



SLLA NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

A challenging job completed! Though not punctually but done well as complimented by the council.

With the co-operation and enthusiastic support from the members of the Publications Committee the quarterly newsletter was brought to you in the year July 2007 to June 2008. It was hard work for the Publications Committee. Endeavours and Achievements a new feature in the newsletter was introduced to let the world be aware of the work we, as librarians, do. Of course, we all work hard and achieve many a goal in our careers but unfortunately response has been very poor! Now why, are librarians not bothered about this? Are we so very humble? Are we just silent workers? Do we like to forget matters? I thought that I will not be able to accommodateIs this the major weakness or a noble quality in us librarians as professionals in this country? We do not shout to the world and show the world what we have done and what we can do. Members News is another new column, the council suggested. News did trickle in..... but only from the council members.

At the end of my tenure I cannot step down without mentioning the people who were behind me, silent but active, and offering an excellent service to make the newsletter and the journal happen.

The work was made easy for me by Ms Deepali Talagala and Mr Jagath Weerawardene who assisted me with their knowledge, expertise and advise in publishing. I must mention the other members who conducted various professional activities in the association who unhesitatingly supplied me with details, information, photos etc. to publish in the newsletter. And that team in the SLLA office, who gave their support untiringly to print, pin and post about 500 copies four times during the year.

My heartfelt thanks to all those who helped me to carry out the duties as the Publications Officer. Hope you will find this newsletter interesting and engrossing.

G M de Silva
Publications Officer

DOWN THE ROAD.....

The President of the SLLA at the last AGM stated that one of his objectives during his tenure will be the empowering the librarianship in Sri Lanka. In order to achieve this target he proposed to prepare a national library service convention embracing all types of libraries in the country.

As a preliminary step in this regard he has organized a National Congress of Public Librarians as a part of the Outreach Programme 2008 of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya.

First meeting was held at the University of Kelaniya in March 2008. Chief public librarians from six provinces participated. At this meeting the need to have a national library service convention was identified. Since the public library sector is the most neglected among national library services, the need to prepare a National Public Library Service Manifesto was stressed. The second meeting was at the Colombo Public Library in April 2008. At this meeting areas such as issues addressing the importance of the public libraries in the national development were identified to be included in such a manifesto.

Other stake holders such as the Council of the SLLA, National Library and Documentation Board, and NILIS as well as delegates from relevant Ministries and Departments will be invited for the third meeting to discuss the draft Manifesto which is being prepared at the moment.

Once the consensus of all parties are received, the Manifesto will be offered to authorities responsible for maintaining public libraries in the country as well as those concerned at regional level.

In order to facilitate this task the SLLA was able to obtain a grant from IFLA/ALP with the assistance of Ms. Premila Gamage. This grant is to be used in 2009 to train leaders with the aim of empowering library services in the country.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ENDEAVOURS OF MEMBER LIBRARIANS

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American Center Wishes Fond Farewell to Retiring Library Director

It is with heavy hearts that the US Embassy says goodbye to Library Director Deepali Talagala after five years of excellence in leading the activities and services of the American Center.

A longtime leader in the Sri Lankan Library field, Ms. Talagala has been an invaluable member of the Embassy team during her tenure, improving the quality and quantity of resources and outreach available from the

Library, as well as assisting in all areas of U.S. public diplomacy and education promotion.

Her breadth of knowledge and inexhaustible energy will be greatly missed. The staff of the American Center welcome new Library

Director, Ms. Padma Bandaranayake, also a highly experienced leader in the Sri Lankan Library community, to lead the American Center team in future successful endeavors.

Courtesy: American Center Newsletter June 2008

Ambassador Blake presenting the Franklyn Award to Ms. Talagala for her superior performance in executing her assigned projects during the second U.S.- Maldives Friendship Week and seeking out opportunities to bring to bear her multiple professional and personal skills when and where needed to assure the success of the whole.

May 2008

We welcome your success story as a librarian to be published in the Achievements and Endeavours of Member Librarians column in the newsletter. Please do send us a note, maximum one A4 size with any photographs to be published in the next issue.

NEWS AND EVENTS

The 11th ICADL 2008

Universal and Ubiquitous Access to Information
02-05 December 2008
Bali - INDONESIA

The annual International Conference on Asia-Pacific Digital Libraries (ICADL) series is a significant forum for digital libraries research, providing an opportunity for researchers, educators, and practitioners to share their experiences.

More information: <http://icadl2008.org/>

International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2008)

Shaping the future of special libraries: beyond boundaries

26-28, November 2008

India Islamic Cultural Centre— New Delhi

organized by: SLA - Asian Chapter
in association with Society for Library Professionals (SLP) & Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres.

More information: <http://units.sla.org/chapter/cas/ICoASL2008.html>

ILA Platinum Jubilee International Conference

Empowering Knowledge for All: Role of Libraries
November 13-15, 2008.

Sub Themes: Open Archives and Access Issues, Knowledge Management, Role of National Knowledge Commission, Digital Libraries, Intellectual Property Rights in the Digital Age, Librarianship in the Digital Age, Role of Library Associations, Knowledge Society, Web Resources, Corporate Libraries and Information Systems

Organized by: Sir Dorabji Tata Memorial Library, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Indian Library Association .

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III World Meeting of CDS/ISIS—14/09/2008 to 16/09/2008

The 3rd World Congress on ISIS (ISIS3) will take place in the city of Rio de Janeiro, 14-16 September 2008, as one of the activities of the 8th Regional Congress on Information for Health Sciences (CRICS8), sponsored by FIOCRUZ and BIREME/OPS/OMS, and in parallel with a series of meetings of regional and global information and knowledge management networks. As such it will be a suitable environment to facilitate and enrich the realization of the ISIS Congress, as was the case with the 2nd World Congress on ISIS in 2005.

General Objective

Promote the exchange of ideas, experiences, solutions, new developments, challenges, progress and perspectives on the development and strengthening of the ISIS platform and its user- and developers communities, more specifically with focus on library and documentation centre services.

More information: <http://www.eventos.bvsalud.org/agendas/isis3/?lang=en>

Online Full Text Books - Digital Library of Information Science & Technology - dLIST

dLIST is a cross-institutional, subject-based, open access digital archive for the Information Sciences, including Archives and Records Management, Library and Information Science, Information Systems, Museum Informatics, and other critical information infrastructures. The dLIST vision is to serve as a trusted archive and source for scholarly communication in the Information Sciences, broadly understood. dLIST seeks to positively impact and shape scholarly communication in our closely related fields.

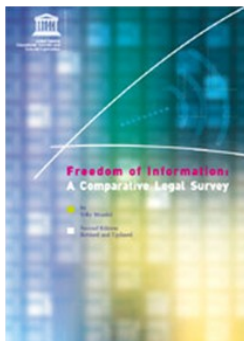
Many full text books are available at this site including some of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan's books.

More information: <http://dlist.sir.arizona.edu/view/>

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Freedom of Information: a Comparative Legal Survey by Toby Mendel

Second Edition, Revised and Updated, 2008



This book aims to provide legal professionals, NGO activists, academics, media practitioners and officials with international and comparative information about the right to information in a relatively easily accessible format. It focuses on the comparative practice in terms of national legislation, but also provides information on international standards and principles underpinning the right to information. It is hoped that this second edition, by covering more countries, in more detail, and by updating the international standards, will prove to be a useful resource to those struggling to promote best practice approaches to implementing the right to information.

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THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

05-07 November 2008

Aims to bring together researchers, academician, business person, and scholar students to exchange and share their experiences, new ideas, and research results about all aspects of Business and Management, and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted.

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