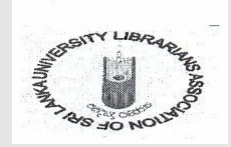


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Third Annual Conference of ULA

Preamble:

Certain vital events and initiatives in the Higher Education sector motivated ULA to select “Libraries in Higher Education: Partners in K4D?” as the main theme for its Third Conference which was held on 8 and 9 June 2007 in the Galadari Hotel. The National Commission of Education in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission organized the “Symposium on Higher Education Strategy and Policy” in June 2006. LIRNE Asia, a think-tank NGO took the initiative in early 2007 to bring together experts from Bangladesh, Malaysia, Philipines and Sri Lanka on Quality in Education for K4D. The World Bank through the IRQUE Project was focusing in the improvement of Relevancy and Quality of Undergraduate Education and the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council on Quality Assurance in the Universities.

Objectives of the Conference

To understand the massification and internationalisation of Higher Education.

To develop awareness in the emerging trends of the knowledge society.

To critically question the impact made by libraries for K4D.

Opening Ceremony

Hon. Wiswa Warnapala Minister of Higher Education graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. Gamini Samaranayake Chairman / UGC, Prof. Gunapala Nanayakka ra Vice Chairman / UGC and Prof. Rohan Rajapakse Chairman / SCOLIS were the other VIPs at the Head Table.

ULA Conference

Conference Format

Conference was divided in to four sessions and the fourth session focused on the selection of the most critical issues to be presented to the UGC. The four sessions were:

Session I: Strategy and Policy

Session II: People and Productivity

Session III: Reminiscence and Renaissance

Session IV: Quo Vadis (Our Future)

Resource Persons

Key Address by **Prof. Gunapala Nanayakkara** on Challenges and Directions for Universities

Corporate Planning for K4D

Prof. Harischandra Abeygunawardena, *Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya.*

Working close with Change Agents : New role for Librarians in Higher Education

Dr. M. Ishwara Bhat

Librarian, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Rajasthan, India

Partnering in K4D : People as Pioneers

Mr. Ajantha Dharmasiri

Postgraduate Institute of Management

How to improve Productivity for K4D

Mr. Lal Fonseka

Managing Director, Kaizen Productivity Pvt. Ltd.

Quality Assurance for K4D

Prof. Colin Peiris

Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council

Digital Libraries : Why K4D won't work without?

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Dr. Sujata Gamage
Director, Knowledge Networks LIRNE Asia

“Beginnings of Sri Lanka University Librarianship: Reminiscence”

Mr. N.T.S.A. Senadeera
Former Librarian, University of Peradeniya

öBridging the Knowledge Divide: Localisation of global knowledge and globalisation of local knowledgeö

Mrs.Chulangani De Silva -Communications Officer, World Bank

öLibraries in Higher Education in Indiaö

Dr. Sanjay Kataria,
Librarian, Jaypee Institute of Information Technology University, Noida,
India

öK4D : Challenges for Developing Country Researchersö

Prof. V. Kumar, Chairman, Industrial Technology Institute

A total of eleven Resource Persons shared their views with us.

Sponsors

This year our main foreign sponsors were:

IGroup (Balani Infotec), India

SMI

SWETS Information Service

Oxford Journals (OUP)

Elsevier (India)

There were contributions from local Booksellers as well.

Thanks

To all who assisted us.

Sri Jayawardanapura News



New appointments

Mr. P. Gallaba, Senior Asst. Librarian was elected as "The Presedent Elect" of the SLLA for year 2007-2008.

Mrs. C.S. Dharmarathna, Senior Asst. Librarian was elected as "The Assistant Education Officer and appointed as a member of Information Technology Committee" of the SLLA for year 2007-2008.

Mrs. K.W.A.M. Konpola, Asst Librarian was elected as the Vice-Secretary of the UTA, (University Teachers Association) University of Sri Jayewardenapura.

Miss P.G.R. Samarawickrama, Asst Librarian was elected as the Vice-Treasure of the UTA, (University Teachers Association) University of Sri Jayewardenapura.

Workshop Participation

Mrs. K.W.A.M. Konpola, Asst. Librarian attended a workshop on " The preservation of Documentary Heritage in Sri Lanka " Organized by the Korean National Commission for UNESCO, Memory of the World-Sri Lanka National Committee and National Library and Documentation Services Board on 23rd - 2nd July 2007 at Taj Samudra Hotel.

Workshops conducted

Miss P.G.R. Samarawickrama, Asst Librarian has conducted a workshop on "Research Methodology" for final year students of Faculty of Management on 3rd July 2007



Professional excellence

Mrs. S.C. Jayasuriya/ Librarian of the University of Colombo was honoured by the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences, University of Colombo for her professional excellence and her outstanding career at the service of library and information sciences in Sri Lanka.

Doctoral Studies

Mrs. Nayana Wijayasundara went to Malaysia to pursue her doctoral studies under the Commonwealth Grant for graduate studies

International Consultancies

Mr. C.C. Jayasundara was invited from the government of Republic of Maldives to work as an information consultant of the Attorney General's department for a short period

Special News

Call for papers - JULA

JULA

Journal of University Librarians Association (**JULA**) welcome submissions of articles. The **JULA** is to publish refereed, well-written original research articles, and studies that describe the latest research and developments in library and information sciences.

Manuscripts can also be sent via e-mail to **Editor**. In accordance with usual practice, papers previously published and are under consideration for publication elsewhere cannot be accepted, and authors must agree not to publish accepted papers elsewhere without the prior permission of **JULA**. The paper should not normally exceed 5000 words, and should confirm to the following:

- The paper should contain the title, author(s)name, affiliation(s), designation (designatory letters), mailing address, email
- Abstract describing the context and scope of the paper
- Keywords (3-5)
- Main text
- References (Harvard System)

All submission of manuscript should be written in English/Tamil or Sinhala. All contributions will be reviewed by at least one independent expert.

Deadline for submission is 31st December 2007

Call For Essays for two edited books

Edited Books

The University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka has decided to publish two edited books by collection of essays on the following areas;

Areas

1. History of the Librarianship in Sri Lanka
2. Bibliographic Control in Library and Information Centers

We invite submissions of quality essays that will be published by the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka, in a paperback, type-set book. We are looking for high quality essays in the above areas or related areas.

Guidelines

Below is a set of guidelines and formatting instructions to help you prepare your essay.

Please read them carefully prior to submitting

1. Each paper can only be submitted to ONE track i.e. History of Librarianship or Bibliographic Control
2. Submitted papers must NOT have been previously presented, published, accepted for publication, and if under review, must NOT appear in print.
3. The entire paper (title page, abstract, main text, figures, tables, references, etc.) must be in ONE document created in Word format.
4. The maximum length of the paper is 25 pages (including ALL tables, appendices and references). The paper format should follow the Harvard Style Guide.
5. Use Times New Roman 12-pitch font, double spaced, and 1-inch (2.5 cm) margin all around.
6. Number all of the pages of the paper.
7. NO changes in the paper title, abstract, authorship, and actual paper can occur AFTER the submission deadline.
8. Check that the paper prints correctly (i.e. all imported figures and tables are there), and ensure that the file is virus-free.
9. Name of the Author/s, Designatory letters, affiliation and contact information should be provided separately.

Submission Deadlines

Submission of the Complete Contribution January 31, 2008

Editorial Comments and Review Decisions May 31, 2008

Submission of Revised Contribution December June 31, 2008

Authors Interested in contributing to this book should e-mail one copy of the proposed title page (containing title, author(s), affiliation, telephone and fax numbers, and electronic mail address) to the Editors at the following addresses: Editor E-Mail: chaminda@lib.cmb.ac.lk

Car Permits

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It is a pleasure to inform you that Treasury has decided to amend the relevant circular immediately considering our request. The new circular will be dispatched in the near future.

Promotional Scheme

Promotional Schemes

There is a draft promotional scheme which is under discussion at the Standing Committee for Library and Information Science (SCOLIS), University Grants Commission. The newly proposed drafted recruitment scheme for library staff and marking scheme for the Deputy Librarian/Librarian/Senior Librarian have been sent to all librarians in all universities. Please collect it from your librarian and discuss with your members regarding its merits, demerits and possible solutions of deficiencies. And then please send your valued suggestions or alterations on or before 07th September 2007 to the President with a copy to Secretary of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka.

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