

Scientometric analysis of research output on Public libraries

T. Jenan

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R. D. Ananda Tissa

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H. A. Nadesha Lakmali

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N. M. C. P. Gunasena, S. C. P. Samarathunga

ஆரம்பக்கல்வி முதன்மைநிலை ஒன்று மாணவர்களின் வாசிப்புத் திறன்விருத்திக்கு கலைத்திட்டத்தின் பங்களிப்பு-வவுனியா தெற்கு வலயத்தின் நகரக்கோட்டப் பாடசாலைகளை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்ட ஆய்வு

Thampippillai Suthan & Rathnakumar Kupeshan

Targeting an untouched community: Reading promotion among junior secondary students in a Dhamma school: A case study

Upeksha Kodithuwakku, Hasitha Koralage

Identification of most impacted services among CAS/SDI: special reference to special libraries in Colombo district

P. A. I. Peiris, S. A. G. Lakmali

Setting up a Home Library: special reference to users with children section in Athurugiriya Public Library

K. R. N. Harshani

Beyond journal usage statistics: using citation analysis for evidence based collection management

A. M. S. Angamma, G. D. M. N. Samaradiwakara

Effectiveness of User Education Methods in University Libraries

K. M. R. K. Kulathunga, Ven. P. WachissaraThero

Usefulness of library orientation programs to newcomers: University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Menaka Nishanthi, N. D. Wijayasundara

Visibility of University of Sri Jayewardenepura in Scopus

J. G. Chandani, N. D. Wijayasundara

A Study on the Retrospective National Bibliography Activities in Sri Lanka

W. Punyawardena

Information Need and Information Seeking behavior of the Law Students of the Sri Lanka Law College Library

A. P. M. M. D. B Dayananda, T. C. V. Jayawardhana

Breaching the Borders Spanned Across Sri Lankan University Library Science Education Precincts

W. J. Jeyaraj

The necessity of information to prove the productivity of cricket in Sri Lanka

Nirosh Suranga Hetti Arachchi

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B. A. Priyani Balasooriya

பாடசாலை நூலகக் கற்றல் வள நிலையங்களை வினைத்திறனாக்குவதில் செல்வாக்குச் செலுத்தும் நூலகப்பொறுப்பாளர்களின் மனப்பாங்கு சார் காரணிகள் (கோப்பாய் கல்விக் கோட்டத்தை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்ட ஆய்வு)

Ratneswary Santhalingam, Kanapathippillai

Sinnathamby, Kalpana Chandrasekar

யாழ்ப்பாணப் பிரதேசத்தில் காணப்படும் பொதுநூலகங்களில் தமிழ்நூல்களுக்கான நூற்பட்டியல் தயாரித்தலில் எதிர்நோக்கப்படும் சவால்கள் - ஓர் ஆய்வு

Maithili Visakaruban

யாழ் மாவட்டபொதுநூலகங்களை நவீனமயப்படுத்தலும் எதிர் கொள்ளும் சவால்களும்

Anitha Krishnasamy



59th Annual General Meeting of SLLA



59th Annual General Meeting of Sri Lanka Library Association was held on 28th of June 2019 at Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo 07. After the spectacular ceremonial procession the AGM was inaugurated with lighting traditional oil lamp by the Chief Guest, Prof. P. Balasuntharampillai (Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jaffna), Guest of Honour, Mr. H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe (Former Auditor General), Mrs. S. Arulanandhan (President, SLLA), Dr. (Mrs) Nayana Wijayasundara (President-Elect, SLLA), Dr. (Mrs) Pradeepa Wijetunge (Immediate Past President, SLLA) and Mrs. Sewwandi Jayasinghe (General Secretary, SLLA) and other dignitaries of the event. SLLA members and other LIS professionals participated in the event. In addition to the inspiring addresses delivered by the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour, presentation of awards and certificates were also held at the inauguration ceremony.



After the inauguration ceremony new council members and professional group conveners were selected for the year 2019/2020. Finally Dr. (Mrs) Nayana Wijayasundara (Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura) was honoured as new president of SLLA.



Fellowship Award - 2019



At the 59th AGM of SLLA held on 28th June 2019, Dr.(Mrs.) C. N. K. Alahakoon, Mr. M.N. Ravikumar and Mrs. Komathy Murugadhas received the "Fellowship" of the Sri Lanka Library Association for their significant contributions made to the association and Library & Information Science field in the country.

Associateship Award - 2019

Following SLLA members received their "Associateship" of the Sri Lanka Library Association at the 59th AGM of SLLA held on 28th June 2019.

- Ms. A.L.G.R. Nelanthi
- Mr. S.D.S.P. Rathnayake
- Ms. B. Saumya Upamalika
- Ms. M.P.M.K.de Silva
- Mr. N.S. Hettiarachchi
- Mr. A.J.M. Nowzad
- Ms. S.A.Sandya Kanthi
- Ms. N.A.T.K. Jayasena
- Mr. U.M.Fowsh
- Ms. P.D. Wickramasinghe



Awarding DIPLIS 2019

At the AGM of SLLA certificates were distributed to 70 students who have successfully completed the Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS) conducted by Sri Lanka Library Association.



Special Awards in DIPLIS

Scholarships and awards were distributed to the students for their best achievements in the Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS) course at 59th AGM of SLLA.

S.C. Block Memorial scholarships for the best performance in DIPLIS – Level I (2018/19)



Awarded to Ms.K.H.M.S Pushpakumari (Sinhala medium) & Ms.E.Darshini (Tamil medium)

Best performance Award in DIPLIS – Level II (2017/18)



Awarded to Ms.H.A.D.D. Jayasekara (Sinhala medium) & Ms. K. Kirushnapiriya (Tamil medium)

Srikanthaluxmy Arulanantham Award for the overall best performance in DIPLIS -2019



Awarded to Mr. V.G.U.D. Priyalal (Sinhala medium) & Ms. Luxana Balabaskaran (Tamil medium)

Gold Medal for the Best Achievement in DIPLIS - Level III final examination (2017/18)



Awarded to Ms. S.R.M.S Zoysa



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මීට අමතරව පසුගිය වසර 50ක කාලය තුළ ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ සිංහල, දෙමළ, ඉංග්‍රීසි භාෂාවලින් පළවූ පුස්තකාල විද්‍යා ප්‍රකාශන හා ලිපි පිළිබඳ අනුක්‍රමණිකාවක්ද, අන්තර් ජාතික පුස්තකාල සංගම් සංවිධානය (IFLA) මගින් ප්‍රකාශිත ප්‍රකාශන 4ක පරිවර්තන ද, පාසල් පුස්තකාල ක්ෂේත්‍රය පිළිබඳ අන්තර් ජාතික පාසල් පුස්තකාල සංගම් සංවිධානය (IASL) මගින් ප්‍රකාශිත ලිපි 3ක පරිවර්තන ද අවසන් කර ඇත.

2004 දරන 7 දරණ ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමයේ (සංශෝධිත) පනතේ 4 වන වගන්තිය යටතේ දේශීය පුස්තකාල ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ සංවර්ධනය සහ අභිවෘද්ධිය සඳහා කටයුතු කිරීමට පුස්තකාල සංගමයට වගකීමක් සහ නෛතික බලයක් හිමි වී ඇත. උක්ත ව්‍යාපෘති 7 බලධාරීන් වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම සහ ඉහත දැක්වූ පරිවර්තන සිදුකරලීම ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමය ප්‍රථම වරට තමන් වෙත පැවරී ඇති බලතල පුළුල් ලෙස ක්‍රියාත්මක කරලීමේ ඓතිහාසික අවස්ථාවක් වේ.

Study Tour to the NSLRC Library

A group of 13 students who are following DIPLIS - level I programme at Galle Centre made a visit to the National Science Library and Resource Centre (NSLRC) of National Science Foundation on 21st August 2019. Mr. Manuja Karunaratna, Principal Information Officer, NSLRC briefed the students on the functions and activities of the NSLRC. After the introduction, the students were given the opportunity to observe the library collection and the activities of the library. Ms. H. K. Padma Center Coordinator of Galle center coordinated the programme.

Another group of 17 students who are following DIPLIS - level I programme at Kandy centre also made a visit to the National Science Library and Resource Centre (NSLRC) on 29th August 2019. Officers of the NSLRC briefed the students on the functions and activities of the NSLRC. After the introduction, the students were given the opportunity to observe the library collection and the activities of the library. Ms. H.M.P.K. Herath, Center Coordinator of Kandy centre coordinated the programme.

SLSTINET Conference 2019

SLSTINET Conference 2019 was held at Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo on 9th August 2019 on the theme "The Evolving Roles of the Librarians as Information Professionals in the Digital Era". The conference aimed promoting professional and academic experiences among SLSTINET librarians and information professionals of Sri Lanka.

The Chairman of the National Science Foundation Dr. A.M. Mubarak delivered welcome speech and he emphasized the essential of national level e-resource consortia for the economic and social benefits of the scientific community in the country. Prof. P.S.M. Gunarathne, Vice Chairman of the UGC was the Chief Guest of the conference and he highlighted the importance of references in local & international scientific literature for the development of research in the country in his guest speech.

Mr. Manuja Karunaratne Head, National Science Library and Resource Center introduced the SLSTINET Conference and explained the role of the SLSTINET in the country. Mr. Poojitha Hewawasam, Information Officer of the NSLRC delivered vote of thanks. There were eight speeches delivered at the conference by the professionals in Library and Information Science field.

SLLA COUNCIL MEMBERS – 2019/20

President: Dr. (Ms.) N. D. Wijayasundara

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Batticaloa Public Library is now automated and equipped with digital devices under the Digital Libraries Project which is jointly implemented by Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) in close collaboration with National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB). Mr. M. Norman Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian, Eastern University Sri Lanka has provided consultancy to automate the library in this project. The project provided many facilities to patrons as well as library staff by giving library services through Koha integrated library management system and every patron receives an electronic membership card. The library users can experience the new technology from modern computers and tablets to access latest educational materials via internet. Kids section is developed by introducing learning apps which enhance the knowledge and skills of children to use new methods of learning. These digital library facilities were officially launched by Hon. Ajith P Perera, Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology with the presence of honourable



parliamentarians of Tamil National Alliance and Hon. Thiyagarajah Saravanapavan, Mayor of Batticaloa on 13th of August, 2019. Mr. Waruna Sri Dhanapala, Senior Assistant Secretary from Ministry of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology, Mr.P.M. Deepal Chandraratne, the Chairman of NLDSB and officials from Batticaloa Municipal Council, NLDSB and ICTA graced the event. Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) of Batticaloa Public Library is available at <http://dpl.batticaloa.mc.gov.lk/>

Announcements

Call for articles – Sri Lanka Library Review (SLLR) Vol: 34 Iss: 01

Publication committee of SLLA wishes to receive articles from members and scholars to be published in SLLR. This year onwards SLLR will be published as a double blind peer reviewed open access journal with two issues per year. The first issue (Vol: 34, Iss:01) will be published in February 2020. Articles will be accepted till **31st November, 2019**. You may submit articles written in Sinhala or Tamil or English. Please send your manuscripts in MS Word file to Publication Officer via email- ravimnr@mail.com or sllapublicationofficer@gmail.com. Guidelines and other details available at SLLA website - www.slla.org.lk

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