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Absent :  
Mr. S. Santharuban (COMAISP).





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## Message from the President of the SLLA – 2023/2024



In my capacity as the President of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) for the term 2023/2024, I am honored to extend my message to all of you on this significant occasion of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. In addition, I will provide an overview of the accomplishments over the preceding year. Foremost, I wish to express my appreciation to the scholars and experts whose diverse contributions have advanced the standards of the Sri Lanka Library Association in alignment with its vision, mission, and goals.

The year under review the SLLA, its Council and members faced major challenges—The Council carried on with some ongoing programs from the previous term, introduced new projects such as the Sustainable Development Programme, and reorganized many activities to meet the practical and professional challenges.

SLLA is a founding and executive member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) and a founding member of the Commonwealth Library Association (COMLA). It is also a member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

The Sri Lanka Library Association organizes Continuous Professional Development Programs, Conferences, and Colloquiums featuring distinguished experts from both within and outside the field of Library and Information Science (LIS). Additionally, the National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS) is held annually to serve as a platform covering various aspects of the library and information domain. I am pleased to inform you that the research group of SLLA conducted this year's Conference on Library and Information Sciences (NACLIS) in two sessions respectively on April 18 and April 26, 2024. The first session of NACLIS was hosted at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, focusing primarily on Public, Special and school librarians in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, while welcoming participants from other regions. The second session of NACLIS took place at the Gampaha Public Library in the Gampaha District, also offering Public, School and Special librarians a platform to exchange research findings, best practices, challenges, and trends.

I recommend to young professionals to enhance their skills beyond what they have learned in Library and Information Science studies. The world is progressing rapidly with advancements in Electronic and Information Technology and Communication Technology, allowing library users to access resources outside traditional library settings. To adapt to these changes, librarians need to work beyond the confines of the library. Therefore, it is essential to develop improved skills to stay updated on the evolving trends and challenges in Information Technology.

The SLLA as a pioneer professional organization, is dedicated to advancing the professions by maintaining high standards, engaging members; and promoting ongoing professional development. Engaging actively in a professional organization as the SLLA allows individuals to cultivate the necessary skills to uphold these standards and provide avenues for members to gain recognition for their professional standing and offer services to identify



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and address skill gaps.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency Santosh Jha, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, Chair Senior Prof. M. K. Weerasinghe, Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya, Dr. Jagath Senevirathne, The President, KIU University, Dr R. Maheswaran, Librarian, University of Peradeniya.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the council members and executive committee during my tenure for their unwavering dedication and positive support, which contributed significantly to the success of our endeavors. I also extend my appreciation to the conveners and committee members for their integral roles in overseeing specific tasks that led to a successful year-end. Lastly, I wish to acknowledge and thank the entire membership and staff of SLLA for their invaluable support in various capacities, which greatly contributed to the achievements during my term.

**Dr. Preethi Liyanage**

President

## Message of the General Secretary of the SLLA – 2023/2024



I am pleased to present the Annual Report of Sri Lanka Library Association for the year 2023/2024. As the General Secretary, it is my privilege to share with you the accomplishments, challenges, and future endeavors of our association.

During Year 2024 the Sri Lanka Library Association continued its commitment to promoting its activities and serving the interests of our members. Through collaboration and collective efforts, we achieved significant milestones and made notable progress in various areas.

1. **Membership:** Our association experienced steady growth in membership, reflecting the trust and support of our valued members. We welcomed new members, bringing our total membership count to 1168. 26 members upgraded their membership to Associateship and two members to Fellowship. This demonstrates the continued relevance and value of our association to professionals in the field of Library and Information Science.
2. **Activities and Initiatives:** Throughout the year, groups and committees organized numerous activities and initiatives to fulfill our mission and cater to the needs of our members. Some key highlights include:
  - a) **Professional Development:** We remained committed to enhancing the professional development of our members. Throughout the year, we conducted several training programs, workshops, and seminars aimed at upgrading skills and knowledge within field. Academic, public libraries, school libraries and special libraries conducted Continual Professional Development programmes which were much popular among our members.
  - b) **Information and Public Relations group** conducted lecture series to make aware the members on new trends, addressing challenging topics and commemorating our demised members:
  - c) **Council** identified the necessity of accreditation of educational courses conducted by the SLLA. Hence the education officer and a few members of the council are in the process of re-registration under Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) and obtain the NVQ certification.
3. **Advocacy and Representation:** SLLA continued to advocate for the interests and welfare of our members. We actively engaged with government bodies, regulatory authorities, and other stakeholders to address key issues affecting our field.
  - a) **Council** appeared for issues related recruitment and promotion of librarian in western province.
  - b) SLLA initiated discussion with Ministry of Education for the issues in school librarians and libraries with all relevant parties
  - c) SLLA conducted special program for the marginalized community in Nuwara Eliya district in Walluwar. Some of the council members and members of SLLA conducted a training workshop to empower the students, adults and leaders of the Walluwar Education Development Foundation.
  - d) Our research symposium conducted in two sessions in two regions in mainly

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local languages to foster research experience among state sector librarians specially public and school librarians.

- e) Collaborating with other associations and organizations to amplify our collective impact and foster collaborations for the benefit of our members. Hence During last tenure SLLA could able sign a memorandum of Understanding with the Sustainable Development Council of Sri Lanka. Accordingly, we could able to add SDG's into DLIS, HDIPLIS I and HDIPLIS II syllabuses.
  - f) Further SLLA is very closely engaged with Swami Wivekanada Cultural Centre, Sri Lanka Convention Bureau, OPA etc. I would like to mention that Sri Lanka Convention Bureau sponsored our research symposium held this year and pledged to cooperate in future activities.
4. Financial Performance: The financial situation was much challenging due to the decline of education income due to various reasons and SLLA has taken steps to accomplish this challenge. I must thank President specially for seeking sponsorship for major events.
  5. Acknowledgments: I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the President and the council members, our members, and SLLA staff for their unwavering support and dedication. Their contributions have been instrumental in making SLLA a thriving community.

In conclusion, I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together during 2023/2024. I wish all the success for the next council.

Mrs. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi

General Secretary

## Treasurer's Report



Piyawardena Associates, Chartered Accountants, continued to serve as the Sri Lanka Library Association's (SLLA) Auditors for the year 2023/2024. They have done a comprehensive audit and have reviewed all the necessary documents. The statement of the Auditors is attached as Annexure XI.

The Net Income for the year was Rs.8,318,153.00 compared with Rs.1,775,003.00 for the last financial year. There is an increase of 369%.

The Income from Course fee and Examination fee was Rs.9,864,858.00 compared with Rs.10,019,125.00 for the last financial year. There is a decrease of 01%.

The Other Income for the year was Rs. 14,667,518.00 compared with Rs.3,221,144.00 for the last financial year. There is an increase 355%. The increase is due to higher interest rates on Fixed Deposits during the financial year.

The Surplus Generated from workshops conducted by SLLA has earned an income of Rs.110,850.00

The Direct expenses for the year was Rs. 5,842,119.00 compared with Rs.3,075,451.00. There is an increase of 90%. The increase is due to lecturer fees, hall charges and additional lectures which SLLA has started in English medium course during the financial year 2023/2024.

The Administration expense for the year is Rs.8,028,122.00 compared with Rs.7,667,342.00 for the last year. There is an increase of 4%.

The Fixed Deposits at the end of the financial year was Rs.69,187,928.00 compared with Rs.56,419,887.00 for the last financial year.

The Cash and Cash equivalent at the end of the year was Rs.3,751,149.00 compared with Rs.8,986,728.00.

**K.N. Samanthi**

Treasurer



## 1. Council, Professional Groups and Executive Committee - 2023/2024

The SLLA Council is composed of the office bearers, two nominated members, and the Conveners of Committees and Professional Groups. The Executive Committee (Ex-co) is composed of the office bearers and two nominated members.

<b>Members of the Council</b>	
President	Dr. Preethi Liyanage
Immediate Past President	Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa
President-Elect	Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake
General Secretary	Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi
Vice President	Ms. M.K.G.Y. Nandasena
Treasurer	Ms. K.N. Samanthi
Education Officer	Ms. Priyani Balasooriya
Assistant General Secretary	Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe
Assistant Education Officer	Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathne
Publication Officer	Ms. M. P. P. Dilhani
Information & Public Relations Officer	Ms. T. M. C. Hansamali Tennakoon
Nominated Member	Dr. Ruwan Gamage
Nominated Member	Dr. G.R. Padmasiri
<b>Conveners of the Professional Groups</b>	
Academic Libraries	Ms. Thushara Wanasinghe
Public Libraries	Mr. Vijith Jayasinghe
School Libraries	Ms. W.A.J. Kaushalya Rathnasekara
Government Libraries	Ms. F.R.A. Jiffrey
Special Libraries	Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara
COMAISP	Mr. S. Santharoban
NACLIS / LIS Research	Dr. (Ms.) M.M. Mashroofa
IT Convener	Mr. Anusha Yapa
<b>Executive Committee</b>	
President	Dr. Preethi Liyanage
Immediate Past President	Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa
President-Elect	Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake
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Assistant Education Officer	Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathne
Publication Officer	Ms. M. P. P. Dilhani
Information & Public Relations Officer	Ms. T M C Hansamali Tennakoon
Nominated Member	Dr. (Ms.) Premila Gamage
Nominated Member	Mr. Anton Nallathambi

**1.1 Council / Ex-Co Meetings**

The Council of the SLLA had eight (08) regular meetings including one special meeting in the year 2023/2024 and, five (05) Executive Committee meetings were conducted. The meetings are conducted mostly in physical mode.(see page no. 46-47)

**2. SLLA Membership**

SLLA members are divided into two main categories: Non-corporate and Corporate. Corporate Members which include Associate and Fellow members have full membership rights including voting power. Non-corporate members do not have voting power. They can upgrade their membership to Corporate members after having adequate experience in the profession. The total membership of the SLLA is 1168 as at 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**2.1 2023 /2024 membership**

**2.1.1 Non-corporate Membership:**

The Non-corporate new membership is sixty nine (69)

**2.1.2 Associate Membership:**

SLLA received thirty nine (39) applications. Out of them, the Associateship was awarded to twenty six (26) members for the year 2023/2024.

**2.1.3 Fellowship Awardees:**

**2.1.3.1 Fellowship by Achievement**

Fellowship by Achievement has been awarded to two Corporate members of the Association during the year 2023/2024. This brings the total number of Fellow members of SLLA to sixty five (65).

**2.1.3.2 Honorary Fellowship - Not Awarded**

**2.1.4 Chartered Membership**

Associates and Fellows get Chartered Librarianship for a given year if their membership is active. There are three hundred and eighty-four (384) members in the Chartered list for the year 2024.

**2.1.5 Life Membership**

Long-standing SLLA members can apply for the life membership of SLLA. Life Membership was newly awarded to seven (07) members for the year 2023/2024. This brings the total number of life members to two hundred and thirty-six (236).

### 2.1.6 Vijita de Silva Research Award (VDSRA)

The Vijita de Silva Research Award for 2023/2024 was awarded to Mr. A. D. Buddhin Kumara for the project title “**Library Verification System Integrated with Existing KOHA Database**”. The project is a collaborative effort of the following two professionals;

1. **Mr. A. D. Buddhin Kumara** (*Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Moratuwa*) –**Applicant**
2. **Mr. C. N. D. Punchihewa** (*Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Moratuwa*)

### 3. Highlights of the year 2023/2024

From 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

S/N	Date	Item Description	Participants	Responsibility
01	30.06.2023	63 <sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting	255	2022/2023 council
02	04.07.2023	Plan the activities with key officials	06	President (PRE)
03	11.07.2023	First Council Meeting	16	General Secretary/ Assistant General Secretary (GS/AGS)
04	22.07.2023	Inauguration of Course on Library Automation	36	Course Coordinator
05	31.07.2023	First Education Committee Meeting	12	Education Officer (EO)
06	11.08.2023	First Ex-co meeting	11	GS/AGS
07	11.08.2023	Discussion on Education Program	04	
08	11.08.2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Lecture on Sustainable Lifestyle by Ms. Kanchana Weerakoon	26	SDG committee
09	28.08.2023	Meet the State Minister of Public Administration Hon. Ashoka Priyantha	03	IPP/GS
10	02.09.2023	Workshop to make aware the rules and regulations of SLLA for council members	17	IPP
11	05.09.2023	Second Education Committee Meeting	18	EO
12	08.09.2023	Second Council Meeting	18	GS/AGS
13	11.09.2023	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sankathana by Mr. Uditha Alahakoon  Public Lecture Series	33	IPRO
14	12.09.2023	Meeting with auditors	5	Treasurer

15	16.09.2023	Workshop for Lecturers of Colombo Centre		EO/AEO
16	28.09.2023	Sent a team for the Cricket Tournament organized by OPA	15	PRE- Elect
17	04.10. 2023	IT committee meeting	05	PRE(Elect)
18	08.10.2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Sajanasmruthi program on Prof. W.B .Dorakumbura Conducted by Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa	100	IPRO
19	06.10.2023	Second Ex-co Meeting	13	GS/AGS
20	16.10.2023	Special Lecture Series 1 by Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe on Stock Taking in Libraries and Disposal Procedure	100	IPRO
21	17.10.2023	Third Education Committee Meeting	12	EO
22	18.10.2023	Special Lecture Series 2 on Health and Medical Literature Searching by Mrs. M.P.P. Dilhani	40	IPRO
23	24.10.2023	GS represented SLLA for an interview for the CARP		GS
24	10.11.2023	Third Council Meeting	17	GS/ AGS
25	15.11.2023	25 <sup>th</sup> Sankathana by Mr. Jayalath Balasuriya	20	IPRO
26	24.11.2023 25.11.2023	The School Library Workshop on Empowering Librarians		Convener, School Libraries
27	04.12.2024	Fourth Education Committee Meeting	12	EO
28	12.12.2023	A Special Lecture on Evolution of SLLA by Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa	100	IPRO
29	12.12.2023	Third Ex-co Meeting	12	GS/AGS
30	14. 12.2023	Meeting the officials of Sustainable Development Council (SDC)	3	PRE
31	18.12.2023	Workshop on Prevention of Substance Abuse	21	Convener, Special Libraries
32	02.01.2024	Inaugural function of the New year at SLLA	12	Office staff
33	05.01 2024	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lecture on Sustainable Life Styles : Plastic, Health and Environment by Ms. Sarojini Jayasekra	100	IPRO



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34	12.01.2024	Fourth Council Meeting	20	GS/AGS
35	30.01.2024	Workshop on Library Management	156	Convener, National Library
36	27.01.2024	DLIS inauguration ceremony		EO
37	03.02.2024	Special Lecture by Dr. Ruwan Gamage on ICT for Libraries	100	I PRO
38	08.02.2024	Fifth Education Committee Meeting	12	EO
39	10.02.2024	25 <sup>th</sup> Sankathana By Dr. Janaka Jayalath on Let's Obtain NVQ to standardize the Library Service	100	I PRO
40	12.02.24	Prof. Jayasiri Lankage's Funeral : Council Participated Ceremonial Procession	12	Council
41	19.02.2024	Fourth Ex-co Meeting	12	GS/AGS
42	20.02.2024	Library collection Development Policy By Dr. (Mrs.) M.M. Mashroofa		I PRO
43	25.02.2024	Writing a Paper to Research Conference: Webinar for Public and School Librarians (Tamil Medium) by Dr. (Mrs.) M.M.Mashroofa, Mr. S. Santharooban, Mrs. Lavanya Jagathesparan.	75	I PRO
44	26.02.2024	Meeting the TVEC official Dr. Janaka Jayalath, Deputy Director General	5	EO
45	04.03.2024	Meeting the Governor, Western Province	2	PRE
46	05.03.2024	Special Lecture on How to Write Research Abstracts by Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa	100	Chair/ Convener of NACLIS
47	07.03.2024	Fifth Council Meeting	14	GS/AGS
48	11.03.2024	Meeting the Governor, Western Province to discuss the issues on Librarians Recruitment	07	PRE
49	15.03.2024	Mr. Harison Perera's Funeral: Council Participated in Ceremonial Procession	14	Council
50	15.03.2024	SDC Meeting	05	PRE
51	25-26 .03. 2024	Training Program for community of Walluwar Education Development Foundation	07	PRE

52	04.04.2024	Workshop on Disaster Management for Libraries	21	Convener/ Special Libraries
53	05.04.2024	Fifth Ex-co Meeting	11	GS/AGS
54	09.04.2024	Meeting with Prof. Ankuran Dutta, Director, SVCC	03	PRE
55	18.04.2024	NACLIS Session I @ SEUSL Ampara	120	Convener/ Chair of NACLIS
56	20.04.2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lecture on Sustainable Life Style : Sustainable Power Consumption by Nimashi Fernando	30	I PRO
57	26.04.2024	NACLIS Session II @ Gampaha Public Library	100	Convener/ Chair of NACLIS
58	09.05.2024	Discussion on National Career Platform with Korean Delegation and TVEC	05	PRE
59	14.05.2024	Sixth Council Meeting	19	GS/AGS
60	17.05.2024	KOHA LMS : Future expansions @ Galle Public Library	30	Convener/ Public Libraries
61	27.05.2024	Meeting the Minister of Education to discuss School Library Issues	06	PRE
62	30.05.2024	Practical Issues in Resource Classification using DDC @ Puttalam ACLG office	60	Convener/ Public Library
63	01.06.2024	Held interview for Associate-ship Applicants	36	PO
64	03, 05, 07. 06. 2024	KOHA Integrated Library Management System by Mr. M.N. Ravikumar		Convener, Academic Libraries
65	03.06.2024	Excelling in Research: Important Steps to Writing & Presenting Your Research  Introduction to Research by Ms, Thushari Senevirathne		Convener, Academic Libraries
66	05.06.2024	How to Write a Research Paper by Ms. Muditha Ankumbura		Convener, Academic Libraries
67	07.06.2024	Citing and Referencing Method by Ms. Hiruni Kanchana		Convener, Academic Libraries
68	09.06.2024	Sixth Education Committee Meeting	14	EO
69	10.06.2024	Seventh Council Meeting	17	GS/AGS
70	11.06.2024	Abstract writing by Dr.(Ms.) Champa Alahakoon		Convener, Academic Libraries

71	13.06.2024	Presentation of Research by Dr. Tharanga Ranasinghe		Convener, Academic Libraries
72	18.06.2024	Indigenous Knowledge, Sustainable Development: Role of Librarians in preserving Indigenous knowledge by Dr.(Mrs.) C.K. Gamage		
73	19.06.2024	Fellowship interview	04	
74	20.06.2024	Nominations closed	03	Secretary/Election committee
75	20.06.2024	Participated to IFLA General Assembly (online)	01	PRE
76	24. 06.2024	Eighth Council Meeting		GS/AGS
77	27.06.2024	හත්වෙනි පැය Programme on ITN		PRE/IPP
78	28.06.2024	64 <sup>th</sup> AGM and Graduation Ceremony		Council

#### 4. SLLA Education Programme

Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) is celebrating 64 years of Library and Information Science (LIS) education in this year. The Diploma in Library and Information Science (DLIS) and the Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science (HDIPLIS) are the main professional education programs conducted by the SLLA. New education rules have been implemented during this academic year, (see page no 26), the formats and issuing procedures of Certificates and Transcripts (detailed results) have been continuously implemented, along with the introduction of subject codes for the respective levels.

The courses were conducted in three mediums (Sinhala, Tamil, and English) via the hybrid mode (physical and online). New DLIS 2023/2024 course conducted by online mode since January 2024. HDIPLIS I 2022/2023 and HDIPLIS II 2022/2023 course conducted in hybrid mode. HDIPLIS 1 2024/2025 batch was started on June 2024. The Distance Education Program was conducted in Sinhala medium, only for students who were unable to attend regular lectures. The course materials were provided with them.

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Center	Sinhala Medium			Tamil Medium			English Medium
	DLIS 2022/2023	HDIPLIS I 2022/2023	HDIPLIS II 2022/2023	DLIS 2022/2023	HDIPLIS I 2022/2023	HDIPLIS II 2022/2023	
Colombo	√	√	√	√ online	√	√	DLIS 2022/2023 online  DLIS 2023/2024 online
Kandy	√	√	√	√			
Galle	√	√	√	-			
Badulla	√	√	√	-			
Jaffna	-	-	-	-			
Batticaloa	-	-	-	√ online -			
Distance	√	√	√	-	-	-	
	DLIS 2023/2024	HDIPLIS I 2024/2025	HDIPLIS II 2023/2024	DLIS 2023/2024	HDIPLIS I 2024/2025	HDIPLIS II 2023/2024	English
Colombo	√	√	-	√ online	√ online	-	HDIPLIS I 2024/2025 online
Kandy	online	online	√	-	-		
Galle			-	-			
Badulla			√	-			
Jaffna				√	√	√	
Batticaloa				online	online	online	
Distance	√	-	√	-	-	-	

Furthermore, it should be noted that the physical examinations were held successfully in the following six regional centers. Following are serving as Centre Coordinators,

S/N	Coordinator Name	Center
01.	Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe	Colombo Center
02.	Ms. K.P.N. Dharamasrirwardena	Kandy Center
03.	Ms. H.K. Pathma	Galle Center
04.	Mr. T. G. Padmasiri	Badulla Center
05.	Mr. S. Shamugathan	Jaffna Center
06.	Mr. B. Prashanthan	Batticaloa Center
07.	Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake	Distance Programme

#### 4.1 Student Registration

##### 4.1.1 Diploma in Library & Information Science (DLIS) 2023/2024

The Selection Interview for the Diploma in Library and Information Science (DLIS) 2023/2024 was conducted at 06 centers on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023. A total of 160 students have registered for the Diploma in Library and Information Science (DLIS) 2023/2024, the inauguration program was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the National Library Auditorium. The Sinhala medium students of all centers, Tamil and English medium students of Colombo center and students of distance mode participated. The special lecture was delivered by Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Lecturer of National Institute of Library and Information Science, University of Colombo. Topic “Benefits of online education”. The President Dr. Preethi Liyanage, General Secretary Mrs. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi, Education Officer Mrs. Priyani Balasooriya, Treasurer Ms. K.N. Samanthi, few education committee members, council members and lecturers participated at the event. Mr. Siyath Ahamed translated all speeches into Tamil medium.

**Diploma in Library & Information Science (DLIS) 2023/2024 registration of students as follows:**

Medium	Sinhala	Tamil	English	Distance	Total
No of Students	72	35	14	39	160

##### 4.1.2 Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science (HDPLIS I)

Registration of students HDIPLIS I 2022/2023			
Center	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	Total
Colombo	13	-	13
Kandy	15	-	15
Jaffna		11	11
Batticaloa			
Distance	39	-	39
Total			78

Registration of students HDIPLIS I 2024/2025				
Center	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English	Total
Colombo	39	-	06 online	45
Kandy	online	-	-	
Galle		-	-	
Badulla		-	-	
Colombo	-	34	-	34
Jaffna	-	online	-	
Batticaloa	-		-	
Total				79

#### 4.1.3 Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science (HDIPLIS II)

Registration of students HDIPLIS II 2023/2024				
Center	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English Medium	Total
Kandy	15	-	-	15
Badulla	12	-	-	-
Jaffna	16 (online)			16
Batticaloa				
Colombo				
Distance	35	-	01	36
Total				67

#### 4.2. Date of commencement courses

Center	DLIS 2022/2023	HDIPLIS I 2022/2023	HDIPLIS II 2023/2024	HDIPLIS I 2024/2025
<b>Sinhala Medium</b>				
Colombo	25.02.2024	16.07.2023	-	08.06.2024
Kandy			10.12.2023	online
Galle			-	
Badulla			10.12.2023	
<b>Tamil Medium</b>				
Colombo	25.02.2024	13.08.2023	31.03 .2024	08.06.2024
Jaffna		01.10.2023		online
Batticaloa		13.08.2023		
<b>English Medium</b>				
Colombo				08.06.2024 online

#### 4.3 Library practical training program for DLIS 2022/2023 and 2023/2024

Two batches of students received the mandatory 10-day training during following periods and following institutions:

Course	No of Students	Training period
1. DLIS 2022/2023	233	2023 Aug. 07 - Aug. 18
2. DLIS 2023/2024	161	2024 May 06 - May 17

**List of Libraries of provide training facilities for DLIS students**

S/N	Name of the institute
1.	University of Colombo
2.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura
3.	Gampaha Wikckramrachchi University of Indigenous Medicine
4.	University of Ruhuna
5.	University of Jaffna
6.	Eastern University
7.	Swami Vipulananda Aesthetic Studies ( SVIAS)
8.	National Library and Documentation Services Board
9.	Public Library, Colombo
10.	Public Library, Kandy
11.	Public Library, Galle
12.	Public Library, Badulla
13.	Public Library, Maharagama
14.	Public Library, Anuradhapura
15.	Public Library, Vavuniya
16.	Public Library, Mannar
17.	Public Library, Nuwara Eliya
18.	Public Library, Nawalapitiya
19.	Public Library, Bandarawela
20.	Public Library, Ukuwela
21.	Public Library, Jaffna
22.	National Institute of Co-operation Development
23.	Sri Padha National College of Education, Pathana
24.	Ruwanwella Central Library of Ruwanwella
25.	Public Library, Wattala Mabola
26.	Department of Library and Museum, NIE, Maharagama
27.	Uva Provincial Library Service Board, Badulla
28.	Public Library, Rathnapura
29.	Sariputta National College of Education, Nittambuwa
30.	Public Library, Puttalam
31.	Buddhi Mandapa, Public Library Polonnaruwa
32.	Main Library, Eastern University, Vantharuoolai Chenkaladi
33.	Main Library Sabaragamuwa University of Belihuloya



#### 4.4 Revision Seminars and Examination

There are three exams conducted in this here and details are as follows

Course	Revision Seminar	Examination Date	Examination Place	Examination Mode
DLIS 2023 / 2024	29 Oct. 2023	19 & 26 Nov. 2023	Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Badulla, Batticaloa, Jaffna	Physical
HDIPLIS I 2023/2024	04 & 05 May 2024	18, 19 & 26 May 2024	Colombo, Batticaloa, Jaffna	Physical
HDIPLIS II 2023/2024	14 & 17 Jan. 2023	21 & 22 Jan. 2023	Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Badulla, Batticaloa, Jaffna	Physical
Repeat Exam DLIS		16 & 17 March 2024	Colombo	Physical

#### 4.5 Exam Board

The Exam Board (EB) for 2023/ 2024 was appointed by the Council with the goal of supporting the education Committee in ensuring that the exams are just and fair and non-discriminative to any student. The EB covers the functions relating to the Diploma in Library and information Science (DLIS) and Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science I & II (HDIPLIS I & II).

##### Objectives

- To review and analyze the nature of the exams conducted.
- To decide and agree on the results.
- To ensure and verify that the standards set are valid, reliable and aligned with best practices.

The Exam Board meeting was held during the year under the chairmanship of the Education Officer Ms. Priyani Balasooriya and Membership of Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake, Mr. Siyath Ahamed.

#### 4.6 Examinations Results

Examination	No. of Candidates			Successfully Completed		
	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English Medium	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English Medium
DLIS 2022 / 2023	114	71	10	90	53	06
Repeat	13	07	-	09	03	03
HDIPLIS I 2022/2023	68	40	01	Pending Results		
HDIPLIS II 2022/2023	79	38	01	46	05	01

#### 4.7 Scholarship and Awards for the Academic Year

Course	Scholarships/ Award	Medium	Name
DLIS 2022/2023	<b>S.C. Blok Memorial Scholarship</b>	Sinhala	T.A.H. Manisha
		Tamil	Not Awarded
		English	A.M.T.P. Senewirathna
HDIPLIS II 2022/2023	<b>Gold medal for Best Achievement at HDIPLIS II 2022/ 2023</b>	Sinhala	R.M.D. Ranatunga (Distance)
		Tamil	Not Awarded
HDIPLIS II 2022/2023	<b>Srikanthaluxmy Arulanantham Memorial Award for overall Best Performance 2022/2023</b>	Sinhala	R.M.D. Ranatunga (Distance)
		Tamil	Not Awarded
		English	Not Awarded

#### 4.8 Distance Education Programme

This course is conducted in three levels only in Sinhala medium. The students are provided with course materials and organized workshops to discuss their assignments at Colombo center. During this period (from July 2023 – June 2024) several workshops have been held.

##### Details of Workshop of Distance Education Programme

Course	Date of Workshops	No. of Students	Resource Persons
DLIS 2022/ 2023	21.10.2023	30	Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa Mr. W. Premadarshana
	22.10.2023	51	
DLIS 2023/2024	08.06.2024	22	Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake Mr. W. Premadarshana Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam Mr. S.U. Amarasinghe
	09.06.2024	22	
HDIPLIS-I 2022/2023	16.12.2023	32	Ms. Muditha Ankumbura Mr. K.G.G. Wijeweera
	17.12.2023	34	
	20.01.2024	27	Ms. Hiruni Kanchana Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake
	21.01.2024	34	
	02.03.2024	27	Dr. (Mrs.) K.R.N. Harshani Ms. K.N. Samanthi Mr. M.S.U. Amarasinghe
	03.03.2024	14	
	06.04.2024	19	Mr. M.S.U. Amarasinghe Dr. (Mrs.) C.K. Gamage Ms. K.N. Samanthi Mr. K.G.G. Wijeweera
	07.04.2024	09	
HDIPLISI-II 2022/2023	16.09.2023	22	Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa Ms. Hiruni Kanchana Mr. K.G.G. Wijeweera Mr. K.G.S Gunathilake
	17.09.2023	27	
	04.11.2023	23	Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam Ms. Hiruni Kanchana Dr. (Mrs.) K.R.N. Harshani
	05.11.2023	29	

	02.12.2023 03.12.2023	20 17	Mr. M. K. C. Gnanasekaran Mr. H.N. Peiris Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa
HDIPLIS – II 2023/2024	15.06.2024 16.06.2024	25 22	Mr. Dhammika Weerakoon Mr. K.G.G. Wijeweera Dr. (Mrs.) K.R.N. Harshani

#### 4.9 Achieving NVQ Level for the courses of SLLA

Ms. Priyani Balasooriya, Education Officer (SLLA) Organized an awareness program to provide awareness to the lecturers of Colombo center on NVQ certification on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Ms. Niluka Rajapaksha Assistant Director (Registration) of the TVEC was appointed as the coordinating officer for guiding to achieve the NVQ certification. Prepared and implemented relevant NVQ documents such as lecturer's lesson plan and student's record books, attendance sheets, revised syllabus for notional hours.

Education officer visited education centers and met students and lecturers. Also visited some libraries during the period when DLIS students' were training at respective libraries.

#### 4.10 Course in Library Automation (COLA)

Certificate Course on Library Automation (COLA) is another course offered by SLLA. SLLA conducts a library automation course to enhance librarians' skills in on Information Communication Technologies to disseminate and retrieve information. The course covers the following areas: Introduction to Information Communication Technology (ICT), Introduction to Library Automation, Library Automation with KOHA Integrated Library Management System, Electronic Library Resources and Services, Web Designing, hosting, and Maintenance. In 2023, number of 21 students completed the COLA course. COLA Course was coordinated by Mrs. R.M Nadeeka Rathnabahu.

#### 4.11 Education Committee

The Education Committee consists of several members and is headed by the education officer Ms. Priyani Balasooriya who together collectively contribute towards the upliftment and the progress of the education program. The education committee had six meetings during this year. Several achievements were achieved for the upliftment of the Education program.

##### 4.11.1 Education Rules and Regulation

#### Sri Lanka Library Association: New Rules, Regulations, and Decisions on Education for 2023/2024

- The officer appointed as Education Officer for the courses should refrain from teaching, grading answer sheets, dissertation counselling, and similar activities during their tenure, maintaining an independent role.
- In relation to obtaining registration with the Tertiary Education Commission, increase the number of course credits and align the syllabus to include more practical exercises, thereby extending students' study hours.

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- Prepared a handbook for practical training in the Diploma course, to be used during the compulsory training period.
- Students are now required to submit the index or bibliography before the HDIPLIS I examination.
- Students must submit the essay collection as a requirement before the end of the HDIPLIS II examination.
- A research project has been introduced to replace the essay collection required for the HDIPLIS II. A module for this project has been prepared and included in the curriculum.
- Preparing a guideline for preparing an Index/Thesaurus which is a part requirement for HDIPLIS II.
- A module on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) has been implemented.
- Diploma and Higher Diploma programs offered by the SLLA are now conducted in hybrid mode in all three mediums.
- There was confusion on the effective date of the Diploma/Higher Diploma awarded by the SLLA. The Committee took a decision to clearly define the effective date, and updated Education Bylaws accordingly.

### 4.12 Graduation Ceremony 2024

The Graduation Ceremony for Diploma in Library and Information Science (DLIS), Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science (HDIPLIS II) and Course on Library Automation (COLA) will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute.

Course	No of Students
Diploma in Library and Information Science (DLIS)	162
Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science (HDIPLIS II)	104
Course on Library Automation (COLA)	21
Total	287

### 4.13 Appointing New Center Coordinators for 2023/2025

S/N	Coordinator Name	Center
01.	Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe	Colombo Center
02.	Ms. K.P.N. Dharamasirwardena	Kandy Center
03.	Ms. H.K. Pathma	Galle Center
04.	Ms. Inoka Nilmini Polgampala	Badulla Center
05.	Ms. T. Janen	Jaffna Center
06.	Mr. A.L.K. Rhaman	Batticaloa Center

### 4.14 Appointing new lectures for the teaching panel of the SLLA in 2023/2024

1. Mr. W.W.R.W.M.U.P.M Weerasooriya	2. Mr. C.N. Fernando
3. Ms. K.H.M.S. Pushpakumari	4. Mr. A.L.M. Mushtaq
5. Ms. S.R.M. Shaini Zoysa	6. Ms. Jerina Jeyamohan
7. Dr. Udaya Cabral	8. Ms. B. Priyadarshani Hemakumara
9. Mr. H.M.T. Herath	10. Ms. Loshini Vigneshwaran

## 5. Collaborations of SLLA with other Institutions and Organizations

The SLLA is a founding member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka, which was established in 1975. In addition to participating in Executive Council meetings, the President actively participated in the OPA Standing Committee on Education. Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa, Dr. Preethi Liyanage, Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake and Mrs. Priyani Balasooriya represented the SLLA in the OPA. Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa serves as the convener of the Standard Committee of the Publication of the OPA. Mr. Anton Nallathamby is representing the Library Profession in the OPA.

The SLLA works in partnership with other institutions for the betterment of the profession. This includes representation in the Board of Management of the National Library Documentation and Services Board (NLDSB) and the National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS) at the University of Colombo. Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa and Mr. Wijaya Premadarshana serve as the representatives of the Central Province Library Services Board and Uva Province Library Services Board respectively.

In addition, SLLA collaborated with Sri Lanka Convention Bureau, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Walluwar Education Development Foundation and Uva Provincial Council during the year.

## 6. Reports of Regular Committees & Professional Groups

### 6.1 Publications Committee 2023/2024

#### SLLA Newsletter

Volume 40, Nos. 1 to 4 of the Quarterly Newsletter was released in a timely manner. The latest issue of the Newsletter: Volume 40, Issue 4 of the Newsletter. These issues contain a wealth of information, including news from the library community and feature articles on different aspects, providing informative content that directly enhances awareness of the functioning of various types of libraries in Sri Lanka.

#### Sri Lanka Library Review

Volume 38 Issue I has already been published and Volume 38 Issue II of the Sri Lanka Library Review will be released via the Association's website (<https://www.slla.lk>) and all the published Journal articles can be accessed via the Sri Lanka Journal Online platform (<https://sllr.sljol.info>).

New Guidelines for paper submission for the Sri Lanka Library Review were formulated and received Council approval.

#### Member of Review Panel :

Dr. (Mrs.) A. U. Weerakoon	Mrs. A.K.U.N. Kodithuwakku
Dr. (Ms.) Champa Alahakoon	Dr. (Mrs.) G.D.M.N. Samaradiwakara
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 Mr. Sunil Premarathne  
 Mrs. Thushari M. Seneviratne

Dr. Prasanna Ranaweera  
 Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa  
 Mr. S. Santharooban  
 Mrs. Sajeewanie D. Somaratna  
 Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake  
 Mrs. Thushara Wanasinghe

**6.2 The Information and Public Relations Committee (2023/2024)**

The main objective of the Sankathana series is to connect the knowledge of other professionals who are not directly involved in the library profession to develop the subject and external knowledge of library professionals. Sri Lanka Library Association’s newly online memorial lecture series, Sajanasmruthi launched to commemorate people who have served the library field. Ms. T.M.C. Hansamali Thennakoon, Information & Public Relation Officer coordinated this series of lectures. All the committee members of IPRO gave their support to the success of the Sankathana.

<b>“Sankathana” Public Lecture Series (ZOOM mode)</b>					
<b>S/N</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource person</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>
01.	11.09. 2023	ප්‍රබන්ධයේ ප්‍රමෝදය : දූපත්මය සිතීමකින් ඔබ්බට	Mr. Uditha Alahakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian, NILIS	Dr. Saman Illangarathne, Librarian, Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka	60
02.	10.02. 2024	ජාතික වෘත්තීය සුදුසුකම් සපුරා ගැනීම මගින් පුස්තකාල සේවාවන් ඉහළ නංවමු	Dr. Janaka Jayalath, Deputy Director General, Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission	Dr. Saman Illangarathne, Librarian, Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka	100
<b>Sajanasmruthi Program(ZOOM mode)</b>					
03.	3.10.2023	ප්‍රවීණ පුස්තකාලයාධිපති මහාචාර්ය වි. ඩ. දොරකුඹුර 92 වන ජන්ම දින සැමරුම	Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa, Senior Assistant Librarian, Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	Mr. Sandaruwan Liyanarachchi	100
<b>Sustainable Development Related Programs (Zoom Mode)</b>					
<b>S/N</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource person</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>	
01.	11.08.2023	තිරසර පිවන රටාවක් කරා	Mrs. Kanchana Weerkoon, Founder Member of the Eco-Friendly Voluntary Organization	50	

02.	15.01.2024	ජලාප්තික්, සෞඛ්‍යය හා පරිසරය	Mrs. Sarojini Jayasekara, Director, Solid Waste Management Unit, Central Environmental Authority	100	
03.	20.04.2024	තිරසර ගෘහස්ථ බලශක්ති පරිභෝජනය	Ms. Nimashi Fernando, Assistant Director, Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority	30	
<b>Tamil Medium User Awareness Programs (Zoom Mode)</b>					
S/N	Date	Topic	Resource person	Moderator	No. of Partici- pants
01.	20.02.2024	Library collection development policy	Dr. M. M. Mash- roofa Senior Assistant librari- an, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Mrs. Jereena Akshaya Kumar, Information Assistant, National Library & Documentation Board	60
02.	25.02.2024	Writing Paper to Research Conference: Webinar for Public and School Li- brarians	Dr.(Mrs.)M.M. Mashroofa, Senior Assistant librarian, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Mr. S. Santharooban, Deputy Librarian, Eastern University & Mrs. L. Jegatheesparan, Senior Assistant librarian, Eastern University, Sri Lanka	Ms. Fathima Farmia, Information Assistant, National Environmental Information Centre, Central Environmental Authority	60



<b>Common User Awareness Programs (Zoom Mode)</b>				
<b>S/N</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource person</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
01.	15.11.2023	සමුද්ධික සමාජයක් උදෙසා සන්නිවේදනය	Mr. Jayalath Balasooriya, Former Journalist.	
02.	16.10.2023	පුස්තකාල තොග සමීක්ෂණය හා පොත් අපහරණය	Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe, Chartered Librarian, Saripuththa National College of Education	100
03.	18.10.2023	Health and Medical Literature Searching	Mrs. M.P.P. Dilhani, Senior Assistant Librarian, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM)	50
04.	12.12.2023	ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමයේ ආරම්භය හා විකාශනය	Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa, Senior Assistant Librarian, Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine.	100
05.	3.02.2024	පුස්තකාල සඳහා තොරතුරු සන්නිවේදන තාක්ෂණය	Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Senior Lecturer, The National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS), University of Colombo	100
<b>Other activities</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared &amp; Published Notices &amp; designed flyers</li> <li>• Media Publicity about the 18th National Conference on Library &amp; Information Science (NACLIS – 2024) Session – 02</li> <li>• Prepared and published obituary notices by the IPRO Committee</li> <li>• support to the IT Committee and education committee</li> <li>• Prepared and maintained the WhatsApp groups (Council group, It Committee group, Gov. &amp; Special Libraries group etc.) and FB pages for publicity purposes</li> <li>• Maintained the SLLA YouTube Channel</li> <li>• Designed the SLLA AGM Invitations, SLLA 2023/2024 Council Progress Video and Prepared and coordinated the SLLA AGM Newspaper supplement publishing works.</li> </ul>				

### 6.3 IT Committee

Mr. Anusha Yapa, who is a lecturer of SLLA on IT and an IT consultant, was appointed as the IT convener at the first council meeting. The main activities of the IT committee are as follows:

- Extension of vendor for SLLA web hosting: The IT team has found a new vendor to provide web hosting services for the SLLA website.
- Checking, servicing, and repairing SLLA computers: Appointment of suitable service provider for office computers.
- Initiating the redesign and development of the SLLA website: The IT team has started the process of redesigning and developing the SLLA website. This activity involves improving the website’s design, functionality, and overall user experience.

- Consultation when repairing or upgrading the computers and other machineries
- Initiation of installing LMS and advice on purchasing meeting platforms.

#### **6.4 SDG Committee**

An MoU signed with SLLA and Sustainable Development Council and the following activities were carried out:

- A four day workshop on “Sustainable Development Goals – Measurement, Evaluation, demonstrating impact of library services. The workshop took place on March 4-5 and March 25-26, 2024 with funding provided by the D.S. Senanayake Public Library American Center, Kandy Municipal Council and coordinated by Mr. Herath, Chief Librarian. Program was funded by the Kandy Municipal Council.
- Total of 29 public librarians participated the program from public libraries across Central Province. Dr. Premila Gamage a professional trainer and information coordinator from the IFLA Regional Division Committee for Asia Oceania facilitated the workshop.
- The proposed contents on SDG have been included to the all levels of higher diploma and started lecturing on the subject. SDC provided the resource persons for the lectures.
- SLLA forwarded the proposal for an e-repository as per SDC’s request.
- Conducted series of discussions on “Sustainable Life Styles” in collaboration with SDC and IPRO committee

#### **6.5 Special Libraries Group**

During 2023/2024 the Special Libraries Group was able to conduct 07 meetings including one online. At the first meeting an action plan was formulated with various activities such as library visits, organizing workshop and awareness programmes. The group was updated daily through WhatsApp.

The first programme on Substance Abuse Management was held at the Treatment Centre of National Dangerous Drugs Control Board with the participation of 21 Library professionals. The main objective was to motivate them to conduct drug prevention programmes in their respective libraries and awarded a certificate of completion of the programme. The second programme was an awareness programme on “Role of Librarians in Disaster Management” and it was conducted by Disaster Management Centre for Safer Communities and Sustainable Development in Sri Lanka. The main objective of this programme was to raise awareness about Sustainable Development Goals under climate actions and the effects of natural disasters and identify the strategies for mitigation and reduce vulnerability.

Three Library visits were organized to motivate and give a clear understanding of the various facilities, opportunities and programmes available in special libraries. The group members visited American Centre in Colombo, SLIDA Library and Colombo Public Library. All the library professionals who joined these visits were inspired with opportunities and gained knowledge about the services provided to the public. On the request of Galbokka Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Centre developing an e-library on Turtles was implemented with the help of National Science Foundation as an ongoing project. Also prepared a Bibliography

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on Climate-changing and is available at the NSF. Out of seven members of the group, 05 Members presented papers for the 2024 NACLI Session II and happy to mention except one all the others were presenting papers for the first time at a LIS professional forum.

Heartfelt gratitude goes to Dr R D Ananda Tissa for his guidance during the special motivational programme held for group members on writing a research paper. Brief description of some programmes were published on IFLA Section – Management of Library Associations. Two articles on Special Libraries written by the members of the group were published on SLLA Newsletter.

Updated the 120 records of the Database of Libraries available on the SLLA website. In addition to this collected details of island wide Public Libraries and new Private Higher educational institutes. The year was a memorable one for the members as the group could celebrate the birthdays of four members in November.

As the Convener of Special Libraries Group, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the President, IPP, PE, GS, AGS, PO of SLLA, Ms. D. Talalagla and Mr. Dammika Rathnayaka who helped in many ways to conclude this year (2023/24) successfully.

### 6.6 Academic Libraries Group

The Academic Library group of SLLA Proposed and got council approval for three short courses and one free webinar Progress of the activities mentioned as follows;

S/N	Course	Progress
01	Short course on 'Basic Statistics for LIS professionals including SPSS	Only 7 persons registered 3 for Sinhala Medium 4 for Tamil medium. Tamil medium course has been completed.
02.	Short course on 'Basics of Library Automation for LIS Professionals'	80 members registered Sixty members attended six sessions conducted in both Sinhala and Tamil languages, and an estimated deposit of Rs. 63,000.00 into the SLLA account based on the slips they submitted.
03.	Excelling in RESEARCH: Important steps to writing & present your research'	216 members registered and Sixty-two members were present for the completion of three sessions, with two more sessions yet to be conducted. Based on the attendance records, it has been noted that an amount of approximately Rs. 62,000.00 has been deposited into the SLLA account
04.	Indigenous Knowledge, Sustainable Development : Role of Librarians in preserving indigenous knowledge	Free webinar conducted to make aware the Indigenous Knowledge and role of Librarians

## 6.7 NACLIS & LIS Research Committee

The Research Committee of SLLA conducted many meetings and discussed conducting NACLIS at the provincial level and finally decided to conduct the 18<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Library & Information Science (NACLIS) 2024 in two sessions; Session one in South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and session two in Gampaha Public Library by giving a special focus on state-sector libraries and library professionals who mainly work in national languages, to encourage research culture among library professionals of these sectors. The meeting schedule of the Research Committee is as follows.

S. N.	Meeting description	Date
01	Planned the activities of the Committee	19.12.2023
02	Preparing Concept paper for NACLIS	11.01.2024
03	Special Meeting- NACLIS concept papers and conference committee finalized	20.02.2024
04	Pre Conference webinar	25.02.2024
05	Editorial: papers, received, review process, etc.	11.03.2024
06	NACLIS organizing committee meeting	14.04.2024
07	NACLIS organizing: budget, sponsors	15.04.2024
08	Session I at South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	18.04.2024
09	Session II at Gampaha Public Library	26.04.2024
10	Post Conference Meeting	13.05.2024

The Research Committee of SLLA in collaboration with IPRO conducted a pre-conference National Webinar on “writing a research paper for conferences”, in Tamil medium which was held on 25.02.2024. Resource Persons were Dr. (Mrs.) M.M. Mashroofa, Mr. S. Santharuban, and Mrs. L. Jagatheesparan. Similarly, Dr. Ananda Tissa, Immediate past President and the Research Committee Member of SLLA conducted a session through IPRO in Sinhala Language. The objective of these two webinars was to educate young library professionals, especially from school, public, and other library sectors on how to conduct research, write papers for research conferences, and present papers methodically.

The main theme of NACLIS 2024 was “***Libraries and Societies Connect: Strengthening the Bonds through Community Outreach***” which allowed LIS professionals and researchers to think about how libraries can revitalize or reinvigorate their library services, collections, programmes, and space to meet the needs of the present generation and to strengthen the bonds with societies. The theme intended to showcase the status of our regional libraries and to find strategies on how libraries can provide innovative services, equitable access to information, and developing collections amidst various types of challenges such as pandemics, economic, financial, and disasters.

**Details of the NACLIS 2024 are as follows.**

<b>Description</b>	<b>NACLIS 2024-Session I</b>	<b>NACLIS 2024-Session II</b>
Advisors	Dr. Preethi Liyanage, President, SLLA Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa, Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi	Dr. Preethi Liyanage, President, SLLA
Conference Chair	Dr. (Mrs.)M.M.Mashroofa, Convenor of SLLA Research Committee	Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa, Immediate Past President, SLLA
Co-chair	Mr. S. Santharooban, Deputy Librarian, Eastern University, Sri Lanka	Mrs. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi, General Secretary, SLLA
Secretary	Mrs. T. Janen, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna	Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian of the PGIM
Co-Secretary	Mr. A.L.M. Mushtaq, Librarian of Public Library Kalmunai	Mrs. Kusala Sajeewani, Assistant Librarian of GWAIM
Conference Coordinators/ Organizing Committee Members	Mrs. T. Janen Mr. C.N.D. Punchihewa Mr. U. L. Fowsh Ms. K. N. Samanthi Mr. M. Ragavan Mr. A. C. Aslam Saajith Mr. A. Asath Mrs. Yanika Nandasena Mr. A. K. Jaufer Mr. C. M. A. Munas Mr. P. M. Hithayathulla Mr. S. L. M.Sajeer Mr. Anver Sathath Mrs. Nazeera Abdul Latheef Mr. A. K. Ashraf Mrs. S. Inpam Mrs. M. C. Nafila	Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa Mrs. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi Mr. Uditha Alahakoon Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe Mrs. Kusala Sajeewani Mrs. Yanika Nandasena Mrs. Priyadarshani Hemakumara Mr. Vijith Jayasinghe Mrs. Aravindi Gajanayake Mrs. Harshani Hapuarachchi Mrs. W. A. J. Kaushalya Rathnasekare
Conference Proceedings	19 papers: among these 16 in Tamil and 3 in English 09 from the academic library sector, 7 from the public library, 2 from the school library sector, and 1 from the special library sector.	34 papers: among these 26 in Sinhala and 07 in English 04 from the academic library sector, 16 from the public library, 07 from the school library sector, 06 from the special library sector and 01 from the government library sector.
Chief Editor	Mrs. T. Janen	Dr R.D. Ananda Tissa
Editorial Board	Dr. (Mrs.). M. M. Mashroofa Mr. S. Santharooban Mrs. T. M. Seneviratne Mr. M. C. M.Azwar Mr. A. M. Nahfees Dr. S. Ketheeswaren	Mrs. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi Mr. Uditha Alahakoon Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe
Keynote Speaker	Mr. R. Maheswaran, Librarian, University of Peradeniya	Dr. Madhubhashini Disanayake Ratnayake, Senior Lecturer, Department of English Language Teaching. USJP.
Chief Guest	Prof. (Dr). M. M. Fazil, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Culture, SEUSL	Marshall of the Air Force Roshan Goonatileke

Guests of Honours	Dr. U.L. Abdul Majeed, Dean, Faculty of Technology, SEUSL. Dr. W.J. Jeyaraj, Librarian, (EUSL) Mr. N. Manivannan, Commissioner of Local Government, Department of Local Government, Eastern Province	Mr. Gamini Moragoda, Managing Director, Minsara Books (Pvt) Limited, President of National Book Trade Association.
Chair of Plenary Sessions	Dr. Kalpana Chandrasekar, Librarian (Acting), UoJ	Dr R.D. Ananda Tissa
Chairpersons of four Technical Sessions	Dr. W. J.Jeyaraj Dr. T. Pratheepan Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa Mrs. T. M. Senewiratne Mr.M.N.Ravikumar Mr.MC.M.Azwer Mr. A.M. Nahfees Mr. S. Shanmugathan	Dr. S.K. Illangarathne Mr. Uditha Alahakoon Dr. Udaya Cabral Mr. K.K.G. Wijeweera Ven. Demunnewe Upali Thero
Venue	Auditorium, Faculty of Technology, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Auditorium, Gampaha Public Library, Gampaha
Date	18.04.2024	26.04.2024

### 6.8 Committee on Monitoring and Assigning in the Implementation of Strategic Plan (COMAISP)

The strategic plan of SLLA was formulated by Strategic Planning and Strategic Directions Committee (SPSDC) for the period of 2016-2022. Since many of strategic actions have been pending, the present office of SLLA has extended the period of same strategic plan to another five years till 2027. The council appointed Mr. S. Santharooban as Convener for Committee on Monitoring and Assigning in the Implementation of Strategic Plan. The COMAISP handled three projects this year.

Projects	Key Action Area	Strategy No.	Convener
1. Preparation of Collection Development Policy for the Provincial Central Libraries	KA 4 - Provincial Library Sector	5.4.2 (IX)	Mr. Wijaya Premadarshana
2. Translation of Essay Guideline of SLLA for HDIPLIS 2 into Tamil	KA 5- Improve Education Programmes	5.5.2 (XVIII)	Mr. M.S.M. Shiham
3. Translation of Minimum standard for the libraries in orphanages and child protection centers into Sinhala.	KA 4 - Improve access to information and facilitate knowledge creation	5.4.2 (VI)	Mr. Sunil Premaratne

The project on preparation of Compendium of Library-Related Legislation of Sri Lanka is in progress. Mr. T. Ramanan is currently working on this as an individual project.



## 6.9 Public Libraries Group

The group had one physical meeting and several online meetings to organize programs.

During the year the following activities were completed by the group.

S/N	Description
01.	<p>Public library group in collaboration with the D.S. Senanayake public library of Kandy Municipal Council organized a four day workshop on “Sustainable Development Goals – Measurement. Evaluation, demonstrating impact of library services. The workshop took place on March 4-5 and March 25-26, 2024 with funding provided by the D.S. Senanayake Public Library American Center, Kandy Municipal Council and coordinated by Mr. Herath, Chief Librarian. Program was funded by the Kandy Municipal Council.</p> <p>A total of 29 public librarians participated the program from public libraries across Central Province. Dr. Premila Gamage a professional trainer and information coordinator from the IFLA Regional Division Committee for Asia Oceania facilitated the workshop.</p> <p>The primary objective of the workshop was to educate librarians on identifying the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and aligning their projects. A valuable certificate was issued for the participants certified by SLLA and IFLA</p>
02.	<p>One day workshop on “Future Usage of Koha Library automation Software in Public Libraries” was organized by the Group on 2024.05.17 at Dr. Richard Pathiran Memorial Library, Auditorium, Galle. Mr. Nimal Hettiarachchi, Chief Librarian of the Ruhuna University facilitated the program. 25 public librarians participated the workshop and a certificate was issued by the SLLA for participants. SLLA was funded the program and Mrs. Kalpani De Silva coordinated it.</p>
03	<p>Mrs. H.M.W.P. Herath, Assistant Commissioner of Local Government- Puttalam District organized a workshop on “Professional Development For Public Librarians” in collaboration with Sri Lanka Library Association and it was held in the ACLG office, Puttalam District. The Program was funded by Assistant commissioner of Local Government and SLLA. Mr. Dhammika Rathnayake, Lecturer of Sri Lanka Library Association was facilitated the workshop as the resource person. 59 Librarians, library assistants and library caretakers across the district participated the workshop and a valuable certificate was issued by the Assistant Commissioner for all participants. Mr. Nishath, a committee member was coordinated the program.</p>
04	<p>A constitution for Public Library Association of Sri Lanka Library Association was drafted and presented the council for the approval.</p>
05.	<p>Initial steps have been taken to prepare a comprehensive database for all public libraries island wide. A Google form has been created for data collection and ready for distribution.</p>



## 6.10 School Libraries Group

The Sri Lanka Library Association's School Libraries Group is proud to report a series of successful initiatives undertaken in the past year. Our primary focus has been on empowering school librarians through professional development and fostering a vibrant school library environment.

### 6.10.1 Empowering Librarians: A Two-Day Workshop

On November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the School Libraries Group organized a comprehensive two-day workshop specifically designed for school librarians. This workshop aimed to equip participants with the necessary administrative skills to excel in their roles.

We were fortunate to have a distinguished panel of resource persons share their expertise. The esteemed Rev. Pathakada Rewatha, Librarian, along with the esteemed H. Sarath Nanda Kumara, Director of the National Institute of Education, Dr. R.D. Ananda Thissa, Mr. Preethi Liyanage, President of SLLA, Mr. S.K. Gunathilake, Elect President of SLLA, and Mrs. W.A.J. K. Rathnasekara, Convener of the School Libraries Group, all contributed valuable insights and practical strategies.

The positive feedback received from participants underscores the workshop's success in addressing the critical need for enhanced administrative skills among school librarians.

### 6.10.2 School Library Practice Assessment Competition

Furthermore, the School Libraries Group is pleased to announce the launch of the "Excellent School Library Practice Assessment Competition." This initiative aims to achieve several key objectives:

- **Develop a Robust Activity Base:** The competition encourages school libraries to implement a wide range of engaging activities that promote library usage and foster a love for reading among students.
- **Enhance User Development:** By recognizing innovative approaches to user development, the competition seeks to elevate the overall library experience for students and teachers.
- **Promote Resource Sharing:** The competition provides a platform for schools to share best practices and inspire one another, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange within the school library community.

We are confident that the "Excellent School Library Practice Assessment Competition" will significantly contribute to the growth and dynamism of school libraries across Sri Lanka.

Through these initiatives, the School Libraries Group remains committed to supporting the vital role of school librarians in fostering a culture of literacy and learning within Sri Lanka's schools.

## 6.11 National and Provincial Libraries Group

### Overview of Meetings

The National Library (NL) Group conducted two formal meetings during the year 2023/2024. The first meeting was held on November 14, 2023, and the second on February 22, 2024, both at the National Library. Additionally, the group maintained ongoing consultations through email and WhatsApp to ensure continuous communication and coordination.

### Key Contributions

The primary contribution of the NL Group this year was the initiation and organization of two one-day workshops focusing on “Awareness on Basic Library Management.” The first workshop was held at the National Library, and the second was planned to be conducted in the Sabaragamuwa Province in collaboration with the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Library Service Board. Unfortunately, the second workshop to be held in Sabaragamuwa Province could not be conducted as there was no representative from Sabaragamuwa province to organize it.

### Details of the Workshop held at the National Library and Documentation Services Board

**Workshop Title:** Awareness on Basic Library Management

**Date:** January 30, 2024

**Venue:** National Library Main Auditorium

**Duration:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Participants:** 158 LIS professionals, including librarians, library staff, and LIS students.

**Workshop Content:** The workshop focused on essential topics to ensure the smooth operation and management of libraries. These included:

- Establishment of a library committee
- Stock verification
- Collection management
- Weeding out
- Conservation and preservation
- Operational issues of the KOHA Library Management System
- Developing Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)

The sessions were mainly conducted by some members of the National Library Group. The participants found the workshop topics to be highly beneficial for their professional development. At the end of the workshop, certificates were issued to all participants.

### Approval and Progress

The project proposal for these workshops was approved by Council of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) Council prior to the intended date of the workshop.

The National Library Group has made significant strides in enhancing the professional skills of library staff through its organized workshop. The group remains committed to continuing its efforts to improve library management practices across various library sectors.

## 6.12 Office Management and Finance Committee

The Office Management and Finance Committee (OMFC) was convened by the General Secretary, Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi. Five (4) meetings were held by the OMFC. The Council recruited Management Assistant (Accounts) in October 2022 and trained under Senior Accounts Assistant. New MA (Accounts) started to use QUICK BOOKS software for the accounting work. Unfortunately MA (Accounts) resigned from the post and another MA (Accounts) recruited and a visiting Assistant Accountant was employed to train and supervise the work once a week.

Installed a board with past Presidents names and their period in front of the office.

## 6.13 Office staff

No	Name	Designation
1	Mr. W. Premadarshana	Administrative Secretary
2	Miss. N.M. Yoshani Dhanushika	Management Assistant - Accounts
3	Mrs. K.K.S.G. Gunawardhana	Management Assistant - Education
4	Mrs. D.A. Wijayawardana	Management Assistant - Education
5	Ms. S.D.D. Fernando	Trainee - Education
6	Mr. S.M.C. Perera	Office Assistant

## 7. Annual Audit

Sri Lanka Library Association appointed new external auditors according to the request of the General membership. Piyawardena Associates, Chartered Accountants was selected as external auditors approved by the SLLA Council. (Annexure XI)

## 8. Acknowledgments

Our thanks are due to the following organizations and individuals.

- H.E. Santosh Jha, Chief Guest, Senior Prof. M.K. Weerasinghe, Guest of Honour and Distinguished invitees
- Special thanks to Prof. (Dr.) Ankuran Dutta, Director of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre
- Mr. Thisum Jayasuriya, Chairman of Sri Lanka Convention Bureau
- Members of the SLLA
- AGM Organizing Committee
- All outgoing Council, Ex-Co, Professional Group, Regular and Special Committee Members
- Education Committee
- Bank of Ceylon
- Organization of Professional Associations (OPA)
- Media institutions including Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd, ITN television
- Colombo Public Library (CPL)
- Mr. Saman Athaudahetti, Chairman, Sri Lanka Foundation Institute
- SLLA Office Staff

Annexure I : Professional Groups

**Academic Libraries Group**

**Mrs. Thushara Wanasinghe - Convener**

Mr. S. Santharoban – Member  
Mr. M. N. Ravi Kumar - Member  
Dr. (Mrs.) C.K. Gamage - Member  
Mrs. Harshani Dissanayake - Member  
Dr. (Mrs.) Nayani Gunawardena - Member  
Ms. Aravindi Gajanayake - Member

**Public Libraries Group**

**Mr. Vijith Jayasinghe - Convener**

Mr. Nilmitha Perera - Member  
Ms. Kalpani Maharage - Member  
Mr. W.M.R.K. Weerasekera - Member  
Mr. K.M. Nishath - Member  
Ms. R.P.I. Manori – Member

**Government Libraries Group**

**Ms. F. R.A. Jiffrey – Convener**

Ms. Nayana Rasanjali – Member  
Ms. Jayantha Chandralatha- Member  
Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe – Member  
Mr. A.L.L.K. Kalil Rahuman – Member  
Mr. Rumesh Rukha – Member  
Ms. M. K.G.Y. Nandasena- Member

**National and Provincial Libraries**

**Ms. S.U. Wijethillake- Convener**

Ms. Padma Bandaranayake- Member  
Ms. Senani Bandara- Member  
Ms. Anoma Wijesinghe- Member  
Dr. U.P. Cabral- Member  
Mr. Nilantha Kumara- Member

**Special Libraries Group**

**Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara-Convener**

Ms. Priyani Balasooriya – Member  
Ms. W.M.T Arosha Wasala - Member  
Ms. Inoka Sajeewani Perera - Member  
Ms. T. Manoha Wickramathilaka - Member  
Mr. Daminda Manamperi – Member  
Ms. Hemamali Priyadarshani – Member

**School Libraries Group**

**Ms. Kaushalya Rathnasekara-Convener**

Mr. H.S. Nanda Kumara – Member  
Rev. Pathakada Revatha Thero –  
Member  
Mrs. T. N. Senarathne – Member  
Mrs. A.A.N.S Amarasinghe – Member

## Annexure II: List of Committees and Sub Committees

## Regular Committees

## Office Management Committee

1. Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi – Convener
2. Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa – Member
3. Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe – Member
4. Mr. Preethi Liyanage – Member
5. Mr. S.K. Gunathilake – Member
6. Ms. K. N. Samanthi – Member

## IT Committee

1. Mr. Anusha Yapa- Convener
2. Mr. S. K. Gunathilake - Member
3. Mr. C.N.D. Punchihewa- Member
4. Ms. Nadeeka Rathnabahu- Member
5. Ms. T.M.C. Hansamali Tennakoon- Member

## Education Committee

1. Ms. Priyani Balsooriya - Education Officer
2. Mr. Preethi Liyanage - Member
3. Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa - Member
4. Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachi - Member
5. Mr. K.G. Sugath Gunatilake - Member
6. Mrs. Sakunthala Senevirathna- AEO
7. Ms. K.N. Samanthi - Member
8. Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara- Member
9. Mr. K.A.C. Abeygunawardhana- Member
10. Mr. Siyath Ahamad- Member

## Invited members - Center Coordinators

1. Mr. S.K. Gunathilaka - Distance
2. Ms. Nadeeka Rathnabahu - COLA
3. Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe - Colombo
4. Ms. P. Dharamasiriwardhana -Kandy
5. Ms. H.K. Padma - Galle
6. Ms. I. N. Polgampola - Badulla
7. Ms. T. Janen - Jaffna
8. Mr. A. L. Kalil Rahuman

## IPRO committee

1. Mrs. T.M.C. Hansamali Thennakoon- Convener
2. Mr. Preethi Liyanage - Member
3. Mrs. H. Subhashini Abhayadasa De Silva – Member
4. Dr. S. K. Ilangarathana - Member
5. Mrs. M. K. G. Yanika Nandasena – Member
6. Mrs. Anoma Wijesinghe - Member
7. Mrs. M.P.P. Dilhani – Member
8. Ms. Jeevanie Rupasinghe - Member
9. Mr. Sandun Chamara - Member

## Subcommittee (Media &amp;Publicity)

1. Mrs. A. L. G. Rasika Nelanthi - Member
2. Mr. Priyantha Godakanda - Member
3. Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa - Member

## Publication Committee and Editorial Committee

1. Mrs. M. P. Dilhani -Convener
2. Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa – Member
3. Mrs. T. M. Seneviratne – Member
4. Dr. (Mrs.) M.M. Mashroofa- Member
5. Mrs. M.K.G. Attanayake – Member
6. Mr. S. Santharooban – Member

## Committee on Monitoring and Assigning in the Implementation of Strategic Plan (COMAISP)

1. Mr. S. Santharooban – Convener
2. Mr. Preethi Liyanage – Member
3. Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa- Member
4. Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi- Member
5. Mr. M.N. Ravi Kumar- Member

Annexure III : Special Committees

**NACLIS / LIS Research Committee**

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| 1. <b>Dr. (Mrs.) M. M. Mashroofa – Convener</b> | 2. Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa – Member    |
| 3. Dr. Udaya Cabral – Member                    | 4. Ms. Geethani Attanayake - Member  |
| 5. Ms. Thivya Janen – Member                    | 6. Ms. Thushari Senewiratne - Member |
| 7. Ms. T.M.C. Hansamali Thennakoon– Member      | 8. Mr. U.L.M. Fowsh - Member         |
| 9. Mr. S. Santharooban – Member                 |                                      |

**LIS Research Committee (NACLIS) - Session I**

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| 1. Mrs. T. Janen            | 2. Mr. U. L. Fowsh           |
| 3. Mr. C. N. D. Punchihewa  | 4. Ms. K. N. Samanthi        |
| 5. Mr. M. Ragavan           | 6. Mr. A. C. Aslam Saajith   |
| 7. Mr. A. Asath Rapporteur  | 8. Mrs. Yanika Nandasena     |
| 9. Mr. A. K. Jaufer         | 10. Mr. C. M. A. Munas       |
| 11. Mr. P. M. Hithayathulla | 12. Mr. S. L. M. Sajeer      |
| 13. Mr. Anver Sathath       | 14. Mrs. Nazeera Abdul Azees |
| 15. Mr. A. K. Ashraf        | 16. Mrs. S. Inpam            |
| 17. Mrs. M. C. Nafila       |                              |

**Editorial Committee (NACLIS) - Session I**

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| 5. Mr. M. C. M. Azwar  | 6. Mr. A. M. Nahfees           |
| 7. Dr. S. Ketheeswaren |                                |

**LIS Research Committee (NACLIS) - Session II**

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| 5. Mrs. Kusala Sajeewani         | 6. Mrs. Yanika Nandasena                 |
| 7. Mrs. Priyadarshani Hemakumara | 8. Mr. Vijith Jayasinghe                 |
| 9. Mrs. Aravindi Gajanayake      | 10. Ms. Oshini Hapuarachchi              |
| 11. Ms. Harshani Hapuarachchi    | 12. Mrs. W. A. J. Kaushalya Rathnasekara |

**Editorial Committee (NACLIS) - Session II**

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| 3. Mr. Uditha Alahakoon  | 4. Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe      |

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| 1. <b>Mr. N.M. Ravi Kumar -Convener</b> | 1. <b>Dr. Ruwan Gamage- - Convener</b> |
| 2. Mr. T. Ramanan - Member              | 2. Dr. G.R. Padmasiri - Member         |
| 3. Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa -Member        | 3. Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe - Member   |

**Associatesip and Life Membership Committee**

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| 3. Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathne - Member | 4. Dr. Ananda Tissa - Member     |
| 5. Mr. K.G.S. Gunatilleke - Member      |                                  |

**SDG Committee**

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| 1. <b>Dr. (Ms.Premila Gamage – Convener</b> | 2. Dr.(Mrs.) K.R.N. Harshani – Member |
| 3. Ms. T.M.C. Hansamali – Member            | 4. Mr. M.N. Ravi Kumar – Member       |
| 5. Mr. S. Santharoban – Member              | 6. Mr. Vijith Jayasinghe – Member     |
| 7. Ms. Kaushalya Rathnasekara – Member      | 8. Ms. Pavitra Wijewardena – Member   |
| 9. Ms. Rameena Jiffrey – Member             |                                       |
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**Annual General Meeting (AGM) Committee**

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| 1. <b>Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake -Convener</b> | 2. Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara– Member     |
| 3. Mr. Preethi Liyanage– Member            | 4. Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa– Member            |
| 5. Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi– Member    | 6. Ms. M KG Y Nandasena– Member             |
| 7. Ms. K.N. Samanthi– Member               | 8. Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe– Member          |
| 9. Ms. M.P.P. Dilhani– Membe– Member       | 10. Ms. Priyani Balsooriya– Member          |
| 11. Mr. Anton Nallathamby– Member          | 12. Ms. T.M.C. Hansamali Thennakoon- Member |
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**Graduation ceremony committee**

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| Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathna (Convener) | Ms. Priyani Balasooriya       |
| Mr. Preethi Liyanage                   | Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi  |
| Dr. R.D. AnandaTissa                   | Mr. Sugath Gunathilaka        |
| Ms. K.N. Samanthi                      | Mr. Wijaya Premadarshana      |
| Mr. Chamal Abeygunawardena             | Ms. Nadeeka Rathnabahu        |
| Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe                  | Ms. K.P.N. Dharmasiriwardhena |
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**Election Committee**

1. **Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe - Secretary**
2. Ms. Amara Nanayakkara - Member
3. Ms. Sunetra Kariyawasam - Member



### Annexure IV: Attendance of Council Members for Meeting

P = Present, O = Online, E = Excused, A = Absent

Name	Position	1 <sup>st</sup> Council 11.07.2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> Council 08.09.2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Council 10.11.2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Council 12.01.2024	5 <sup>th</sup> Council 07.03.2024	6 <sup>th</sup> Council 14.05.2024	7 <sup>th</sup> Council 10.06.2024	8 <sup>th</sup> Council 24.06.2024
Dr. Preethi Liyanage	PRE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dr. R.D.Ananda Tissa	IPP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake	PE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi	GS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ms. M.K.G.Y. Nandasena	VP	P	P	P	E	A	P	O	O
Ms. K.N. Samanthi	TRE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ms. Priyani Balasooriya	EO	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	O
Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe	AGS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ms.Sakunthala Senevirathne	AEO	P	P	P	P	P	P	O	P
Ms. M.P.P.Dihani	PO	P	P	P	E	P	P	O	P
T M C Hansamali Tennakoon	IPRO	P	P	O	A	P	P	P	A
Dr. Ruwan Gamage	NM		O	O	P	O	P	P	O
Dr. G.R. Padmasiri	NM		O	P	P	A	P	p	O
Mr. Vijith Jayasinghe	CPL	P	E	E	P	A	P	P	A
Ms. Thushara Wanasinghe	CAL	O	P	E	O	A	P	O	O
Ms. W.A.J. Kaushalya Rath-nasekara	CSL	O	P	E	E	P	P	P	P
Ms. F.R.A. Jiffrey	CGL	P	O	P	P	A	P	E	E
Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumarara	CSpe.L	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ms. S.U. Wijethilake	CNLP	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	E
Dr. (Mrs.) Mashroofa	CNAC-LIS		O	O	O	O	E	O	A
Mr. S Santharooban	CCO-MAISP		O	O	O	A	E	E	A

PRE - President

IPP - Immediate Past President

PE - President Elect

GS - General Secretary

VP - Vice President

TRE - Treasurer

EO - Education Officer

AGS - Assistant General Secretary

AEO - Assistant Education Officer

IPRO - Information &amp; Public Relations Officer

CNLP- National Library and Provincial Libraries

PO -Publication Officer

IT -Convener – IT Committee

NEOM - Nominated Ex-Officio Member

CPL - Convener – Public Libraries

CAL-Convener - Academic Libraries

CSL- Convener - School Libraries

CGL-Convener- Government Libraries

CSpe.L -Convener - Special Libraries

CNACLIS -Convener - NACLIS/LIS Research

CCOMAISP -Convener – COMAISP Committee

NM - Nominated Member

**Annexure V: Attendance of Ex-Co Members for Meeting 2023/2024**

P = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, O = Online

Name	Position	1 <sup>st</sup> Ex-co 11.08.2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ex-co 06.10.2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ex-co 18.12.2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Ex-co 19.02.2024	5 <sup>th</sup> Ex-co 08.04.2024
Dr. Preethi Liyanage	President	P	P	P	P	P
Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa	Immediate Past President	P	O	P	P	P
Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake	President Elect	P	P	P	P	P
Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi	General Secretary	P	P	P	P	P
Ms. M.K.G.Y. Nandasena	Vice President	O	O	O	P	P
Ms. K.N. Samanthi	Treasurer	P	P	O	P	P
Ms. Priyani Balasooriya	Education Officer	P	P	P	P	P
Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe	Assistant General Secretary	P	P	O	P	P
Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathne	Assistant Education Officer	O	O	O	O	O
T M C Hansamali Tennakoon	Information & Public Relations Officer	O	O	O	O	O
Ms. M.P.P.Dihani	Publication Officer	P	O	O	P	E
Dr. Pramila Gamage	Nominated Member	A	P	O	E	E
Mr. Anton Nallathamby	Nominated Member	P	P	P	P	P

**Annex VI : Fellowship and Life Membership Awardees 20223/2024****I. Fellowship by Achievement****1.1 Ms. R.M.N.S. Rathnabahu**

Mrs. R.M Nadeeka Sanjeevani Rathnabahu presently serves as a Senior Lecturer, Grade 1, Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS), Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya, and the Director of the Research Library and Information Center of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the same university.

After securing BA Honors Degree in Library and Information Science at the Department of Library and Information Science in 2006 and she joined the Postgraduate Institute of Archeology (PGIAR), University of Kelaniya, in 2009 as the first permanent Assistant Librarian. During this period, she obtained a Master of Social Sciences in Library and Information Science (MSSc) at the University of Kelaniya in 2012. With effect from 2012 to 2017, she served the PGIAR library as a Senior Assistant Librarian, Grade 2, until she joined as a Senior Lecturer, Grade 2, at the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya in 2017.

Mrs. Rathnabahu obtained her membership at the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) in 2009 and was awarded an Associateship in 2015. To her, credentials, she has served as

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a lecturer and a member of different committees in SLLA. Additionally, her countless and groundbreaking honorary services as the coordinator and lecturer to the success of the Course on Library Automation (COLA) during the last three-year period were highly appreciated by the present SLLA Council.

At present, she is serving the field of Library and Information Science and teaching faculty at national and international levels as a visiting lecturer for several study programmes. Moreover, her other academic positions range as a course units coordinator, syllabus development coordinator, library advisor to external organizations and the library development project coordinator of the DLIS, University of Kelaniya. Presently she is a Co-Secretary of the University of Kelaniya Alumni Association, Colombo Branch. In addition, she was a member of the “Study on Ragging and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in the Sri Lankan University System and engaged in the Implementing/ Proposing an Interventions and Mechanisms for Combating Ragging and Gender-Based Violence in the Sri Lankan University System, undertaken by the University Grants Commission and UNICEF in 2020.

Mrs. Rathnabahu’s research involvement is right now expanding at the national and international levels. She is serving as a Reviewer in the *Journal of Information Development*, published by Sage; Co-Editor in the Access an International Journal of Nepal Library Association, Nepal; Reviewer in *Kalyani Sangara*, published by the University of Kelaniya; an Editor in *Journal of Social Sciences* by University of Kelaniya and the managing editor of the *Pusthakala Vidya* Journal published by the DLIS. Additionally, she published three books in the field of Library and Information Science and Archaeology. To her credits, she has published many peer-reviewed articles, journal articles, book chapters, and research papers at national and international levels.

At present, she is a Member of the University of Kelaniya Teachers Association, an **Associate Member** of the Sri Lanka Library Association, a Member of the University Librarians’ Association of Sri Lanka, a Life Member of the Royal Asiatic Society, Colombo, and a member of the Sri Lanka Association for Improving Higher Education Effectiveness. Mrs. Rathnabahu was the Senate Awardee for publishing an article in an indexed Journal in 2023, Vice-Chancellor Awardee for the Best Young Researcher in 2017 and Best Institute Web Master Awardee, University of Kelaniya in 2015.

### 1.2 Mr. M.S.M. Shiham

Mr. Shiham is currently working as Library and Documentation Officer and the Deputy Head of the Bibliographic Control Division at the National Library of Sri Lanka. He joined the National Library in 1996 and has served in various divisions including Acquisition, Reader Services, Education and Bibliographic Control divisions and has involved in various professional activities in the National Library. Mr. Shiham has completed his Bachelor in arts Degree in University of Peradeniya and also completed HDLIS at SLLA. He obtained his Sri Lanka Library Association membership in 2008 and became an Associate member in 2014. Being a lecturer he has been sharing his knowledge to students of SLLA’s for Diploma and Higher Diploma programs. Moreover, Mr. Shiham extended his services for the betterment of LIS sector as Assistant General Secretary, member of Publication group and National Library groups of SLLA. Mr. Shiham has served as visiting lecturer and course coordinator of NILIS. He is also serving as resource perso for Ministry of Education and has been working as lecturer cum trainer for National Library more than a decade of period. He extended his services internationally working as IFLA a group member of IFLA eLending working group for 2019/2020 period. Mr Shiham was awarded Best Library Training Report of Dip. LIS Level one examination in 1998, Blok Memorial Award in 1997 and Recognition of Notable Diligence Award in 2018 of Cultural Partnership Initiative (CPI) Program by the National Library of Korea, and also obtained First Monday Online Journal 10th Anniversary

Conference Award in 2006 by University of Illinois at Chicago, USA among out of 72 applicants worldwide. He has published two books related to LIS area and published research article nationally and internationally and also writing articles and conducting programs in LIS area in social media and national media channels. He had been an editorial member of Library News magazine and working as editorial member of Sri Lanka Periodical Article Index and Sri Lanka National Bibliography. He has involved in National works related to LIS area Descriptive Bibliographic Framework (DBIB) a framework to based on MARC 21. Mr. Shiahm has obtained various trainings in LIS area in nationally and internationally including Malaysia and South Korea.

**2. Life Membership Awardees in 2023/2024**

S/N	Name
01.	Ms. R.N Morapaya
02.	Mr. B.N.G.S. Premarathne
03.	Mr.W. Premadarshana
04.	Mr.T. Ramanan
05.	Mrs. D.M.P. Bandaranayake
06.	Mrs.C.D. Daniel
07.	Ms. Sumithra Meegasmulla
08.	Mrs. S.A.D. Samarakoon

## Annexure VII: Associateship Obtained During 2023/2024

S/N	Name	Membership No.	Certificate No.
1	Mrs. D.P. Nimmi Deshapriya	1037	SLLA/COA/2024/124
2	Mrs.D.M.N.M. Kumari	1035	SLLA/COA/2024/125
3	Mrs. M.W.A.N. Nanayakkara	1027	SLLA/COA/2024/126
4	Mrs. D.M.A. Dasanayake	925	SLLA/COA/2024/127
5	Mrs.P.A. Adikari Aarachchi	1036	SLLA/COA/2024/128
6	Mrs. M.G. Sudarshani Alwis	948	SLLA/COA/2024/129
7	Ms. R.K.P. Piyomi	1038	SLLA/COA/2024/130
8	Ms. T.M.P. Wickramathilake	1039	SLLA/COA/2024/131
9	Mrs. P.K.M. Kaushamalika	931	SLLA/COA/2024/132
10	Mrs. J.M.A.L. Jayasinghe	1031	SLLA/COA/2024/133
11	Mrs. M.P. Rajapaksha	587	SLLA/COA/2024/134
12	Ms. T. A. S. H. Thennakoon	1015	SLLA/COA/2024/135
13	Mrs. H.M.P.D. K.K Abayasuriya	988	SLLA/COA/2024/136
14	Ms. A.H.N. Alwis	954	SLLA/COA/2024/137
15	Mrs. W.G.M.K. Premadasa	910	SLLA/COA/2024/138
16	Mr. W.G.A. Dharmaratne	784	SLLA/COA/2024/139
17	Ms. D.S.H.S.W. Hettiarachchi	985	SLLA/COA/2024/140
18	Mr. W.A.S.C. Weerasinghe	1029	SLLA/COA/2024/141
19	Mrs. K.A.N. Maheshika	1005	SLLA/COA/2024/142
20	Ms. W.D.K. Swarnakanthi	1019	SLLA/COA/2024/143
21	Mrs. S. Benaragama	884	SLLA/COA/2024/144
22	Mr. D.M.S.M. Wijerathna	912	SLLA/COA/2024/145
23	Mrs. M.A.C. Manathunga	993	SLLA/COA/2024/146
24	Mr. P.M. Hithayathullah	1043	SLLA/COA/2024/147
25	Mrs. S.M.M.M. Subasinghe	1052	SLLA/COA/2024/148
26	Ms. S. Sayeelatha	981	SLLA/COA/2024/149

## Annexure VIII: Non-Corporate Memberships Obtained During 2023/2024

S/N	Mem. No	Name
1	1101	(Ms.) A.G.M.P. Godevitharana
2	1102	(Mrs.) W.A.A. Lasanthi
3	1103	(Mrs.) E.G.R.D.K. Dhanapala
4	1104	(Mrs.) W.A.D. Pushpa Kumari
5	1105	Dr.(Mrs.) H.A.D.D.D. Jayasekera
6	1106	(Ms.) M.D.C.U. Gunathilaka
7	1107	(Mrs.) H.R. Namasinghe
8	1108	(Ms.) H.M.P.S.Herath
9	1109	(Mrs.) I.H.A. Karunaratne
10	1110	(Mrs.) K.A.Y. Sandamali
11	1111	(Ms.) R.D. Weerapperuma
12	1112	(Mr.) G.S.N. Perera
13	1113	(Ms.) I.U.Wickramasinghe
14	1114	(Mrs.) D.A.S.N.De Soysa
15	1115	(Ms.) B.G.N.K. Jayawickrama
16	1116	(Ms.) G.O. Shyalika
17	1117	(Mrs.) G.C. Wasanthi
18	1118	(Mrs.) A.R. Abeynayake
19	1119	(Mrs.) W.A.M.A. Wanasekera
20	1120	(Ms.) A.L.A. Sanjeevani
21	1121	(Ms.) W.A.B.N. Wijesooriya
22	1122	(Ms.) S.D. Alles
23	1123	(Mr.) K. Eswaran
24	1124	(Mrs.) S.D.C.A. Senanayaka
25	1125	(Ms.) S.Paheerathy
26	1126	(Mr.) A.D.A. Sanjaya
27	1127	(Mrs.) R.A.D.N. Darshani
28	1128	(Ms) P.W.H. Sandamali
29	1129	(Mrs.) W.R.A.C.M. Ranasinghe
30	1130	(Ms.) H.M.G. Lahiruni
31	1131	(Mrs.) T.A.S. Arunashanthi
32	1132	(Mrs.) L.A.C.J. Amarasinghe
33	1133	(Ms.) K.H.A.S. Udayangani
34	1134	(Ms.) I.S.A.N. Fernando
35	1135	(Mrs.) K.H. Darshani
36	1136	(Mrs.) M.H.H.K.Ranaweera
37	1137	(Mrs) M.P.C. Priyangani
38	1138	(Ms.) S.A.A.N. Weerasinghe
39	1139	(Mrs.) G.S. Chulani
40	1140	(Mrs.) S.M.A.M.M. Manchanayake
41	1141	(Mr.) T.D.D.M. Thilakasiri
42	1142	(Mrs.) M.N.F. Sakeena
43	1143	(Ms.) D.M.D.P. Dissanayake
44	1144	(Ms.) M.R.N.D.Jayalath
45	1145	(Mrs.) P.G.M. Piumali
46	1146	(Ms.) S.G.K. Sirisena
47	1147	(Mrs.) M.G.J Nisansala
48	1148	(Mrs) R.G. Rasanjalee
49	1149	(Mrs.) K.M.N.P. Iima
50	1150	(Ms.) A.M.D.K.O. Gunawardena
51	1151	(Mrs.) K.I.D. Senarathna
52	1152	(Ms.) K.Kowsalya
53	1153	(Ms.) M.G.H.K.Wijerathne
54	1154	(Mrs.) S.S. Wijayasinghe
55	1155	(Dr.) S. Chandrasena
56	1156	(Mrs.) S.S. Johoran
57	1157	(Mrs.) T.K. Nayakasena
58	1158	(Ms.) B.M.E.K. Bandaranayake
59	1159	(Ms.) N.C.Kalupahana
60	1160	(Mrs.) Vajira Ranaweera
61	1161	(Ms.) S.H.T.H. Madhuwanthi
62	1162	(Mrs.) N.S.S. Kumari
63	1163	(Mrs.) W.M.S.P. Kumari
64	1164	(Mr.) K.G.Y.R. Kumarasinghe
65	1165	(Mrs) L. Rajaratnam
66	1166	Dr.(Mrs.) A.W.V.Athukorala
67	1167	(Ms.) E.R.M.N. Maduwanthi
68	1168	(Ms.) K.H.M.S. Pushpakumari
69	1169	(Mrs.) A.U.R. Bethma

## Annexure IX: Panel of Lecturers – 2023/2024

**DLIS / HDIPLIS Lecture Schedule  
Sinhala (2023/2024)**

No	Lecture
1.	Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku
2.	Mr. W. Premadarshana
3.	Dr. K.R.N. Harshani
4.	Mr. Sugath Gunathilake
5.	Dr. Udaya Cabral
6.	Dr. C.N.K. Alahakoon
7.	Ms. K.P.N. Dharmasiriwardena
8.	Mrs. Muditha Ankumbura
9.	Mr. P.W.D.G. Weerakoon
10.	Ms. K.N. Samanthi
11.	Dr. R.D. Anandatissa
12.	Ms. H.K.P. Pathma
13.	Mrs. Sunethra Kariyawasam
14.	Ms. A.P.U.De Silva
15.	Ms. Sevbandi Jayasinghe
16.	Mr. Aruna Thilanka
17.	Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathne
18.	Mr. S.U. Amarasinghe
19.	Ms. B.D.L.D. Kumari
20.	Rev.Pathkada Rewatha Thero
21.	Ms. T.M. Chamodhi Hansamali
22.	Ms. W.A.J.K. Rathnasekara
23.	Dr. C.K. Gamage
24.	Ms. H.S.A. De Silva
25.	Mr. K.K.G. Wijeweera
26.	Dr. Saman Ilangarathna
27.	Mr. Dhammika Rathnayaka
28.	Ms. Harshani Dissanayake
29.	Dr. Kumari Kulathunga
30.	Mr. T.G. Padmasiri
31.	Mrs. Hiruni Kanchana
32.	Mr. H.N. Peiris
33.	Mr. M.K.C.G.Ghanasekara

**DLIS / HDIPLIS Lecture Schedule  
Tamil (2023/2024)**

No	Lecture
1.	Mr. A.L.K. Rahman
2.	Mr. M. Sinnarajah
3.	Mr. M. Nisath
4.	Dr. K. Chandrasekar
5.	Mr. M. Rumaiz
6.	Mr. A.C.A. Sathath
7.	Mr. T. Ramanan
8.	Mrs. Gayathri. Navirathan
9.	Mr. S. Shanmugathan
10.	Mr. S. Santharoban
11.	Mr. Siham
12.	Mrs. T. Janen
13.	Dr. M. Visakaruban
14.	Mr. M.N. Ravikumar
15.	Mr. A.M. Fahri
16.	Mr. S. Ketheeswaran
17.	Mrs. T. Sritharan
18.	Mrs. J. Lavanya
19.	Mr. B. Prashanthan
20.	Mr. R. Kupeshan
21.	Ms. Komathy Murugathas

**DLIS / HDIPLIS Lecture Schedule  
English (2023/2024)**

No	Lecture
1.	Dr. K. Chandrasekar
2.	Mr. M. Rumaiz
3.	Mrs. Hiruni Kanchana
4.	Mr. Dhammika Rathnayake
5.	Dr. K.R.N. Harshani
6.	Ms. Upeksha Kodithuwakku
7.	Dr. C.N.K. Alahakoon
8.	Mr. A.C.A. Sathath
9.	Mr. T. Ramanan
10.	Mrs. Muditha Ankumbura
11.	Mr. S. Shanmugathan
12.	Mrs. T. Janen



Annexure X: Important decisions taken by the Council during the year – 2023/2024

1. Get the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission registration for the education of the SLLA
2. Re write the course modules along with the TVEC requirements
3. Conducting Continuous professional Development programs by professional groups
4. Fixing a board with past presidents' name in front of the office
5. Conducting a workshop for the council members regarding rules and parliamentary Act.
6. Meeting the relevant authorities regarding recruiting multitask office assistants to public libraries, recruiting issues of librarians of western province, issues in school libraries
7. Revise the membership subscription fee as follows. The registration fee remains same.  

Non corporate membership fee Rs. 2000/-  
Associate membership fee Rs. 2500/=  
Fellowship subscription fee Rs. 4000/-
8. Charging a fee when re-issuance of result sheet and certificate.  

To re-issue a transcript: Rs. 300/-  
To re-issue a certificate: Rs. 500/-
9. The council taken a decision regarding the effective date of the certificates as follows:  

**“The date of the examination for a specific course and the release of its results should be recorded as the date of completion of that course (effective date)”.**
10. Introduction of submitting the research proposal instead of essays as the final requirement of the HDIPLIS II
11. Conducting DLIS classes online and convert mode of delivery to hybrid mode
12. Decision taken to hold the research conference in local languages in different provinces
13. Salary increment to staff Rs. 3000/- and tea allowance of Rs.2000/-
14. Preparing guidelines to granting Institutional Membership and Student Memberships

**Annexure XI: Auditor's Report 2023/2024**



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Sri Lanka Library Association, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and the statement of comprehensive income and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Associations as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Associations in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by CA Sri Lanka (Code of Ethics) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Associations or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Associations' financial reporting process.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SLAuSs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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As part of an audit in accordance with SLAuSs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Associations to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Colombo



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**SRILANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**NO.275/75,OPA CENTER,BAUDDHALOKA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 07**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	NOTE	Rs.	22/23 Rs.
<b>INCOME</b>			
Membership Fees	(01)	1,110,450	599,450
Registration Fees		15,500	175,000
Course Fee and Examination Fees	(02)	9,864,858	10,019,125
Other Income	(03)	14,667,518	3,221,144
Workshop Programme	(04)	110,850	
		<u>25,769,176</u>	<u>14,014,719</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Direct Expenses	(05)	5,842,119	3,075,451
Administration Expenses	(06)	8,028,122	7,677,342
Workshop Programme	(04)	-	178,015
		<u>13,870,242</u>	<u>10,930,808</u>
<b>Surplus /(Deficit) Before Taxation</b>		11,898,934	3,083,912
Income Tax Expenses		(3,580,782)	(1,308,909)
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) After Taxation</b>		<u>8,318,153</u>	<u>1,775,003</u>

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**SRILANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**NO.275/75,OPA CENTER,BAUDDHALOKA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 07**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024**

	NOTE	Rs.	31/03/2023 Rs.
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property ,Plant and Equipment	(07)	685,672	83,455
Intangible Assets	(08)	527,060	380,534
		<u>1,212,731</u>	<u>463,990</u>
<b>Investments</b>			
Investments in Shares	(09)	1,000	1,000
Investment in Fixed Deposits	(10)	69,787,928	56,419,887
		<u>69,788,928</u>	<u>56,420,887</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Accounts Receivable	(11)	93,964	70,564
Cash and Cash Equivalents	(12)	3,751,149	8,986,728
		<u>3,845,113</u>	<u>9,057,292</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>74,846,773</b></u>	<u><b>65,942,169</b></u>
<b>FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>FUND</b>			
Accumulated Fund	(13)	70,731,486	62,237,915
Distance Education Partnership Program Fund		979,695	979,695
Inactive Funds		466,155	466,155
Vijitha De Silva Research Fund		621,101	669,601
President's Welfare fund		101,000	101,000
S. Arulanthan Award Fund		186,425	191,425
		<u>73,085,862</u>	<u>64,645,791</u>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Retirement Benefit Obligation	(14)	99,130	63,219
		<u>99,130</u>	<u>63,219</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	(15)	293,123	260,714
Income Tax Payable	(16)	1,368,658	972,445
		<u>1,661,781</u>	<u>1,233,159</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>74,846,773</b></u>	<u><b>65,942,169</b></u>

These Financial Statements are prepared and presented by Sri Lanka Library Association committee of Management.

Signed for and on behalf of the Management Committee.

*[Signature]*  
President

*[Signature]*  
General Secretary

*[Signature]*  
Treasurer

20th June 2024  
Colombo



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