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SLLA Golden Jubilee Celebrations

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) completes 50 years this year and preparations are underway to launch an elaborate programme to celebrate its Golden Jubilee year in 2010. SLLA is planning various activities to celebrate the event, including an International conference and several meetings to share knowledge generated at a regional level. A Special logo also has been designed for the this event.



H.E. the President Mahinda Rajapaksa and IFLA President attend SLLA Golden Jubilee Ceremony

President of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Mrs. Ellen Tise (South Africa) has accepted the invitation extended by the SLLA President and the Council to attend the main ceremony and the conference which is being organised to celebrate the Golden Jubilee. Mahinda Rajapaksa H.E. the President of Sri Lanka will be the Chief Guest and Mrs. Tise will be the Guest of Honour at the main ceremony on the 6th October 2010 and will also take part in the international conference which will follow.



SLLA Delegates meet the Minister of Education

A delegation comprising of Messrs Upali Amarasiri, President, J. Rathnayake, Vice President, Dr Ruwan Gamage, Council Member and Ms Pushpamala Perera, General Secretary, met the Minister of Education recently to discuss several issues. Among the matters discussed were, the difficulties faced by the School Library Sector and school/teacher librarians, weaknesses in implementation of the World Bank funded School Library Development project, training facilities for school librarians and the Golden Jubilee celebrations of SLLA. It was a cordial meeting and the Minister agreed to look in to the deficiencies of the school library sector and provide due recognition to the school libraries and School /Teacher Librarians in the future. The delegation presented a set of SLLA Golden Jubilee publicity material to the Minister. He will be the Chief Guest at the SLLA 50th Annual General Meeting on 30th June 2010, at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute in Colombo.

The Golden Jubilee Programme 1960 - 2010

The theme of the 2010 Sri Lanka Library Association Golden Jubilee Celebrations is
'Libraries; Access to Information and Empowering People'

The main event to celebrate the Golden Jubilee will be held on the 6th of October 2010.

Mahinda Rajapaksa H.E. the President of Sri Lanka will be the Chief Guest and the President ,international Federation of Library associations and institutions(IFLA) will be the Guest of honour at the function .

The celebrations commenced with Buddhist, Hindu, Islam and Christian religious ceremonies held early this year.

Special Invitees at this event will be ,Presidents of the Library Associations of SAARC countries and the other Asian countries, Presidents of the Library Associations of USA, UK, Russia, Australia and a number of other countries. The Secretary General of UNESCO, Heads of UNESCO Regional Offices in the region, Heads of the other relevant organizations in the region will be among the VIP invitees.

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The 50th Annual General Meeting

The 50th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the SLLA will be held on 30th June 2010 at the auditorium of the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute (SLFI). Minister of Education, Hon. Bandula Gunawardene will be the Chief Guest and Prof. W.B. Dorakumbura and Ms Maruli Silva will be the Guests of Honour at the inauguration.

The inaugural sessions will be held in the morning with few professional presentations followed by the AGM in the afternoon. At the inaugural session the presentation of awards and certificates will take place.

Secretary of SLLA has sent the agenda and the other details of AGM to the members. **Members are kindly requested to confirm their participation at their earliest.**

SLLA

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) was incorporated by Law No. 20 of 1974 of the National State Assembly and amended by Act No. 7 of 2004. The SLLA is a founding and executive member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka. It holds membership of the Commonwealth Library Association (COMLA) and the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA).

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IFLA

IFLA (The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession. IFLA provides information specialists throughout the world with a forum for exchanging ideas and promoting international cooperation, research, and development in all fields of library activity and information service.

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International Conference

The SLLA Golden Jubilee International Conference will be held at the Continental Hotel, Colombo from 6th to 8th October 2010. H.E. President Mahinda Rajapaksha will be the Chief Guest and Prof. Ellen Tise, President, IFLA will be the Guest of Honour at the inauguration ceremony. Presidents of Library Associations in SAARC countries, USA, UK, China, Japan, Russia, Australia, Singapore and a few other countries have been invited for the conference. The theme of the conference is 'Libraries: Access to Information and Empowering People'. The Conference Taskforce is headed by Professors Jayasiri Lankage and Russell Bowden.

Other activities will be -

- Publishing the SLLA Golden Jubilee Commemorative Volume
- Issuing a Commemorative stamp and a first day cover
- Appreciation awards for the surviving founder members of SLLA
- Appreciation awards for long serving SLLA teaching staff
- Awards for the outstanding LIS projects carried out in different library sectors in Sri Lanka in the last decade
- Poster and Photographic Competitions at national level on the theme
- Seminars and exhibitions at provincial level
- Special SLLA commemorative projects at individual library level

Visit to Jaffna Public Library



President SLLA Mr Upali Amarasiri, and Council Member Mr. Preethi Perera visited Jaffna during the period 8th to 10th May 2010. They met Jaffna Municipal Commissioner, Librarian and the Library staff of Jaffna Public Library, Assistant Commissioner of Local Government and some other senior librarians in the area. It was agreed to have the second SLLA Golden Jubilee Regional Seminar in Jaffna on 29-30 July 2010 at the Jaffna Public Library Auditorium. Jaffna has been a main regional centre of SLLA's Educational Programmes from mid 1960s.

Special posters to commemorate the SLLA Golden Jubilee .

Internationally acclaimed Sri Lankan artist Ms. Sybil Wettasinghe designed the three attractive posters in all three languages which were released by SLLA.



Publicity Campaign: SLLA has so far published three colorful posters in Sinhala, Tamil and English and a vehicle sticker for the event. Two more posters will be published soon. The Golden Jubilee logo has also been designed. The new SLLA web site with its new features, was also recently launched. The website will provide the latest news about the SLLA, including the Golden Jubilee celebrations. SLLA delegates met the Prime Minister, Minister of Education and a number of other dignitaries with the publicity material. Dr Ruwan Gamage has been appointed as the Information and Publicity Officer of the SLLA by the Council in May 2010.

Car Sticker



The SLLA members who are in Colombo or in close proximity to Colombo are kindly requested to collect the posters and the car stickers from the SLLA office. They will be sent to the outstation members by post. They too can collect them from the office, if they happen to come to Colombo. While the posters are distributed free of charge a nominal fee will be charged for the car sticker to raise funds for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

Special Programmes at your own library

SLLA requests the members to launch at least one special programme at your own libraries to commemorate the SLLA Golden Jubilee. It can be a seminar, discussion, exhibition, introducing a new library service, opening a new section, launching a web page, newsletter or any other innovative work. Please keep the SLLA inform about the programmes and the outstanding new programmes will be recognized in public.

SLLA EVENTS

EDUCATION

Diploma in Library Science Course (DEPLIS) - YEAR 1 - 2010

The ceremonial Inauguration of the Diploma in Library Science Course (DEPLIS) Level 1 -2010 was held in Colombo, Badulla, Batticaloa and Jaffna on 24th of April and 8th May 2010 respectively. The Education Officer, Assistant Ed, office and other lecturers participated in introducing the education programmes of the SLLA.



Level one course in all three languages commenced on the 8th of May in Colombo, Kandy and Galle. Total no. of 80 students have been enrolled for the Sinhala medium class in Colombo.

Badulla Centre: Level one Course commenced in Badulla on 8th of May 2010 for students of Sinhala medium. Deputy Minister of Public Administration Dilan Perera, Uva Chief Minister Mr. Sashindra Rajapaksha, other officials of the Uva Provincial Library, and the Education officer and Assistant Education officer graced the Inauguration ceremony held at the Badulla Centre.

SRI LANKA LIBRARY REVIEW; Special Issue

A Special Issue of Sri Lanka Library Review, the SLA journal will be released at the 50th Annual General Meeting. The issue contains professional articles on wide range of subjects in LIS field. Ms Swarna Jayatilake, Publication Officer of SLLA is the Editor of the Journal.

Poster and Photographic Competition

A Poster and Photographic Competition have been launched as a part of the public relation program me of the celebrations. School Children, youth and the general public are expected to participate in the competition.

Theme: "Libraries : Access to Information and Empowering the People"

1.) Poster Competition

- * Size: 22 1/2" x 17 1/2"
- * Paper: Art Board or any suitable drawing material
- * Painting Colours: Poster colours or Water colours

The above competition will be held for the public (Open) and School Candidates and will consist of two categories.

1.1 Poster Competition (Open)

First Prize	: Rs. 25,000.00
Second Prize	: Rs. 20,000.00
Third Prize	: Rs. 15,000.00

1.2 Poster Competition (School Candidates)

Category 1: (Grades 6 - 10)

First Prize	: Rs. 10,000.00
Second Prize	: Rs. 7,500.00
Third Prize	: Rs. 5,000.00

Category 2: (Grades 11 - 13)

First Prize	: Rs. 15,000.00
Second Prize	: Rs. 10,000.00
Third Prize	: Rs. 7,000.00

2.) Photographic Competition

Participation	: Open
Paper	: Glossy or Matt Paper
Size	: 10"x12"

Certificates of Merit will be awarded to candidates who will secure 4th place up to 10th place.

Prizes:

First Prize	: Rs. 25,000.00
Second Prize	: Rs. 20,000.00
Third Prize	: Rs. 15,000.00

Terms and conditions for the Competition

- Posters or Photographs submitted should display the theme of the Competition significantly (meaningfully), artistically and attractively
- Entries should be self-creations and not published or submitted for any previous competitions or awards. Maximum number of entries should not exceed three Posters or Photographs
- Name, Address, Telephone number should be clearly indicated on the back side of the entry. All of the School Candidates should include the Category and Grade in addition to the above information.
- School candidates should send an attestation from the Principal of the school about the entry as to ascertain it as self-creation. A Photocopy of the candidate's Birth Certificate should be enclosed with the entry.
- Collage Creations are not accepted.
- Selected Posters and Photographs will be displayed at an exhibition. Ownership of all prize-winning entries will be vested with the SLLA. Entries which are not selected for prizes or certificates can be handed over to the owners.
- Winning Posters or Photographs will be used for Poster display exhibitions or for publishing in the SLLA Golden Jubilee Special Commemorative Volume or special publications of the Association.

Entries can be sent by Post or hand-over personally to the SLLA Office at the following address on or before 30th June, 2010. The entries submit by post should indicate the wording **"Poster/Photographic Competition of the SLLA" on the top of left hand corner of the envelope**
Tel: 011-2589103



International Conference on University Librarianship: An Academic Challenge and Opportunity

Organized by

University Librarians' Association (ULA) of Sri Lanka

14th to 15th July 2010 in Colombo,

ULA is a recognized professional organization in Sri Lanka that represents the interests of library practitioners of the Lankan University library sector.

Theme

The theme of the conference is "University librarianship: an academic challenge and opportunity". It is comprised of the following sub-themes:

- Recruitment, training and retention in university librarianship
- Future of professionalism of university librarians
- Contribution to the university governance
- LIS curriculum development
- Emerging trends in open access initiatives
- Quality management in libraries
- Meeting challenges in funding
- Security issues in libraries
- Access to information and copyright law
- Library management Systems and Digital Library initiatives
- Reaching off-site and differently-able learners

Call for papers

We invite the submission of high-quality and original papers that have not been published earlier. The submitted papers will be reviewed by a panel of experts on the basis of the originality of the work, the validity of the results, chosen methodology etc. on the themes proposed. The papers outside the suggested sub-themes will be accepted if it is related to the conference theme.

Please send your abstracts and full papers to the co-chairs of the conference

Dr. Wathanel Seneviratne, Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka -wsene@ou.ac.lk or to Mr. Chaminda Jayasundara, Senior Asst. Librarian, University of Colombo-chaminda.chiran@gmail.com

Registration fee

Sri Lankan participants	Rs. 3000.00
SAARC countries	USD 100.00
Other countries	USD 150.00

The National Aquatic Resources and Development Agency (NARA)- Library and Information Division



This division plays a key role to ensure the collection, dissemination and publication of information and data useful for the research and development of the aquatic industry. The Library and Information center of the division offers over 25,000 documents, electronic databases and easy reference facilities through a computerized database and internet, meeting the research needs of scientific staff, fisheries officials, scholars and development planners.

Documentation is carried out through indexing and abstracting outputs including bibliographies, directories, information packages and manuals. The publication of the NARA Journal, handbooks, scientific reports and manuals and general educational leaflets on the fisheries industry are also activities of the division.

The main responsibility of the Library and Information division is to satisfy the information needs of the readers engaged in the study and research of aquatic resources through the collection, management and dissemination of new information in the field of aquatic resources.

As a special library, it is mainly focused in assisting the subject specialists to access the scientific knowledge disseminated from various information sources so that they could be motivated in their innovative research studies.

The key services provided by the information centre include Lending & Reference facilities, Searching electronic catalogues, Compiling databases, Current Awareness Services, Selective Dissemination Services, Institutional membership, Compiling of paper clipping collection, Photocopying, Scanning.

Compiling of Research Reports & Theses collection, Sale & reprinting of NARA publications.

The activities of the Division are as follows:

- Assisting researchers for library research
- Provision of reference facilities for rare books
- Collection of research papers for future reference
- Lending books
- Exchange of books with other libraries
- Linkage with other libraries
- Provision of Library facilities through internet



Wearing Cloaks at the AGM

The SLLA Council has decided to request all SLLA members to wear cloaks at special occasions following the practices of other professional associations in Sri Lanka as well as elsewhere. Accordingly the practice will commence at the 50th Annual General Meeting of SLLA.

SLLA has appointed a special committee headed by Prof. Jayasiri Lankage to report on the issue. The committee, after studying the practices of other professional associations recommended introducing the practice in several stages. Initially two broad categories have been identified depending on the professional qualifications of the members.

The first category is those who possess Associatehips of SLLA or Graduates of recognized universities and institutions or similar qualifications. The second category is those who have Fellowships of SLLA, Masters or Higher Degrees or similar qualifications.

SLLA will hire two categories of cloaks from a university for the purpose at the initial stage and will develop its own special cloak collection in the future. The SLLA will bear 50% of the hiring charges as a special concession and the members will have to pay only the half of the cost. Members are free to bring their own appropriate cloaks as well. Although wearing of cloaks is optional and not compulsory the SLLA Council requests the members to wear cloaks at this month's 50th AGM, considering its importance. Ms Kamalika Peiris, a senior member of SLLA has been canvassing for this and has sent a special request to the President and the Council at the beginning of the year to implement it from this year. All the SLLA Members are entitled to wear the cloaks.

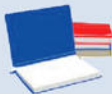
Official launch of the SLLA Golden Jubilee Celebrations by former prime Minister Hon. Ratnasiri Wickramanayake



The Golden Jubilee celebrations of SLLA

The Golden Jubilee celebrations of the SLLA was launched at the Prime Minister's office on the 28th January 2010. The President SLLA, Mr Upali Amarasinghe presented a set of Golden Jubilee posters to the Prime Minister Hon. Ratnasiri Wickramanayake, signifying the official launch. Former Prime Minister appreciated the services rendered by the SLLA in the past five decades and wished the golden jubilee celebrations all success. The Council members of the SLLA, Mrs D I D Andradi, Mrs Swarna Jayatileke and Dr Ruwan Gamage also participated at the event.

Best, innovative library project



Outstanding/Meaningful LIS projects in the last Decade

Recognition of outstanding, meaningful and innovative LIS projects in the last decade (1999-2009) in Sri Lanka is a part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations. Accordingly librarians of all library sectors are invited to submit the details of the quality projects carried out in the period. The magnitude of the project is immaterial and what will count are the quality and the meaningfulness of the project for the particular library field and its benefit to the library users, library professionals and to the country as a whole. The projects can be institutional based ones or projects carried out by individual librarians. The winners; both the institutional heads and librarians will receive trophies, certificates and monetary awards at the main ceremony of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

For further information, contact SLLA office, please.

Inaugural Golden Jubilee Regional Seminar in Kandy



A string of Regional Seminars has been planned and the first seminar will be held in Kandy on 10th June 2010. Central Province Library Services Board is co-sponsoring the Kandy Regional Seminar. Hon. Tikiri Kobbekaduwa,

Governor, Central Province will be the Chief Guest at the inauguration.

The second Regional Seminar will be held in Jaffna on 29th and 30th July 2010.

Jaffna Municipal Council and Department of Local Government of the Northern Provincial Council will be co-sponsoring the event. Jaffna public library is the venue of the seminar.

Colombo will host the third Regional Seminar in August. It will be held at Industrial Technical Institute Auditorium on 28th of August 2010. Exactly 50 years ago, SLLA had its very first meeting at the same venue (then CISIR auditorium) on 28th August 1960.

The venues of the rest of the Regional Seminars will be announced later. Special emphasis will be given to the Library and Information Science development in the region, with in special socio-cultural and economic background of the area Librarians. Library users professionals and the general public in the area will be invited for the seminars

Call for abstracts for the Golden Jubilee Commemorative Volume



SLLA is planning to publish a Golden Jubilee Commemorative volume as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations. The Editorial Board consists of Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Chief Editor, Ms. Namali Suraweera and Ms Dushanthie Daniel. Editorial Board has identified the main fields/ sub fields to be covered and has already sent the first set of invitations to the contributors. They received a good response so far and the second set of invitations for the contributors is being prepared at present.

Abstracts are called for the SLLA Golden Jubilee Commemorative Volume. The publication will cover different facets of LIS development in Sri Lanka and the international arena with special emphasis on the National, University, Research, Public and School library sectors. It will also cover history of libraries, Library Education, ICT and its impact on the LIS, Bibliographic control, Traditional knowledge, disaster management, Information Literacy, Reading promotion, Advocacy and other related subjects. In addition to the Sri Lankan contributors, special invitation is extended to the LIS professionals in the SAARC region to contribute to the publication. For the guidelines and the other details - contact : Professor Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka is the Chief Editor of the publication. (piyara@kln.ac.lk) The abstract should be of not more than 150 words.

Session Themes:

1. Access to Information - historical perspectives
2. Information technology - Sri Lankan and South Asian prospects
3. Web 2.0 / Web 3.0 and 'mobility' - Influences on education
4. Achieving unity from diversity: how can libraries' collections and services contribute to a 'One Sri Lanka'?
5. Information literacy - creating informed societies and peoples through education with libraries
6. Curricula changes required for human resources development for future librarians and information managers
7. Disasters and libraries - lessons learned from their contributions to recoveries.

* Abstracts to be sent to - Convener, International Conference Task Force, Sri Lanka Library Association, Organisation of Professional Associations, Sri Lanka Professional Centre, 275/75, Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07, SRI LANKA or email to russell@dt.lk (with copies to sla@sltnet.lk and janakage@hotmail.com)

* Abstracts will be subject to blind refereeing.

Selected papers should be submitted by 1 July. Full papers should be less than 15 x A4 pages. It should accompany a PowerPoint presentation of not more than 20 minutes.



Re-Joining the SLLA

At the SLLA Council Meeting held on 9th April 2010, it was decided to invite all former SLLA members, who had relinquished the SLLA membership under various circumstances over the years, to rejoin the SLLA at the historic occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Association.

Considering the immense contributions made to the LIS field by those former colleagues over the years, it was decided to request them to pay membership fee for two years, inclusive of the current year (2009/10), irrespective of the length of the non-membership period. The offer is open to all former SLLA members who are in Sri Lanka as well as those currently residing overseas. Through this step, the council hopes to strengthen the association, both quantitatively and qualitatively. Those interested, please contact the SLLA office.



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Religious Ceremonies

Buddhist, Hindu, Islam and Christian religious ceremonies have been conducted at the outset to invoke blessings for the 50th anniversary celebrations. Colombo Gangaramaya, Kathiresan Kovil, Bambalapitiya, Jumma Mosque, Pamankada, and at St. Michael Church (Gal Palliya), Polwatte, Colpetty, were the venues of the religious ceremonies.



SLLA Brochures to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary.

The SLLA has released two new publicity brochures; one on the activities of the SLLA and the other on the programmes of the SLLA Golden Jubilee celebrations. The brochures are part of the media/publicity campaign of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations. These brochures are available for downloading at the SLLA Web site.

IFLA Annual Conference



World Library and Information Congress

76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

IFLA's World Library and Information Congress, which is also the IFLA General Conference and Assembly, is traditionally held annually in varying parts of the globe.

Theme: "Open access to knowledge - promoting sustainable progress"
Gothenburg, Sweden, 10-15 August 2010

The IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2010, 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly will take place in the Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre, Gothenburg, Sweden. The theme chosen for the 2010 Congress energizes and supports the Presidential Theme of IFLA President, Ellen Tise: Libraries driving access to knowledge.