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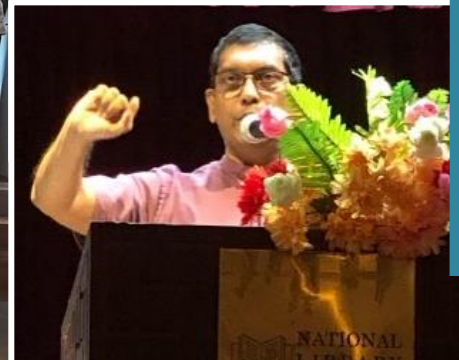
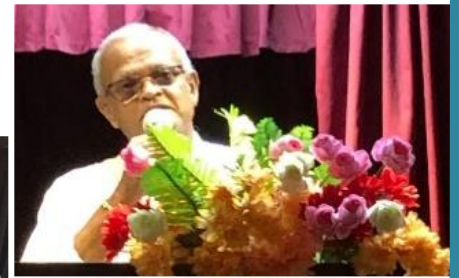
1. SLA Education Programme

Inauguration of Diploma in Library and Information Science (DLIS) 2023/2024 Batch

The inaugural ceremony of the Library and Information Science Diploma Course conducted by the Sri Lanka Library Association was held on 27th January 2024 in the Auditorium of the National Library and Documentation Services Board. Mr. Preethi Liyanage, President, Mrs. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi, General Secretary Dr. Ruwan Gamage nominated member of the Council, Mrs. Priyani Balsooriya, Education Officer, Ms. K.N. Samanthi, Treasurer and several members of the council of the SLA and several teaching staff participated.

Dr. Ruwan Gamage highlighted the importance of transitioning to online education given the prevailing economic conditions in Sri Lanka. Following this, the Education Officer explained the course structure and the array of higher education prospects and job opportunities awaiting students upon course completion. Accomplished students from the Batch 2022/2023 shared their experiences with incoming students, underscoring the advantages they gained from participating in the course.

Priyani Balsooriya, Education Officer/SLA/ 2023/2024



2. Collaborations of SLA with other Institutions and Organizations

Dr. Udaya Cabral, Assistant Director (Conservator) of the National Library and Documentation Services Board, has been appointed as a member of the Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (CCH) of the IFLA with effect from 13th March 2024, for the 2023–2025 term due to the vacant position of a member of the committee. In addition, he has been serving as an IFLA PAC Director in the Centre at the National Library of Sri Lanka. The Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage has 10 members, including a chair appointed by the Governing Board, as well as representatives from IFLA professional units working in cultural heritage as ex officio members, and additional expert advisors. The Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage oversees and coordinates work taking place across IFLA cultural heritage, to maximise its impact and reach.

3. The Information and Public Relations Committee

3.1 User Awareness Programme on “පුස්තකාල සඳහා තොරතුරු සන්නිවේදන තාක්ෂණය භාවිතය”

Mrs. T.M.C. Hansamali Thennakoon, IPRO of the SLLA organized a user awareness programme for the LIS Students, staff and librarians on the topic of “පුස්තකාල සඳහා තොරතුරු සන්නිවේදන තාක්ෂණය භාවිතය”. The distinguished resource person for this programme is Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Senior Lecturer, The National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS), University of Colombo. This programme took place on 3rd February 2024 from 8.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. The main purpose of this programme was to impart knowledge on using Information Technology in library settings. Over 100 participants engaged in the programme through the Zoom platform.

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3.2 User Awareness Programme on “ජාතික වෘත්තීය සුදුසුකම් සපුරා ගැනීම මගින් පුස්තකාල සේවාවන් ඉහළ නංවමු”

Mrs. T.M.C. Hansamali Thennakoon, IPRO of the SLLA organized a SANKATHANA public user awareness programme for the LIS Students, staff, librarians and the general public with the topic of “ජාතික වෘත්තීය සුදුසුකම් සපුරා ගැනීම මගින් පුස්තකාල සේවාවන් ඉහළ නංවමු”. The distinguished resource person for this programme is Dr. Janaka Jayalath, Deputy Director General, Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission. Also, Dr. S.K. Illangarathne, Librarian, Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, was moderated the program. This programme was held on 10th February 2024 from 8.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. The main purpose of this programme was to impart on using library services by achieving national professional qualifications & how to develop and use of personal skills for the professional works. Over 100 participants engaged in the programme through the Zoom platform.

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3.3 User Awareness Programme on “நூலக சேகரிப்பு மேம்பாட்டுக் கொள்கை”

Mrs. T.M.C. Hansamali Thennakoon, IPRO of the SLLA organized a Tamil medium user awareness programme for the LIS Tamil medium Students, staff, librarians with the topic of “Library collection development policy”. The distinguished resource person for this programme is Dr. Mohamed Majeed Mashroofa Senior Assistant Librarian, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Also, Mrs. Jereena Akshaya Kumar, Information Assistant, National Library & Documentation Board, was moderated the programme. This programme took place on 20th February 2024 from 8.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. The main purpose of this programme was to convey knowledge about how to develop a collection development policy for the library. Over 60 participants engaged in the programme through the Zoom platform.

நூலக சேகரிப்பு மேம்பாட்டுக் கொள்கை - தேசிய பயிற்சிப் பட்டறை
Library Collection Development Policy - National Workshop

2024 February 20th @ 01.30 PM to 03.30 PM

Speaker
கலாநிதி முஹம்மட் மஜீட் மஸ்ரூபா
சிரேஷ்ட உதவி நூலகர்
இலங்கை தென்கிழக்குப் பல்கலைக்கழகம்

Moderator
ஜெரீனா அக்சயா காமர்
தகவல் உதவியாளர்
தேசிய நூலக மற்றும் ஆலனவாக்கல் சேவைகள் சபை

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Organized by:
Information & Public Relation Committee, Sri Lanka Library Association

3.4 User Awareness Programme on ஆய்வு மாநாட்டிற்கான ஆய்வுக் கட்டுரை தயாரித்தல் : பொது நூலகர்களுக்கும் பாடசாலை நூலகர்களுக்கும் இணைய வழிக் கருத்தரங்கு

The IPRO Mrs. T.M.C. Hansamali Thennakoon Organized a Tamil medium user awareness program for the LIS Tamil medium Students, staff, librarians and specially researches with the topic of “Writing Paper to Research Conference: Webinar for Public and School Librarians”. This collaborative event organised by NACLIS Committee and IPRO of Sri Lanka Library Association. The invited resource persons for this programme is Dr. Mohamed Majeed Mashroofa, Senior Assistant librarian, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Mr. S. Santharooban, Deputy Librarian, Eastern University and Mrs. L. Jegatheesparan, Senior Assistant librarian, Eastern University, Sri Lanka Sri Lanka. Also, Ms. Fathima Farmia, Information Assistant, National Environmental Information Centre, Central Environmental Authority, was moderated the programme. This programme took place on 25th February 2024 from 8.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. The main purpose of this programme was to impart knowledge on writing a proper research paper for a conference. More than 60 participants joined this program with the zoom platform.

ஆய்வு மாநாட்டிற்கு ஆய்வுக் கட்டுரை தயாரித்தல்

பொது நூலகர்களுக்கும் பாடசாலை நூலகர்களுக்கும் ஒரு நிகழ்நிலை கருத்தரங்கு

கருத்தரங்குகள் யாவும் தமிழ்மொழியில் இடம்பெறும்
நாள்: 25-02-2024, நேரம்: 9.30 AM - 12.00 PM
ZOOM வழியாக நடைபெறும்

வளவாளர்கள்

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சிரேஷ்ட உதவி நூலகர்
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நூலக உதவியாளர்
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இந்த நிகழ்வு இலங்கை நூலக சங்கத்தின் மன்றாட்டுக்குரிய NACLIS குழுவின்மூலம் IPRO குழுவின்மூலம் இணைந்து நடாத்தப்படுகிறது.

The aforementioned four (3.1; 3.2; 3.3; 3.4) user awareness programme has been recorded and uploaded to the SLLA LK YouTube channel for viewers.

4. Libraries: Workshops, Training Programmes and Outreach Activities

4.1 Special Libraries

4.1.1 Awareness Programme on Role of Librarians in Disaster Management

The Special Libraries Group of Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) organised an awareness programme on “**Role of Librarians in Disaster Management**” on 4th April 2024 at the Colombo Public Library.

The objective of this programme was to identify the risk factors and the anticipatory action towards a hazard. The resource person was Mr. Shann Pathirana, the Deputy Director (Awareness and Education) of the **Disaster Management Center 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 strategies for mitigation and reduce vulnerability. At the end of the programme participants got the opportunity to visit the Public Library and to gain knowledge about the services provided to the public.

Mr. Preethi Liyanage, President, Mr. Sugath Gunathilake, President Elect, Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi, General Secretary of the SLLA along with the

members from various special, government and public libraries graced the occasion. Ms. Nuha Hameed from George Brown College, Canada sponsored for this event.



By: Priyadarshani Hemakumara/ Convener - Special Libraries Group

4.2 Academic Libraries

4.2.1 Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

4.2.1.1 A Human Book from Library, SUSL at ASIS&T's 'Humans of the Library' Event



Ms. Thrishala Warnasooriya, Assistant Librarian at SUSL, participated as a human book in the "Humans of the Library" event organized by the ASIS&T SIG-III on February 16, 2024. She was selected for this role through a pre-interview process conducted by an awardee of the ASIS&T Infoshare SIG III. The event, orchestrated by ASIS&T, aimed to share stories globally, fostering deeper connections, understanding diversity, and facilitating learning through online interactions between storytellers and listeners. Librarians shared narratives encompassing their struggles, successes, leadership experiences, contributions to patron success, innovative initiatives, and invaluable wisdom gained from their professional journeys.

4.2.1.2 Plazz Café Project of SUSL Library

Plazz café is a new project introduced by the Library in collaboration with the Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages to promote open discussions among SUSL community. The 3rd event of Plazz Café Project titled: *හිතක් ළඟ නතර වෙන පොතක්* held on 22nd March 2024, at 4.00 pm, at the Prof. Dayananda Somasundara Auditorium, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The impressive thoughts by Mr. Mohan Raj Madawala gave an insight to the scholarly discussion on the book review of his own Sinhala novel "Loveena".



4.2.1.3 ORCID Workshop for SUSL Academic Staff

The library of SUSL organized an awareness workshop on "ORCID" at the Faculty of Applied Sciences, SUSL, on 22nd March 2024, with Prof. Lasith Gunawardena, a member of the Researcher Advisory Council, serving as the resource person to enlighten researchers about ORCID.



4.2.2 Kothelawala Defense University

4.2.2.1 Initiating new service at KDU main library: Information Desk Service

KDU main library has been introduced Information Desk Services as a new service on January 8, 2024. In parallel, the training session on “how to be a good information officer” was conducted by the librarian, Dr. Wathmanel Senevirathne for the library staff.



4.2.3 University of Sri Jayewardenepura

4.2.3.1 Programmes on “Reading Skills Development”

Mr. H.U.C.S. Kumara, Senior Assistant Librarian attached to the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, conducted two reading skills development programmes for school children. The first programme was held on 16th February, 2024 at the Central Library of Ruwanwella. On the invitation of the Central Library of Ruwanwella, about 50 students of Grades 6, 7, and 8 students from Sri Wickrama School, Ruwanwella participated in this programme.



පූර්වෝක්ත කරුණුවල සඳහන් වන භාෂාමය සංසිද්ධිවලට අදාළ කරුණු මෙන් ම, පුස්තකාලය සේවය හා පුස්තකාලය විද්‍යාවත් අතර ඇති මනා සබඳතාව පර්යේෂණ සංස්කෘතිය ඇසුරෙන් කරුණු සහිතව විද්‍යමාන වේ. පුස්තකාලයාධිපති වෘත්තීය සමාජගත වීම පුස්තකාල විද්‍යා සාහිත්‍යයේ ප්‍රධාන මාතෘකාවක් බවට පත් වී ඇත. සමාජගත වීම පුද්ගලයෙකුට යම් වෘත්තීයක සාමාජිකත්වය දැරීමට උගන්වනු ලැබේ. සමාජගත වීම තුළින් යම් පුද්ගලයෙකුට යම් වෘත්තීය ක්‍රියාත්මක විය යුත්තේ කෙසේදැයි යන්න අවබෝධය කර දෙනු ලැබේ. එමෙන් ම, වෘත්තීය තුළ ඔවුන්ගේ ස්ථානය ගැන අදහසක් ලබා දෙයි. වර්තමාන සමාජ, දේශපාලන, ආර්ථික ක්‍රියාවලිය ආශ්‍රිතව පුස්තකාල හා විද්‍යාපන විද්‍යා අධ්‍යාපනය ද ආයතන, ජාතික හා ජාත්‍යන්තර මට්ටමින් සිදු කෙරේ. ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමය මෙරට පුස්තකාල හා විද්‍යාපන විද්‍යා ක්ෂේත්‍රයට අවශ්‍ය මානව සම්පත බිහිකිරීම ආරම්භ කරන ලද්දේ වර්ෂ 1961 ජූලි මස සිව්වන දින දී ය.

දශක හයකට අධික කාලයක් විද්වත් වෘත්තීය අධ්‍යාපනය ලබා දෙන ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමය පර්යේෂණ සංස්කෘතිකයකට අදාළ කටයුතු පුස්තකාලය හා විද්‍යාපන විද්‍යා විෂය සමගාමීව සිදුකර ඇත. වාර්ෂිකව පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණ හෝ සම්භාෂණ සංවිධාන කිරීම සඳහා 1999/2000 පාලක සභාව විසින් 1999 වර්ෂයේ ඔක්තෝබර් මස 17 වන දින සිට 23 දිනය දක්වා දින හතක් කොළඹ ගලධාරි හෝටලයේ Networking for Effective Library and Information Services (NETELIS) හෙවත් **එලදායි පුස්තකාල හා තොරතුරු සේවා සඳහා ජාලකරණය** තේමාව යටතේ පැවති පර්යේෂණ වැඩමුළුවෙන් කිසියම් බලපෑමක් වී ඇති බව බැහැර කළ නොහැකිය. එවක ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමයේ සභාපති වශයෙන් කටයුතු කර ඇත්තේ කොළඹ විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ පුස්තකාලයාධිපති සුමනා ජයසූරිය මහත්මිය බව ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමයේ වාර්ෂික වාර්තා හා ජාතික පුස්තකාලයේ ප්‍රකාශනවල සඳහන් වේ.

2000 වර්ෂයේ සිට 2002 දක්වා වසර තුනක කාලයේ පුස්තකාල සංගමය සිය වෘත්තීයයන්ගේ අත්දැකීම් පසුතලය ජනගත කිරීම සඳහා විවිධ උත්සාහයන් කර ඇත. 2002/2003 පාලක සභාවේ සභාපති වශයෙන් නීල් උපාලි යාපා මහතා පත්වීම පර්යේෂණ සංස්කෘතිය ජීවමාන කරලීමට පාදක විය. ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ පුස්තකාලය සේවය, තොරතුරු තාක්ෂණය හා පුස්තකාලය කටයුතු ස්වයංක්‍රීයකරණය පිළිබඳව කෙරෙන අධ්‍යයනයක දී උපාලි යාපා මහතා කළ සේවය අනුස්මරණීය වන අතර එතුමා නූතන ලෝකය හා පුස්තකාලය සේවා ඒකාබද්ධ කළ විද්වත් වෘත්තීයයෙක් වශයෙන් සම්භාවනාවට පාත්‍ර වේ. උපාලි යාපා මහතාගේ සෘජු නායකත්වය හා ජාතික පුස්තකාල හා ප්‍රලේඛන සේවා මණ්ඩලයේ දායකත්වය සහිතව 1999 වර්ෂයේ පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණයට භාවිත කළ නාමකරණයෙන් 2003 දී NETELIS ආරම්භ කර ඇත. ජාතික පුස්තකාල හා ප්‍රලේඛන සේවා මණ්ඩල ශ්‍රවණාගාරයේ දී වර්ෂ 2003ක් වූ පොසොන් මස විසිහය වන දින පූර්වෝක්ත පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණය පවත්වා ඇත. ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමයේ 43 වන වාර්ෂික සමුළුවට සමගාමීව නවමු අත්දැකීමක් වශයෙන් මෙම පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණය සංවිධානය කර ඇති බව වාර්ෂික වාර්තා හා ඊට ආනුෂංගික ලේඛනවල සඳහන් වේ.

පූර්වෝක්ත කරුණු අනුව ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමය විසින් සංවිධානය කරන පුස්තකාල සහ විද්‍යාපන විද්‍යා ජාතික පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණය විවිධ නාමකරණයන් යටතේ 2003 වර්ෂයේ සිට 2024 දක්වා සාර්ථකව පවත්වනු ලබයි. 2003 දී NETELIS වූ පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණයේ නාමය 2004 වර්ෂයේ දී National Conference on Library and Information Studies (NACLIS) වශයෙන් ආරම්භ කර එම නාමයෙන් ම 2007 වර්ෂය දක්වා සම්මන්ත්‍රණය පවත්වා ඇත. 2008 වර්ෂයේ දී අධ්‍යයනය වශයෙන් භාවිත නාමය වෙනුවට විද්‍යාව යන පාරිභාෂික අර්ථ සහති වචනය භාවිත කර ඇත. ඒ අනුව රෝමන් අක්ෂර මාලාවෙන් භාවිත වචනය පුස්තකාලය විද්‍යාවට සමීප වචනයක් වශයෙන් භාවිත කර ඇත. එකී පරිවර්තනයන් අභ්‍යන්තර තත්ත්වයන්ට බාධාවක් වී නැත. ඒ අනුව National Conference on Library and Information Sciences (NACLIS) යන වචනය වර්තමාන නාමයට පරිවර්තනය වී ඇත.

NACLIS යන නාමය දශක එක හමාරක පමණ කාලයක සිට භාවිත කරනු ලබන බව මේ කරුණුවලින් පෙනී නැත. පුස්තකාල සහ විද්‍යාපන විද්‍යා ජාතික පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණය ජාතික හා අන්තර්ජාතික ස්වරූපයෙන් සංවිධාන කර ඇත. ආසන්න වශයෙන් 2023 වර්ෂයේ පවත්වා ඇත්තේ ජාත්‍යන්තර පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණයකි. ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමයට පනස් වසරක් සම්පූර්ණ වූ 2010 වර්ෂයේ හා 2015 වර්ෂයේ ද එවැනි සම්මන්ත්‍රණ දෙකක් පවත්වා ඇත. 2003 වර්ෂයේ සිට 2008 වර්ෂය දක්වා පැවති සම්මන්ත්‍රණවල දී සියලු පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා මුද්‍රණය නොකර විද්‍යුත් සිඩී පටයක් වශයෙන් ලබා දී ඇත. එකී අවුරුදු හයට අදාළ පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා අතරින් 2003 වර්ෂයට අදාළ විධිමත් තොරතුරු නිරීක්ෂණ නොවේ. එම වර්ෂයේ සම්පූර්ණ පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 17ක් ඉදිරිපත් කළ බවත්, ජාතික පුස්තකාලයේ විවිධ අංශ විසින් කෙරෙන සේවා ඇසුරෙන් පත්‍රිකා රාශියක් ඉදිරිපත් වූ බවටත් තොරතුරු සඳහන් වුවද සාධකාරී ලේඛනයක් මෙම ලිපිය රචනා කරන අවස්ථාව දක්වා නිරීක්ෂණය නොවීය. ඒ අනුව මෙම අධ්‍යයනයේ දී 2003 වර්ෂයට අදාළ තොරතුරු සඳහන් කර නැත. එක් වසරකට අදාළ තොරතුරු අන්තර්ගත නොවීම මෙම අධ්‍යයනයෙන් මතුකෙරෙන කරුණුවලට ප්‍රබල වශයෙන් බලපෑමක් නොවන බව නිරීක්ෂණය වන්නේ ඊට සමගාමී වර්ෂවල පැවති පර්යේෂණවල ස්වභාවය නිරීක්ෂණයෙනි.

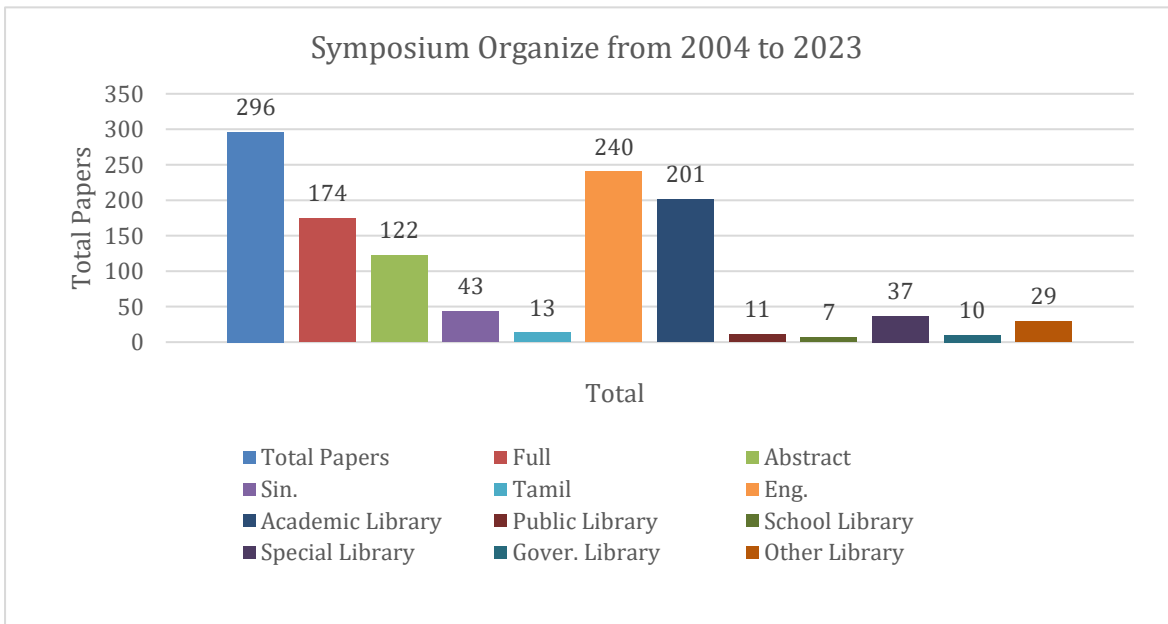
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වගු අංක 01: පුස්තකාල සංගමයේ නියෝජිත වෘත්තීය කණ්ඩායම් වර්ගීකරණය

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2004 2 nd NACLIS	07	07	-	-	-	07	05	-	-	02	-	-
2005 3 rd NACLIS	08	08	-	-	-	08	05	-	-	03	-	-
2006 4 th NACLIS	08	08	-	-	-	08	03	01	-	02	01	01
2007 5 th NACLIS	16	16	-	-	-	16	10	-	-	01	-	05
2008 6 th NACLIS	10	10	-	-	-	10	09	-	-	-	-	01
2009 7 th NACLIS	14	14	-	01	-	13	11	-	-	02	-	-
2010 GJIC	36	36	-	-	-	36	14	01	-	06	05	10
2011 8 th NACLIS	07	07	-	01	-	06	05	-	-	02	-	-
2012 9 th NACLIS	16	07	06 Poster 03	04	-	12	11	01	01	02	01	-
2013 10 th NACLIS	13	-	13	03	-	10	10	01	-	02	-	-
2014 11 th NACLIS	11	08	03	-	-	11	10	-	-	01	-	-
2015 ICLIS	26	17	09	-	01	25	22	-	01	02	-	01
2016 12 th NACLIS	11	11	-	05	-	06	04	01	-	04	01	01
2017 13 th NACLIS	11	06	05	03	01	07	09	-	-	-	01	01
2018 14 th NACLIS	14	06	08	03	-	11	12	01	-	01	-	-
2019 15 th NACLIS	22	13	09	04	04	14	15	02	02	03	-	-
2021 16 th NACLIS	12	-	12	05	03	04	09	02	-	01		

2022 17 th NACLIS	12	-	12	05	01	06	08	-	-	01	01	02
2023 ICLIS	42	-	42	09	03	30	29	01	03	02	-	07
Total	296	174	122	43	13	240	201	11	07	37	10	29
2024 18 th NACLIS Session I	19	-	19	-	16	03	09	07	02	01	-	-
2024 18 th NACLIS Session II	34	-	34	27	-	07	04	16	07	06	01	-
Total 2024 Se.I & II	53	-	53	27	16	10	13	23	09	07	01	-
Total 2004-2024	349	174	175	70	29	250	214	34	16	44	11	29

වර්ෂ 2004 සිට 2024 දක්වා සංවිධානය කර ඇති පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණ ගණන 21කි. 2024 වර්ෂයට පෙර විවිධ නාමකරණයන් යටතේ සම්මන්ත්‍රණ 19ක් පවත්වා ඇත. 2024 අප්‍රේල් මස 18 වන දින අග්නිදිග විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ හා 2024 අප්‍රේල් මස 26 වන දින ගම්පහ මහජන පුස්තකාලයේ ශ්‍රවණාගාරයේ පැවති සම්මන්ත්‍රණ දෙක ගණනය කිරීමේ දී එය 21ක් දක්වා අගයක් ගනු ලබයි. NACLIS යන නාමයට පරිබාහිරව පැවැත් වූ සියලු සම්මන්ත්‍රණ ඇසුරෙන් දත්ත විශ්ලේෂණය කිරීම වඩාත් ප්‍රතිඵලදායී වෙනු ඇත. රූප සටහන් අංක 1න් 2004-2023 පර්යේෂණවල විස්තර දැක්වේ.



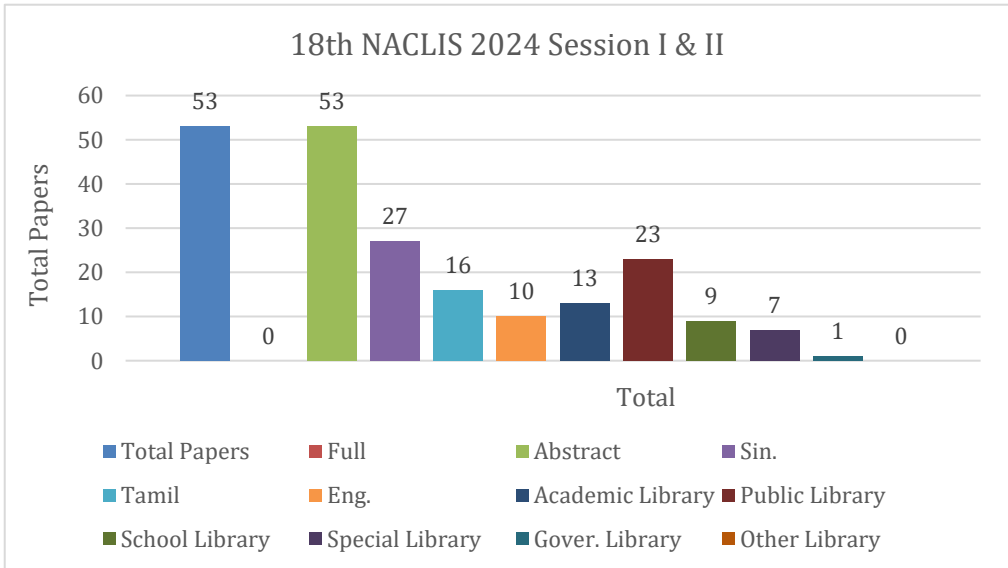
රූප සටහන් අංක 1: 2004-2023 පර්යේෂණ

2024 වර්ෂයේ දී ප්‍රාදේශීය වශයෙන් පර්යේෂකයන්ගේ මව් භාෂාවට අදාළව සම්මන්ත්‍රණ දෙකක් සංවිධානය කෙරිණි. ඒ අනුව පර්යේෂණවල සාම්ප්‍රදායික ගමන් මාර්ගය වෙනස් වී වෘත්තීය කණ්ඩායම්වල දායකත්වයෙහි කැපී පෙනෙන වර්ධනයක් පෙන්නුම් කෙරෙයි. පූර්වෝක්ත වගුවෙහි දක්වා ඇති කරුණු පිළිබඳ ග්‍රහණ විද්‍යාත්මක විශ්ලේෂණයක් ඇසුරෙන් ප්‍රාදේශීයකරණය වූ පුස්තකාල හා විඥාපන විද්‍යා පර්යේෂණ සංස්කෘතිය පිළිබඳ වැදගත් වන තොරතුරු සංක්ෂිප්තව විස්තර කළ හැකිය.

2024 වර්ෂයට පෙර පැවති සම්මන්ත්‍රණ 19ක දී මහජන පුස්තකාල කණ්ඩායම පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 11ක් ඉදිරිපත් කර ඇත. 2024 දී ඉලක්කගත කණ්ඩායම්වල මව් භාෂාවෙන් පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලෙස කරන ලද ඉල්ලීම අනුව එක් වසරක දී ඉදිරිපත් කර ඇති පත්‍රිකා ගණන 23කි. එකී තොරතුරු ඇසුරෙන් පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණවලට අදාළ මූලික තොරතුරු පහත දැක්වෙන සේ සඳහන් කෙරෙන අතර ඉතා වැදගත් කරුණු කීපයක් ඒ ඇසුරෙන් නිරාවරණය වේ. ප්‍රාදේශීය වශයෙන් කොළඹින් බැහැර සම්මන්ත්‍රණ සංවිධානයෙන් ආධුනික පිරිසක් ඊට දායකවීම මෙම විෂයයන්වල අනාගත සංවර්ධන කටයුතු සඳහා බෙහෙවින් බලපෑම් කෙරෙනු ඇත.

ප්‍රකාශිත සාධිකාරී දත්ත ඇසුරෙන් කෙරෙන විශ්ලේෂණ අනුව පර්යේෂකයන්ට අදාළ වන විද්‍යාත්මක කරුණු රැසක් පූර්වෝක්ත අංක 01 වගුවේ දැක්වේ. 2004 සිට 2023 දක්වා පර්යේෂණවලට අදාළ දත්ත ප්‍රස්ථාර අංක 01 යටතේ දක්වා ඇත. ඒ අනුව ප්‍රකාශිත පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා ගණන 296කි. ඒවා සම්පූර්ණ පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 174ක්, සාරාංශ 119ක් හා පෝස්ටර් පත්‍රිකා 03ක් වශයෙන් සියල්ල 122කි. එකී පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා ඉදිරිපත් කර ඇති පිරිස පුස්තකාල සංගමයේ නිලවශයෙන් පත්වන වෘත්තීය කණ්ඩායම් සඳහා බෙදා දැක්වීමේ දී අධ්‍යයන කණ්ඩායම පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 201ක්, මහජන පුස්තකාල කණ්ඩායම පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 11ක්, විශේෂ පුස්තකාල කණ්ඩායම පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 37ක්, පාසල් පුස්තකාල කණ්ඩායම පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 07ක්, රජයේ පුස්තකාල කණ්ඩායම ජාතික පුස්තකාල සාමාජිකයන් ද සහිතව පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 10ක්, වෙනත් වෘත්තීය කණ්ඩායම් යටතේ විවිධ රටවල ජාතික පුස්තකාල කණ්ඩායම හා විවිධ විදේශීය රටවල වෘත්තිකයන් හා ශිෂ්‍ය ප්‍රජාව විසින් පත්‍රිකා 29ක් වශයෙන් සම්මන්ත්‍රණවල සම්බන්ධ වී ඇත. මේ තත්ත්වය විසින් කරන ලද ආමන්ත්‍රණයේ ප්‍රතිඵලයක් වශයෙන් පළාත්වල සංවිධාන කළ සම්මන්ත්‍රණ හඳුන්වා දීම තවදුරටත් විවාදාපත්ත නොවේ.

2023 වර්ෂයට පෙර පැවති සම්මන්ත්‍රණවල දත්තවල මෙකී තත්ත්වයන් විද්‍යාත්මකව විශ්ලේෂණයෙන් පසු පළාත් දෙකක පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණ සංවිධානය කිරීමේ අභියෝගය සිය දෙවුරුමත තබා ගෙන ඊට අවැසි නායකත්වය එහි කැඳවුම්කරු ආචාර්ය එම්. එම්. මණ්දපා මහත්මිය විසින් සාර්ථකව ඉටුකර ඇති බව සතුටින් සඳහන් කළ යුතුය. 18 වන සම්මන්ත්‍රණයේ දත්ත රූප සටහන් අංක 2 යටතේ දක්වා ඇත. දත්ත විශ්ලේෂණයේ දී ඉදිරිපත් කෙරෙන පර්යේෂණ සාරාංශ ගණන 53කි. භාෂා මාධ්‍ය වශයෙන් විශ්ලේෂණයේ දී සිංහල මාධ්‍ය පත්‍රිකා 27ක්, දෙමළ මාධ්‍ය පත්‍රිකා 16ක් හා ඉංග්‍රීසි මාධ්‍ය පත්‍රිකා 10ක් වශයෙන් හඳුනාගත හැකිය. විවිධ වෘත්තීය කණ්ඩායම්වල දායකත්වය යටතේ විශ්ලේෂණයේ දී අධ්‍යයන කණ්ඩායම පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 13ක්, මහජන පුස්තකාල කණ්ඩායම පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 23ක්, විශේෂ පුස්තකාල කණ්ඩායම පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 07ක්, පාසල් පුස්තකාල කණ්ඩායම පර්යේෂණ පත්‍රිකා 09ක්, රජයේ පුස්තකාල කණ්ඩායම යටතේ ජාතික පුස්තකාල කණ්ඩායම පත්‍රිකා 01ක් වශයෙන් සම්මන්ත්‍රණවලට සම්බන්ධ වී ඇත.



රූප සටහන් අංක 2:18 වන සම්මන්ත්‍රණයේ දත්ත

මෙම දත්ත විශ්ලේෂණයේ දී පර්යේෂණ සම්මන්ත්‍රණ 19ක දී අත්පත්කර ගැනීමට අපොහොසත් වූ වූ ශාස්ත්‍රීය දායකත්වය එක් වසරක දී පළාත් වශයෙන් සම්මන්ත්‍රණ සංවිධානයෙන් සාර්ථක වී ඇති බව සනිටුදර්ශන සහිතව පෙන්වුම් කෙරේ.

විශේෂ ස්තූතිය

මෙම ලිපියට අදාළ 2004 සිට 2008 දක්වා තොරතුරු ලබා ගැනීම ඉතාමත් දුෂ්කර කාර්යයක් වූ අවස්ථාවක ඊට අවශ්‍ය සියලු සාධිකාරී තොරතුරු ලබා දීමෙන් ශාස්ත්‍රීය දායක වූ ආචාර්ය ප්‍රමිලා ගමගේ මෙනවිය මෙන් ම, ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ සහකාර පුස්තකාලයාධිපති තුෂාරි සෙනවිරත්න මහත්මියට ස්තූතිය පුදකර සිටින්නෙමි.

6. Library in Focus: Introduction of a Library

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery, Technical Library.



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Vision

"Be a national level information provider of the oil industry to enhance the knowledge supporting to improve efficiency of work and develop skills of staff of the oil refinery."

Mission

"To provide a comprehensive resources with quality library service in support of learning and research needs of permanent staff members in the oil refinery division, Sapugaskanda Storage Terminal and the Industrial trainees."

The Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) was founded by Act no.28 of 1961 to import, distribute, and market petroleum products across the Island. The Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery began operations in August 1969, initially processing 38000 barrels of crude oil daily, later expanding to 50,000 barrels per day.



The Technical Library of CPC Refinery Division was founded in 1971 with the aim of providing reference and lending services to the CPC Refinery and terminal staff. The library houses a comprehensive collection of standards, refinery manuals, technical books, and other essential literature and materials. Its purpose is to support the staff in their work and research activities.

Currently, the Refinery Technical Library houses more than 5000 books, manuals, periodicals, and standards. The content of these materials primarily focuses on engineering disciplines such as Petroleum Chemical and Process, Mechanical, Electrical, Civil, Instrument, Inspection, Management, Economics, Scheduling, Fire, and Safety. Additionally, the library collection includes numerous renowned journals from the Oil/Gas and Petroleum Industry. Some research project reports are also accessible in our library collection.

Moreover, the library has expanded its services to accommodate trainees from diverse disciplines within the training category. In 2012, the refinery library began automating its catalogue by entering the data into a database created with WINISIS software. Recently, in 2020, the technical library installed a fully automated library system using the KOHA integrated library system, marking the first significant update to their library system in nearly fifty years.



These are just a few examples of the many services that libraries provide to support their communities and fulfill their mission of providing access to information and promoting literacy and lifelong learning.

- **Reference Services:** Librarian provide assistance to patrons in finding information, answering questions, and conducting research. This can include help with database searching, citation formatting, and locating specific resources.
 - **Circulation Services:** Managing the borrowing and returning of library materials, including books, DVDs, CDs, and other items.
 - **Interlibrary Loan :** Facilitating the borrowing of materials from other libraries that are not available in the local collection. This expands the range of resources available to patrons.
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 - The library offers reading and referencing facilities.
- The library is located within the Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery. The Technical Library Refinery is instrumental in promoting knowledge about petroleum refining in Sri Lanka. The Refinery Library boasts an exceptional collection of rare and unique valuable documents, some of which are confidential in nature. Special authorization is required before accessing these. The aim of the library is to collect items and information specifically related to the Petroleum Industry of Sri Lanka.

7. In Memory of late

7.1 Professor Jayasiri Lankage (1936-2024): A Pioneer in Library and Information Science Education of Sri Lanka

By: Dr. W.A. Weerasooriya

Senior Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya

Prof. Jayasiri Lankage born 10th September 1936 at Kekanadura, Matara, studied the GCE (AL) from Ambalangoda Dharmasoka Vidyalaya in 1957 and entered to Vidyodaya University (Presently Sri Jayewardenepura University and earned a BA general degree in 1962 and BA Honors degree in Archaeology in 1964. After securing an MA in Archaeology in 1967 from the same university, Prof Lankage obtained his postgraduate qualifications from Banaras Hindu University in 1969 under the Cultural Relations Scholarship Scheme offered by the Government of India in 1967. After securing his higher education in India, he worked as a Lecturer in Library and Information Science, at Junior University at Dehiwala between 1969-70 and then assumed duties as the first Lecturer on 1st June 1973 and later Head of Department at the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya (then Vidyalankara Campus) being the pioneer in the Department of study. During his headship Professor Lankage could designed and developed a BA degree in Library and Information Science in 1973, Postgraduate Diploma in Library and Information Science in 1974, three tier Diploma in Library and Information Science which is to be completed in three years, and BA Special degree in Library and Information Science in 1980. During that period, the above PG Diploma was immensely supportive for the Librarians who were unable to earn postgraduate qualifications for their promotional purposes from foreign countries owing to the barriers faced by them. The support of early generation veteran library professionals like Mr. T.G. Piyadasa, Mr. N. Amarasinghe, Dr. Ian Goonetilleke, Mrs. Ishvari Corea, Prof .W.B. Dorakumbura, and Dr. A. Senadhira are to be mentioned here. Considering all facts, Professor Jayasiri Lankage could be categorized as a change agent, and an outstanding pioneer of Library and Information Science education of Sri Lanka at University level.



The exceptional facts to be mentioned here are that Prof Jayasiri Lankage was fortunate to institute the subject, Library and Information Science in to the higher education system of Sri Lanka and he was the person who won the challenge of introducing a very new subject of this nature within the series of other established subjects during that period. Between 1986-2002, Prof J. Lankage served as the Librarian, University of Kelaniya introducing different changes to the library and its services.

The other yeomen services of Prof. J. Lankage extend to Library profession, publishing, training, research and library development. His contribution to Sri Lanka Library Association (SLA) holding different posts like the Education Officer is worthy to mention. His advisory services to National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) is commendable. He was the first honorary Treasurer of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka (ULA).

Several other important contributions to the field of Sri Lankan Cinnamon are the assistance given for the formation of Ceylon Cinnamon Association, the Spice Council, and for getting the Sri Lankan nomenclature for Cinnamon as its botanical name “*Cinnamomum zeylanicum* Blume” by obtaining the ISO 6539:1997). The other two contributions to the Cinnamon industry are the establishment of Cinnamon Academy and obtaining NVQ status for Cinnamon education. The high-level policy makers should pay attention to the concept of multi-faceted Cinnamon Industry devised by Prof Lankage in order to cater for the national needs as well as with the export economy of Sri Lanka. Prof J. Lankage’s exemplary and unparalleled character that he could serve as the Vice-President and General Secretary of OPA being a library academic as well as a library professional.

May this gentleman Prof. Jayasiri Lankage attain supreme bliss of Nibbana!

7.2 Special Appreciation for late Mr. Harrison Perera

By: N P Wanasundera/Fellow of the Sri Lanka Library Association

Death and love are the two wings that bear the good man to heaven – Michelangelo

Librarian, friend, service giver, helper at all times, perfect gentleman – that and much more was Harrison Perera. We had to say our final goodbye to him this Friday: March 15, 2024, unexpectedly and with deep sorrow. Notwithstanding the mourning, what needs to be remembered and taken as consolation is that Harrison lived a good and full life, long too, since he savoured many years of retirement. Thus, though we sorrow at his death, we need to celebrate his life. He lived comparatively long, very well, influencing and helping thousands of others. The quotation above is apt for him. Death has come to him: one wing. He gave and received immense love: second wing. And he, a good man, is surely in Heaven he believed in.



Life

Harrison Perera studied at St Aloysious College, Galle. He then graduated from the University of Peradeniya where he continued as a lecturer. Married, he left for Canada and read for a degree in Library and Information Science (LIS) at the University of Ottawa. He obtained his Masters degree from the University of Ontario and worked in Canada for a couple of years. He returned to Sri Lanka with three young daughters to settle down in his home country and give not only his services but himself to librarianship. He held prestigious positions: Librarian cum Assistant Director of the British Council, Colombo, 1986-2003, Then, Chief Librarian, University of Peradeniya. He retired from this post in 2010, but did not retire from librarianship: giving of his best not as boss of a library but as a teacher, lecturing at the Sri Lanka Library Association, National Institute of Library and Information Science, University of Colombo, the University's post graduate courses, and Department of Library Science, University of Kelaniya.

Harrison and the SLLA

Harrison diligently served the Sri Lanka Library Association, its members plus students who were professionally educated and trained by the SLLA run course of studies, including a computer course from many decades ago. He was an excellent lecturer; knowledgeable, keeping current with developments and most understanding and encouraging to all students alike. He taught at all three levels of the course both in Sinhala and English and was revered by his students.

He was the SLLA's Education Officer; a decade or two on the Council; and its President; the Association being the focal point for librarians from all over Sri Lanka to engage in professional development and networking. Two major achievements accrue to him, apart from the immense help given by him to reach higher standards and maintain them both at the SLLA office and libraries island-wide. Combining with Deepali Talagala, he negotiated the acquiring of rooms at the OPA building down Wijesundera Mavata, Colombo 7, to house the SLLA office. Another major project he and Upali Yapa proposed, guided and achieved was teaching and training Maldivian librarians. The SLLA three-year Diploma Course had Upali Yapa, Harrison and a few other SLLA lecturers travelling often to Malé. After the initial three years, it progressed as an outreach programme.

The Professional

Librarians deal with information and knowledge; they need to be widely knowledgeable and of course skilled in their handling of resources; interacting with library clients, staff, Heads. Libraries changed dramatically from being storehouses of knowledge and books to the electronic age and to being more open and socially welcoming places rather than sanctified rooms of silence and scholarly pursuit. All these drastic changes

occurred in Harrison's time and he coped very well. He had the additional task of working for the British Council and keeping up with trends. He held his own and was pivotal in running the library efficiently. He was an approachable boss, his door open to all employees and even visitors to the library, whether in the British Council or University of Peradeniya. His ear was extra sympathetic and he felt very much for staff members if they had troubles. More importantly, he was insistent on their career development, qualifying further and progressing. Care of his staff was top priority to him.

The Family Man

Harrison's primary focus and pivot in life was his family – much loved wife Suni (his abbreviation of her name Swineetha) - and three beautiful daughters, Namali, Shamarie and Kumari, - the last two settled in Canada. They arrived in Colombo in the early hours of Thursday 14th. He was devoted to his wife all through their years together but most when she succumbed to not being herself in activity and memory. He devoted his time to caring for her, even giving up lecturing as he did not want to leave her to the care of others. They lived close to their daughter's home, but independently. Remembered is how enthusiastically he would share with us, his friends, every success of his three girls, their marriages and births of grandchildren.

Friend

Harrison was almost a busybody with his friends: so much did he care for them and their wellbeing. Their troubles became his troubles. He did not stop there. He did all he could and more to help them. As Mr Jayatissa, university lecturer and librarian told me at the funeral, Harrison was a person who was always good with his colleagues; no competitiveness, absolutely no envy; only camaraderie. I ascribe Roman Catholic Harrison with the highly prized Buddhist virtue of *muditha* – joy in others wellbeing and success.

He was full of *karuna* and *metta* too. He helped not only students of librarianship but also librarians, particularly when they had career difficulties or were seeking new jobs.

Harrison was a truly good, upright man. He was blessed in many ways, more so in his family. Many mourn his death, a loss to the country where now good men are rare. The uppermost thought that should be in us is that our much loved and admired friend and colleague lived a happy, fulfilled life. He will long be remembered and respected.

Good bye Harrison! May heaven's gate stand open to you and may the blessings of a good life led, follow you so your soul rests in peace and in God.

7.3 Farewell to a Luminary: Commemorating the Life of Mr. Harrison Perera (1943 -2024)

By: Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, Librarian, Eastern University of Sri Lanka
Past President of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka 2021/22

Harrison Perera, a distinguished professional in the field of librarianship and a cherished member of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka, passed away recently. He leaves behind a legacy of dedication, leadership, and innovation that has profoundly impacted his colleagues, friends, and the community he served.



Throughout his career, Harrison demonstrated unparalleled skills in library management, earning him recognition as a visionary leader. His tenure as President of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka marked a transformative period for the Association, as he spearheaded initiatives that elevated it from a trade union to a dynamic Professional Association.

Under his guidance, the association flourished with the introduction of International Conferences, Achievers Colloquiums, Regular Training Programmes, Workshops, and Research Forums, all aimed at advancing the field of library science and fostering community engagement.

Harrison's passion for his work extended beyond the confines of his profession; he was a compassionate individual who touched the lives of those around him. His loss is deeply felt by his family, friends, colleagues, and the wider community.

As we mourn his passing, let us also celebrate the profound impact he made during his lifetime. Harrison Perera will be remembered fondly for his visionary leadership, unwavering commitment, and enduring legacy in the field of librarianship.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Harrison had a remarkable talent for nurturing genuine relationships with colleagues and friends, enriching the lives of those around him with his kindness and solidarity.

A true advocate for collaboration and networking in library science, Harrison's legacy includes his profound understanding of the importance of fostering connections with local and international experts. Through his efforts, he not only advanced his own career but also enriched the entire profession, bringing together minds from diverse backgrounds to further the cause of librarianship.

Many of us had the privilege of being mentored by Harrison during our Master's postgraduate studies, where he imparted invaluable lessons in leadership, innovation, and compassion.

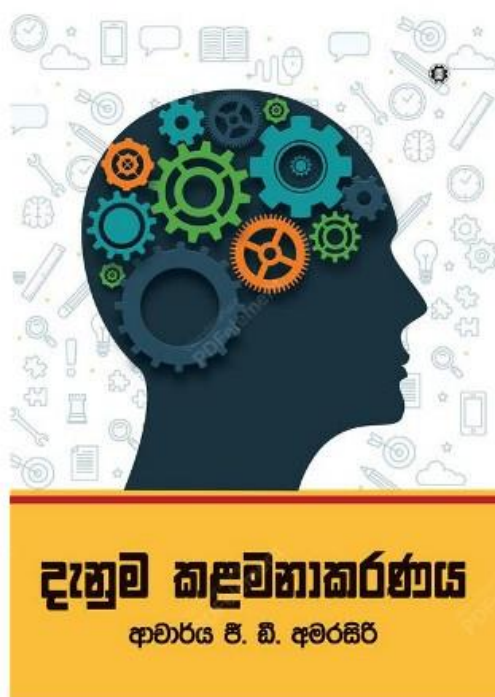
His teachings on “Marketing Libraries” not only revolutionized our understanding of the field but also inspired us to passionately advocate for the importance of libraries in our communities.

Although Harrison is no longer with us, his spirit will continue to resonate in the libraries he envisioned, the friendships he cultivated, and the hearts he touched.



On behalf of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka, I extend our heartfelt condolences to Harrison’s wife, daughters, family members, relatives, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his legacy endure for generations to come, bringing solace and inspiration to all whose lives he touched. Farewell, dear Harrison, and thank you for gracing our lives with your presence. May your soul rest in peace.

8. Publications



“දැනුම කළමනාකරණය” (Knowledge Management) is a new book compiled by Dr. G. D. Amarasiri, former Director, National Library and Documentation Services Board. Knowledge management is an important topic which is widely discussed in the library and information field. This book has been compiled specially for library and information science professionals and library and information science students. This is also useful for officers who are engaged in related fields and the general readers who are interested in knowledge and knowledge management. This book includes information on the knowledge management concept, components of knowledge management, knowledge management in libraries, knowledge management in

changing information technology environment and knowledge management and organizational culture.

9. Achievements and Awards

9.1 Paper Presentations

South Eastern University of Sri Lanka annually conducts International Symposium on various themes. The 12th Intsym was organized under the theme of “Digital Transformation for Sustainable Future”. This symposium includes “Library and Information Science” as one of the tracks. Mr. A.M. Nahfees, Senior Assistant Librarian coordinated the track and seven papers have been presented under LIS track. They are as follows;



9.1.1. Mr.R.Maheshwaran, Librarian of University of Peradeniya presented paper on ‘Global Perspectives on Subject Gateways in Engineering and Technology Exploration’

9.1.2. Dr.(Ms.) C.N.K.Alahakoon , Deputy Librarian of University of Peradeniya presented paper on ‘Journal of Sri Lanka Library Review: a Bibliometric Analysis’

9.1.3. Dr.(Ms.) C.Gunasekare , Deputy Librarian of University of Peradeniya presented paper on ‘Exploring Disparities in School Library Development and Administrative Support received from Authorities’

9.1.4. Mr.B.N.G.S.Premaratne, Senior Assistant Librarian of University of Peradeniya Presented paper on ‘Information retrieval practices in dissertation writing: a Study among the Post Graduate Diploma Students in the Department of Education, University of Peradeniya’.

9.1.5. Mr.A.Dharmarathne , Senior Assistant Librarian of University of Peradeniya Presented paper on ‘Using Social Media for Learning Purposes during the COVID-19 Pandemic: a gender based analysis of among Dental Science Undergraduates at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka’

9.1.6. Mr.B.E.S.Bandara, Assistant Librarian of University of Peradeniya and Dr.(Ms.) B.M.M.C.B.Hindagolla, Librarian, Art, Design & Architecture, Arts, Education of Monash University of Australia presented paper on ‘User Perspectives on Digital Reference Services (DRS): a Study of State University Libraries in Sri Lanka’

9.1.7. Mr. S.L.M. Sajeer, Senior Assistant Librarian, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka presented a paper on “Scholarly Communication Trend of “Kalam” Journal Published by Faculty of Arts & Culture, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka: Bibliometric study”. This paper was co-authored by Dr. M.M.Mashroofa, Mr. M.C.M.Azwer and Mr. A.M.Nahfees.

9.1.8. Mr. Kusala Fernando, Senior Assistant Librarian & Ms. Thrishala Warnasooriya, Assistant Librarian, SUSL presented a research paper on “Use of social media for collaborative learning: a systematic literature review” at the 1st International Conference on Psychology and Mental Health organized by Nagananda International Institute of Buddhist Studies, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka on 22nd February 2024.

9.1.9. Ms. Thrishala Warnasooriya, Assistant Librarian, SUSL, Mr. Kusala Fernando, Senior Assistant Librarian, SUSL, and Mr. Kasun Munasinghe, Assistant Librarian, UoK presented a research paper on “The Impact of Interactive Bibliotherapy on Selected Undergraduates at Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka: A Case Study” at the 1st International Conference on Psychology and Mental Health organized by Nagananda International Institute of Buddhist Studies, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka on 22nd February 2024.

9.1.10. Ms. Thrishala Warnasooriya, Assistant Librarian, SUSL, Mr. Kusala Fernando, Senior Assistant Librarian, SUSL, and Mr. Kasun Munasinghe, Assistant Librarian, UOK presented a research paper on “Technology Adaptation in Facilitating the Digital Evolution of University Libraries in Sri Lanka: Librarians’ Perspectives” at the 2nd International Research Symposium on Multidisciplinary Approaches in Indigenous Knowledge Systems organized by Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Yakkala, Sri Lanka on 01st March 2024.

9.2 Achievements

9.2.1. Ms. Thrishala Warnasooriya, Assistant Librarian at SUSL, completed her Master of Science (MSc) and Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) in Information Management from the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT) and graduated at the convocation on 22nd March, 2024, at SLIIT, Malabe.



9.2.2. Mrs. Harshani Dissanayake, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences Library, University of Peradeniya successfully completed the Certificate Course in Patent Law conducted by the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. The certificate was awarded on the 24th January 2024 at a ceremony held at the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. The Chief Guest was Dr. Kanaganayagam Kanag-Iswaran PC.

9.3 Awards

9.3.1. Mrs. T.C. Ranawella, Senior Assistant Librarian, and Mrs. M.P. Rajapaksha, Senior Assistant Librarian, were honoured for more than 20 and 12 years of service respectively during the KDU Women's Day ceremony on 7th March, 2024, at the FGS auditorium.



10. Any Other News

10.1. Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Senior Lecturer at the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences, University of Colombo, and a member of the SLLA Council, has returned to his role as of January 1, 2024, following a sabbatical. While on leave, he served in a similar position on a contractual basis at the Maldives National University (MNU), focusing on teaching second and third-year students in the Faculty of Arts' undergraduate programme for three semesters. In addition, he did research on the Contribution of Sri Lanka to the Enhancement of the Library and Information Profession in the Maldives. Dr. Gamage, along with Dr. Aminath Riyaz of MNU, published research on this topic (Gamage, R., & Aminath, R. (2023). Sri Lanka-Maldives Distance Education Programme in Library and Information Science conducted by the SLLA: A Historical Narration. *Sri Lanka Library Review*, 37(2), 54–71. <https://doi.org/10.4038/sllr.v37i2.64>.

11. Forthcoming Events of SLLA

11.1 AGM

64th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Library Association will be held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute on 28th June 2024.

11.2 Certificate Ceremony - 2024

The graduation ceremony of the students who have completed the Diploma Course in Library and Information Science (DLIS) 2022/2023 and Higher Diploma Course in Library and Information Science (HDPLIS - II) 2022/2023 will be held on 28th June 2024 at 2:00pm in the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute.

11.3 Examinations

The Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science (HDPLIS - I) 2022/2023 first phase examination will be held on 18th, 19th, and 26th May 2024 at the study centers in Colombo, Jaffna and Dakalapu.

11.4 New Courses

Higher Diploma Course in Library and Information Science (HDPLIS - I) 2023/2024 batch will commence in May 2024.

11.5 Practical Training

The compulsory practical training related to the Diploma Course in Library and Information Science (DLIS) 2023/2024 will be held from 06th to 17th May 2024 in selected libraries.

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