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“WE ARE MORE THAN A TRADE UNION”

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Welcome to the second issue of the Volume 2 of ULA e -Newsletter ; the news release from the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka. We hope to bring you four issues during the year 2005/2006 covering the latest news in your institute as well as on University Librarianship.

More over Sisyphus

Sisyphus was condemned eternally to roll up the slope of a mountain an enormous boulder

ULA will roll its “boulder” up to the summit with its focus on

- * a colloquium on academic and professional achievements of its members
- * a series of Workshops for the Library Staff
- * a Travel Grant Scheme
- * sponsorship to send one of our members to next IFLA Conference in August 2006 in South Korea.

And ULA is determined that it will not undergo Sisyphus’ experience !

**Harrison Perera
President**

**YOUR EXCO – ULA
2005/06**

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Our Objective

To make aware

- * **Specific activities / events**
- * **Conferences/ seminars/ workshops**
- * **New appointments and promotions**
- * **Achievements and opportunities**

mainly in the Sri Lanka university sector and in the international scene.

Our Work Plan for 2005 / 2006

At the first Executive Committee Meeting of ULA on 29th August 2005 the following targets were unanimously agreed as part of our Work Plan for 2005 / 2006 :

1. Finalise the draft constitution
(*Harrison & Punchi*)
2. Finalise logo (*Punchi*)
3. Publish Conference Proceedings
(*Shirani & Mahesh*)
4. Publish 3 issues of the Newsletter and 2 issues of JULA (*Shirani, Muditha, EK and Rita*)
5. Organise a Colloquium (*Chandra, Thusitha and Anusha*)
6. Conduct Workshops for Library Assistants, Library Attendants and Assistant Librarians (*Rifaudeen, Jeyaraj, Chaminda, RM and Jagath*)
7. Publish the Membership Directory
(*Mano*)

8. Organise the 2nd Conference (*All*)
9. Assist in drafting (*All*)
 - Minimum standards for University Libraries
 - Code of conduct for University Librarians
10. Obtain sponsorship for all events (*All*)

Leaving us but moving on

Prasanna Ranaweera our able Treasurer “packed his bags” on 12 August 2005 and said Goodbye to us, as he has more pressing priorities. We wish him success (though we miss him terribly!)

Mr. Sunil Premarathna was proposed and seconded as the new Treasurer and we welcome him with open arms. Sunil is the AL in charge of the Vet. Medical Science Library in UP.

Increase of Membership Fee

At the last ULA AGM in May the membership unanimously approved that ULA monthly membership should be increased from Rs.50 to Rs.100. We realise practically everything is on the increase (going up according to Newton’s law?), but we desperately need funds for our empty (not so empty) coffers.

Our new Treasurer Sunil will be pleased if you would give instructions to your respective Bursars to credit your membership fees direct to our account at the People’s Bank (Thimbirigasyaya Branch Colombo 5). Details will follow by e-mail / post. Please cooperate.

What do you think of

Here is the logo we proposed at the last AGM in May. Please direct your views to Shirani (shirani@sjp.ac.lk) or to Punchi (punchi@sjp.ac.lk) at your earliest convenience. We need to finalise the logo before the next AGM.



Appointments and Promotions

Moving on the professional ladder

Ms. Hema Wijetunga Head / Reader Services Division UP has been invited to assist in organising the library of Rajarata University. She plans to take up the post of Acting Librarian from early October after obtaining sabbatical leave. **Congrats!**

Contribution to teaching activities

Mr. U A Lal, SAL/UR has been appointed as a Visiting Lecturer at the Department of History and Archeology in the academic year 2005/2006. He also participated as a Resource Person at the Training Program for Teacher Librarians and School Principals in the Sothern Province organised by the Ministry of Education.

Farewell

Mrs. S. R. Korale

Mrs. S.R. Korale, Librarian /OUSL retired with effect from 21st July 2005. She is a graduate of the University of Ceylon and obtained Fellowship of the Library Association(London).Prior to her work at OUSL she served in the Law and in the Medical Libraries/ University of Colombo as an Assistant Librarian and Senior Assistant Librarian. As a LIS professional for a period of 21 years she published widely specially in the field of health sciences.

Mrs. S. D. Wijethunga SAL/UM

Mrs S. D. Wijethunga, SAL/UM retired on 22nd June, 2005 after serving 37 years in the field of LIS. She joined the library service as Junior Assistant Librarian in Junior University College, Kegalle on 1st December 1968. From the Junior University Colleague she moved to the Ceylon College of Technology, Katubedda. In 1970 and then served the University of Moratuwa with effect from 15 February 1972 as an Assistant Librarian.

Mrs. Wijethunga holds the PG Diploma in Librarianship the Masters Degree in Library and Information Science (MLS) of the University of Colombo. She served as a Senior Assistant Librarian since 1994.

ULA WISH BOTH AN ENJOYABLE RETIREMENT!

Board member

Mr. P. B. Gallaba SAL/ USJP has been appointed as a Board member of the Uva Province Library Services Board.
Congrats!

Seminars and workshops

ULA ties a knot with the Book Trade

At the request of the Organisers of Colombo International Book Fair 2005 ULA organised a one-day seminar “**Libraries and Book Trade : Partners in Information Delivery**” at the BMICH on Wednesday 14 September. Following papers were presented during the Seminar:

- Marketing for Libraries and Book Trade by *Mr. Saha*
- Current trends in Sri Lankan Publishing by *Mr. Henry Samaranayake*
- Librarians as Deliverers of Information by *Mr. H.M. Gunaratne Banda*
- Social Responsibility and the Book Trade by *Prof. Tennyson Perera*

ULA conveys thanks for her members who attended and the Organizers of Colombo International Book Fair 2005 for their sponsorship. We are exploring the possibility of collaborating with the book trade to hold similar events annually.

An event by SL University Library Consortia

Approximately 35 library staff (AL up) were invited to an Orientation Session on E-Journals in the Main Library University of Colombo on Monday 19 September 2005 organised by the SL University Library Consortia. Mr. Nirmal Bengani of Balani Infotech of India was the main Resource Person who introduced IEEE, WILSON, EMERALD.

The SL University Consortia has scheduled another two e-journal presentations to the Chief Librarians of the universities on Friday 30 September in the UGC. Mr. Perdeep Kumar of Elsevier and Mr. Patrick Doogue of IOP are invited to make presentations on SCIEDIRECT and IOP respectively.

OUSL brief UP on ALICE

On 12 August Ms. Champa Alahakoon Acting Head / Cataloguing Division led a group of UP Library staff to visit the OUSL Library for a basic Orientation on ALICE. Ms. Ramani Amarasekera and her staff made OUSL Library proud by organizing an excellent tour, demo and a brief (including cake !)

Former ULA President in the limelight

Prof. W.B. Dorakumbure former Librarian / USJP and ULA President delivered the keynote address at the Annual General Session of the Public Librarians Association on 26 August in the auditorium of D.S. Senanayake Memorial Public Library Kandy.

Assistance for CP Library Services Board

Ms. Ira Mudannayake SAL / Agriculture Library UP and Mr. Harrison Perera / Librarian UP were invited as Resource Persons by the Central Province Library Services Board to assist a series of Workshops for the Teacher Librarians in the Central Province.

UP Welcomes SEUSL Staff

Ms. M. M. Mashroofa / AL and Mr. A.M. Nafees / AL visited UP from 5 to 8 September, for a 4 day basic Orientation Programme on library administration and management. Mr. M.P. Jayatilake SAL / Administrative Services co-ordinated the Programme which included visits to Agriculture and Medical Libraries.

ULA extends its assistance to SLLA

On 8 August at the first meeting of the SLLA Regional Library Forum of the Central Province it was decided to set up two professional teams to develop School and Public library sectors in the Central Province. Ms. Ira Mudannayake and Ms. Rita Liyanage were respectively appointed to lead the two teams.

Developing staff at UP

After successfully conducting Workshops on Performance Management and Customer Care Ms. Ira Mudannayake SAL / Agriculture Library has planned the following Orientation Sessions for the UP Library Staff:

- Orientation Session on E-Journals (held on 21 September)
- Effective use of OPAC in information dissemination and
- The wealth of journal information in INASP (planned for 14 October)

A Workshop on Reference sources and Services for University Community /UR

UR under the World Bank IRQUE Project organized a Workshop on 14 September on Reference Skills for the academic community. The Workshop was held in the Main Library Auditorium. The Resource Persons were Prof. M. P. Satija of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar India and Mr. J. A. Amaraweera, Librarian, Buddhist and Pali University. This was the second workshop organized under IRQUE Project. Prof. K. W. N. Weerasinghe, acting VC and Prof. D. Atapattu, Director of IRQUE Project were present at the Opening Ceremony.

Workshop on E –Resources

Mr. J. A. Amaraweera Librarian Buddhist and Pali University made a presentation on “E – resources for Buddhist studies” at Post - Graduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist studies, University of Kelaniya.

Welcome the students for new Degree programme / USJ

First batch of students for BSc. Nursing Degree, Faculty of Medical Sciences / USJP were welcomed by Mr. P. Vidanapathirana Librarian. As a part of the orientation programme Ms. Shirani Dharmaratne SAL, Medical Library made a presentation on “Information Sources and Services” for them.

Library Automation

The Standing Committee on Libraries and Information Sciences (SCOLIS) at its 86TH meeting on 30 September finalized the following on the above :

Universities interested in Library Software : UC,UK,USJP,EUSL,SEUSL and SU

Universities interested in Electronic Security Systems : UM and OUSL

Universities interested in Hardware : UP,UR,UJ,RU and WU

2005 Union List of Current Periodicals

The Union List of Current Periodicals was last published by UP in 2002. Ms. Chitrani Gamage Head / Periodicals has taken the initiative with the assistance of University, Postgraduate and Graduate Institutes to resurrect this publication in 2005. Requests to report the current periodicals holdings were made by e-mail and by post in September. Partial funding is expected from Sida/ SAREC Library Support Project. If you have not received a request yet please contact **Chitrani** at **081-2392495**. Help us to publish this invaluable tool.

De-acquisitions at the Medical Library / UP

Ms. Sriyani Perera (now on sabbatical leave in Brunai) SAL / Medical Library UP has tirelessly monitored the usage of approximately 10,000 publications for the last 8 years and recommended that they should be discarded from the collection. She also has made arrangements to donate a set of duplicate journals in

Medical Sciences to the HELLIS Network.

New Members

We Welcome the following as new members:

1. Ms. A.W.V. Athukorala (UC)
2. Ms. S.L. Gammanpila (UR)
3. Mr. T. Ramanan (EUSL)
4. Mr. M.N. Ravikumar (EUSL)
5. Ms. B.M.M.M.C.B. Hindagolla (UP)
6. Mr. B.N.G.S. Premarathna (UP)
7. Mr. W.G.A. Dharmarathna (UP)
8. Ms. C.K. Gamage (UC)
9. Ms. M.D. Wewalaarachchi (UM)
10. Ms. H.I.S. Menike (UC)
11. Ms. C.M.K.N.K. Chandrasekera (UC)
12. Ms. U.S. Millawithanachchi (UC)
13. Mr. W.M.T.D. Ranasinghe (UM)
14. Ms. D.S. Priyangika (UK)
15. Mr. Tissa Bandara (BSBU)
16. Mr. K.T.S. Pushpakumara (UR)
17. Mr. A.M. Nahfees (SEUSL)

Web Site for University of Wayamba

University of Wayamba has recently launched their web site. Try.

<http://www.wayamba.ac.lk/>

Multi-media center

USJP Libray has taken the initiative to install additional work stations specially for the research students in their Multimedia Centre.

Daisy Book Production Project for Students with special needs

USJP Library as the second phase of the above project is in the process of converting the books in to audio format.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Book Exhibitions are planned in UP and USJP to celebrate the “ Reading Month” in October. These exhibitions are organized by the Library Welfare Societies.

The first “ Achievers Colloquium “ is scheduled by ULA on Monday 31 October in the SLFI auditorium. Seven ULA members are already invited to share their personal and professional experience in attending international events and/or excelling in professional achievement. Details will follow. DO NOT MISS THIS!.

The first Workshop for Library Attendants is planned to be held as a residential Workshop in Rajarata University in Mihintale. Ms.Asoka Siriwardena, Acting Librarian/RU and Mr.R.M.Gunasekera our able EXCO member are the organizers of this event. Details will follow. PLEASE HELP US TO TRAIN YOUR STAFF!

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

December 2005

[2-4 December 2005 USA, College Park,MD: DASER Digital Archives for Science and Engineering Resources](#)

[5-6 December 2005 FRANCE, Nancy: GL7 7th International Conference on Grey Literature](#)

[12-15 December 2005 THAILAND, Bangkok: ICADL International Conference on Asian Digital Libraries](#)
www.icadl2005.ait.ac.th

[12-15 December 2005 INDIA, Hyderabad: Second International Conference on Technology, Knowledge and Society](#)

[12-14 December 2005 INDIA, Calicut, Kerala: E-Publishing Workshop Indian Institute of Management - Kozhikode](#)

[14-16 December 2005 PORTUGAL, Porto: CELDA2005 Cognition and Exploratory Learning in Digital Age](#)

[26-29 December 2005 INDIA, Chennai: IASLIC 2005 All India Conference of the Indian Association of Special Libraries & Information Centres](#)

January 2006

[16-18 January 2006 CHINA, Harbin: APWEB Asia Pacific Web Conference](#)

[16-19 January 2006 USA, San Antonio, TX: ALISE 2006 Association for Library and Information Science Education](#)

[20-25 January 2006 USA, San Antonio, TX: ALA 2006 Midwinter American Library Association](#)
www.ala.org/ala/confservices/upcoming/upcomingconferences.htm

February 2006

[7-9 February 2005 GERMANY, Bielefeld: 8th International Bielefeld Conference](#)

[8-10 February 2005 Melbourne, Australia :VALA 2006 : Connecting with users](#) www.vala.org.au/conf2006.htm

[22-24 February 2005 SOUTH AFRICA, Pietermaritzburg: KM in Higher Ed Knowledge Management in Higher Education](#)

March 2006

[25 -30 March Manila, Philippines XIII CONSAL Conference - The congress of Southeast Asian Librarians](#)
www.consal.org/XIIith_CONSAL_CONFERENCE.doc

Your comments and views to upgrade the Newsletter are greatly appreciated

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