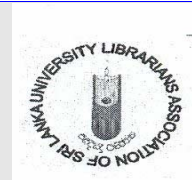


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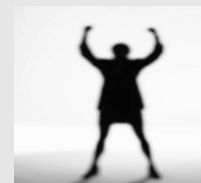
25th Annual General Meeting of ULA

Sabaragamuwa University hosted the 25th AGM of the University Librarians Association (ULA) of Sri Lanka on Saturday 27 May 2006. The theme of the 25th AGM was “We (ULA) strive so that you (members) could thrive in professional development”.

Prof. Rohana P. Mahaliyanarachchi Vice-Chancellor / Sabaragamuwa University was invited as the Chief Guest for the Opening Ceremony....

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An Achiever !



Mrs. Ira Mudannayake Senior Assistant Librarian Agriculture Library of the University of Peradeniya won the award presented by the Advanced Librarianship Programme under the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) for her research paper on “**Forging Partnership between Libraries and Extension Services for improved access to Agriculture information: A Case Study in Sri Lanka**”. She delivered her paper at the 72nd IFLA World Library and Information Congress in South Korea during its sessions from 20 to 24 August 2006. She also created a record of being the first library professional from the University of Peradeniya to be awarded this prestigious honour.

Well done!

Conference on “Marketing Information: Best of Two Worlds”

ULA’s second international Conference was held on 23 and 24 May 2006 in the Galadari Hotel. Prof. Kapila Goonasekera Vice-Chancellor / University of Peradeniya and Prof. Rohan Rajapakse Chairman of Standing Committee on Libraries and Information Science (SCOLIS) graced the official ceremony as the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour respectively. Prof. Senaka Bandaranayake / Director Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology delivered the Key Note address on “Marketing of Information and the University Libraries”. Six professionals presented the following papers during the two-day Conference:

- **Personality Improvement through Branding** by Ravi Jayawardena *Country Market Execution Director / Coca-Cola Beverages Ltd., Sri Lanka.*
- **Communications in Marketing Information** by Prof. Roshan Lal Raina *Director / Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management, India.*
- **Waterman Heritage : 120 years of Brand excellence in Writing Instruments** by Prof. S.S.L. Hettiarachchi / *University of Moratuwa.*
- **Marketing and Library Services : Linkages, Developments, Benefits and Barriers** by Dr. Dinesh K. Gupta *Associate Professor / Department of Library and Information Sciences, VM Open University , India.*
- **The Will to adopt to change: Marketing in the back drop of War** by David Nicolle *Director Marketing / Galadari Hotel.*
- **A Market moving from an Information Age to the Conceptual Age** by Justin Meegoda *CEO/ Vanik Incorporation Limited.*

The President Mr. Harrison Perera in closing remarks read out the following message under the title “ Oh! What a dream”.

“Once upon a time in a galaxy similar to yours, seventeen little people set around a table and talked about a dream. This Conference is the actualization of that dream. I salute those seventeen little people”.

25th Annual General Meeting of ULA

Fifty five members attended the AGM. Following are some of the highlights:

- Tributes were paid to Mrs. R. Pararajasingham former Librarian University of Jaffna and Mrs. S.D. Wijetunga former Senior Assistant Librarian University of Moratuwa.
- Mr. Nimal Hettiarachchi Senior Assistant Librarian University of Ruhuna and Mrs. Shirani Dharmaratne Senior Assistant Librarian University of Sri Jayawardenepura were selected as the winners of 2006 IFLA Travel Grant Award.
- In the President's address the following achievements in 2005 / 2006 were announced :

ULA's Corporate Name

Corporate Logo

Membership Directory

2005 Conference Proceedings

2005 and 2006 Conferences

Achievers Colloquium

Quarterly e-Newsletter

Two issues of JULA

Savings Account

- A draft constitution was forwarded and discussed in detail.
- The Treasurer announced Rs.660,149.50 as funds held up to April 2006.

Executive Committee for 2006 / 2007**President** : **MRS T. ARULNANDHY**

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Following were unanimously elected as the representatives for 12 universities

1. University of Colombo : Mr. G.R. Padmasiri
2. University of Sri Jayawardenepura : Mrs. K.W. A. M. Konpola
3. University of Peradeniya : Mr. W.G. Dharmarathna
4. University of Rajarata : Mrs. A.S. Siriwardene
5. University of Ruhuna : Mr. K.T.S. Pushpakumara
6. University of Kelaniya : Mr. W.M.T.D. Ranasinghe
7. University of Sabaragamuwa : Mr. I.M. Nawarathne
8. University of Moratuwa : Mr. A.D.B. Kumara
9. University of Wayamba : Mrs. W.M. Thusitha Kumari
10. Buddhist and Pali Univ. of Sri Lanka : Mr. J.A. amaraweera

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| 11. South eastern University | : Mr. M.C.M. Azwar |
| 12. Open University of Sri Lanka | : Mrs. H.P.S.D. Gunasekera |
| 13. University of Jaffna | : Not Selected |

Working Sessions on Priority Issues for University Libraries

- Chief Librarians and Acting Librarians of Sri Lanka Universities spent the weekend of 8 /9 September 2006 at Hotel Hilltop Kandy to discuss and draft proposals on:
 - Library Policy
 - Library Standards
 - Library Performance Indicators

for university libraries. These historical sessions were made possible by generous funding of the IRQUE Project and initiative taken by the Standing Committee on Libraries and Information Science (SCOLIS) under the UGC. Prof. L. Ratnayake Director IRQUE Project and Prof. Rohan Rajapakse Chairman / SCOLIS were instrumental for the gathering. Prof. Colin Peiris of QAA Council and the Registrars of Universities of Uva Wellassa and Visual & Performing Arts too attended. The drafts on Library Policy, Standards and Performance Indicators are expected to be discussed at SCOLIS on 24 November and finalised.

Discussion papers on University Library Issues

- Standing Committee on Libraries and Information Sciences (SCOLIS) at its 89th meeting on 7 August requested selected members to prepare discussion papers on the following critical issues:

Mrs. Pradeepa Wijetunga	:Human Resource Development
Mrs. Wathmanel Seneviratne	:Union Catalogue
Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen	:ILL Agreement
Mr. K. Ananda	:Twining Programme

OPEN UNIVERSITY NEWS

- The OUSL Library launched a Virtual Information Resource Centre in April 2006. It is consisted of 15 computer terminals for users to surf the Internet and access the e-resources. E-resources consist of more than 400 CD-Rom databases, instructional materials and software which are accessible through the Intranet of the University. The library has already uploaded an in-house compiled subject gateway on 'Law' and the other subject gateways on various subject disciplines are under compilation. The OUSL Virtual Library page has also started a "Virtual Inquiry Service" through the mode of email and it expects to develop it into a more sophisticated discussion forum in the near future.
- Mrs.Wathmanel Senevirathne, Librarian of the OUSL Library has presented a paper on "Community Information Needs and Community Information Behaviour in rural Sri Lanka", at the Asia Pacific Conference on Library Education & Practice (A-LIEP 2006) which was held in Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, from 3-7 April, 2006.
- Mrs.Damayanthi Gunasekera, Sr. Asst. Librarian of the OUSL Library, has attended three months Attachment Training Programme on "Information Technology for Information Management" which was conducted by the NISCAIRE, New Delhi from April - July'06

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- **Guide to Periodical Resources**

UP Library Network published the "Guide to Current Periodical Resources in Academic Institutes of Sri Lanka : A Union List 2006" as Number 11 of University of Peradeniya Library Publication in March after a lapse of 3 years. This comprehensive guide reports periodical holdings of 15 Universities, 4 Postgraduate Institutes and 4 Graduate Institutes. The printing of the Guide was made possible with the assistance of Sida / SAREC Library Support Project and it dedicated to the former Librarian Mr. N.T.S.A. Senadeera. The Guide is available through University of Peradeniya Library Web page.

- **JSTOR Presentation**

Ms. Stephanie Kruger Outreach and Education Specialist representing the Ford Foundation made presentations on JSTOR (Journal of Storage : The Scholarly Journal Archive) the on-line database on Arts and Humanities to the Librarians and Academia in University of Colombo on

6th and to the Students and Academia on **7 February** in University of Peradeniya. The Ford Foundation has provided free access to JSTOR for Universities of Colombo and Peradeniya for a period of 3 years.

- **Elsevier / NSF Library Connect Seminar**

Elsevier Publishers in collaboration with the National Science Foundation (NSF) presented the above Seminar on **17 February** in the NSF Auditorium. Mr. Harrison Perera was invited to deliver the special Guest Lecture on the “**Changing Trends on Sri Lanka University Library Sector**”.

- **Assisting the University Librarians Association (ULA) of Sri Lanka**

ULA created history by holding the first residential Workshop for Library Attendants in the University Libraries on **27 and 28 April** in the Rajarata University. Mr. R. Maheswaran Head Tamil Division and Mr. Harrison Perera were invited to act as Resource Persons for the Workshop titled “**How to deliver a Perfect Service**”.

- **Teacher – Librarianship Course**

The Central Province Library Services Board initiated first ever Teacher Librarianship Course for the Central Province on **25 June**. Mrs. Ira Mudannayake, Mrs. Chitrani Gamage and Mr. Harrison Perera were invited to assist as Resource Persons for this six month week-end course.

- **Training and developing Staff**

Under the Staff Development and Training Project the following orientation and training Workshops were conducted from **January to June** by the University of Peradeniya Library Network:

- Orientation Session for Library Attendants and Labourers on Duty Lists (Job Descriptions), **5th January**.
- Updating Job Descriptions and producing Job Plans for Library Assistants, **17 January**.
- Workshop on Information Skills for up front Staff **16 and 17 March**.
- Workshop on Effective use of the Library Catalogue for Library Attendants and Labourers, **27, 28 April**.
- Workshop on Introduction to INASP Resources for Library Assistants, **20 and 21 June**.

- **Periodical Survey**

UP Library Network initiated a Periodical Survey in the Main Library for 6 weeks from 14 August to 23 September as the first phase to identify “what” is used by “whom” and “when”. The second phase of the Survey is scheduled from 9 October to 24 November 2006.

- **Staff Movements in the UP Library Network**

Mrs. Hema Wijetunge Senior Asst. Librarian / University of Peradeniya who served as the Acting Librarian Rajarata University since September 2005 has been given an extension for another year.

Mr. Sunil Premaratne Assistant Librarian has gone on Study Leave to complete his research thesis for the MLS Course.

Mrs. Kanchana Dehigama Assistant Librarian has returned after completing her postgraduate studies at National Institute of Science Communications and Information Resources, India.

- **Reminiscences of the 1956 Entrants (University of Peradeniya)**

Editors of “ And quietly flowed the Mahaweli” *Marina Azeez, M. Somasunderam and Noeline Weerasinghe* tirelessly have collected 35 articles from the 1956 Entrants to bring out this excellent reminiscences of 1956 Entrants to University of Ceylon Peradeniya. It is dedicated to the “Iron Vice-Chancellor” Sir Nicholas Attygalle.

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- **Staff achievements**

Mrs. Nayana Wijayasundara Senior Asst. Librarian attended a training at the University of Liverpool, UK on Presidential Scholarship 2005

Mrs. S. U. Millavithanachchi was selected to follow the VLIR programme 2006 in Belgium

- **Staff Publications**

Mr. G. R. Padmasiri published a book on "Pustakala vargikaranaya: vargikaranaye mulikanga, Divi dashama ha Vishva dashama vargikarana krama pilibandava hadinvimak

- **Teaching in Higher Education**

Mrs. S.C. Jayasuriya, Mrs. N.Wijayasundara and Mr. C.C. Jayasundara were appointed as Visiting Lecturers of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo

Mrs. N.Wijayasundara and Mr. C.C. Jayasundara were appointed to conduct some sessions in the Masters programme in Public Management at the School of Graduate Studies, Sri Lanka Development Administration Institute

- **Fully furnished Seminar Room**

The University of Colombo library has built a fully furnished seminar room with all modern facilities to conduct educational and promotional programmes. For reservations, contact the librarian over 112-583043

- **Happy Wedding**



Miss Samanlatha Menike / Asst. Librarian is to get married at the end of October 2006

WAYAMBA UNIVERSITY NEWS

- **Opening Ceremony**

Opening ceremony of the Makandura New Library building of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka was held on 27 July 2006.

- **User Awareness Programme**

The Library of Makandura campus organized a user awareness Programme on Library Resources for staff and research faculty of the campus in collaboration with the Staff Development Center (SDC) of the university on 27th July, 2006. The presentations were conducted by Mrs. Sumana Jayasuriya, Librarian/ University of Colombo and Mr. Harrison Perera, Librarian/ University of Peradeniya. The presentation on "E-Resources under the PERI Programme" was delivered by Mrs. Sumana Jasuriya and the other presentation was made by Mr. Harrison Perera on "University Libraries: are they becoming obsolete or determination of quality service?"

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- **Workshops on “Access to full-text e-journals and Online resources**

The Library conducted five (5) workshops on “Access to full-text e-journals and Online resources” for the academic staff as well as for special degree students of the University as follows:

- 4th May, 2006 Academic Staff
- 25th May, 2006 Department of Chemistry (Special degree students)
- 19th July, 2006 Department of Botany (Special degree students)
- 26th July, 2006 Department of Microbiology & Zoology
- 11th August, 2006 Department of Mathematics (Special degree students)

- **Staff Presentations**

Mr. W.M.T.D. Ranasinghe, Asst. Librarian, University of Kelaniya made a presentation on “Internet search engines & Online search strategies for librarians” at the SLSTINET meeting held on 14th July, 2006 at National Science Foundation, Colombo.

- **Appointment**

Mr. W.M.T.D. Ranasinghe has been appointed as a visiting lecturer at the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Kelaniya for its undergraduate (special degree) courses as well as Higher Diploma Course in LIS.

- **New Services**

With the aim of maximizing its user oriented services, the library initiated a “Reader’s Advisor” service recently next to the library’s reference section.

- **Staff Publications**

Dr.(Mrs.) R.H.I.S. Ranasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Kelaniya launched her latest book titled “Perani lankave pothgul sampradaya” (Library tradition in ancient Sri Lanka) at the NACLIS of Sri Lanka Library Association.

- **Achivements**

Dr. (Mrs.)R.H.I.S. Ranasinghe was offered the Fellowship of Sri Lanka Library Association at the SLLA AGM, 2006.

