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Partners in Information Delivery

Assembled Together

The seminar organized by the University Librarians Association (ULA) of Sri Lanka in collaboration with Booksellers and Importers Association of Ceylon as ULA's first professional event in 2008 was successfully held on Friday 26 September 2008 at Room E, BMICH, Colombo 7 from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The theme of the seminar was "Partners in ID (Information Delivery)".

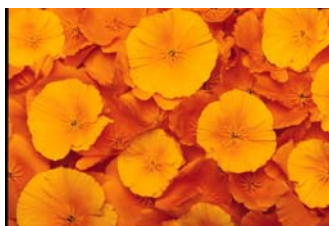
Over 30 professionals from University Libraries and over 15 from the book trade joined the event.

There were 5 presentations delivered on the above theme.

Mr. Mankandan (Proprietor,

Unicorn International Publishers and Distributors of India) – on "Partnership in Information Delivery : A Publisher's Point of View.

Mr. Dinal Philips (Specialist in Intellectual Property) – on "Copyright for all professionals dealing with information"



Librarians, Publishers, and Book sellers jointly organised the event

Dr. Ruwan Gamage (Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Moratuwa) – on "Mind Mapping for Information Literacy"

Mr. Prasanna Perera (Management Consultant) – on "Marketing Information Delivery"

Mr. Vijitha Yapa (Managing Director, Vijitha Yapa Associates) – on "Partnership in Information Delivery: A Bookseller's Point of View"

In addition, Mr. Maneesh from Cambridge University Press delivered a presentation on the publications of CUP, just before the Special General Meeting which was held in the afternoon.

SGM Approves the 07/08 Accounts and Proposes

Further Dialogue on Revision of Librarian Grade

ULA Accounts for 2007/08 Approved at the SGM

The Special General Meeting of ULA was held just after the Seminar at BMICH on 26.09.2008. Thirty six members attended the SGM. The house approved the Statement of Accounts for 2007/08 fiscal year.

Promote Librarians also on Merit; a Proposal

Mr. Nimal Hettiarachchi, Sr. Asst. Librarian from University of Ruhuna, had presented a proposal for merit promotion for the Deputy Librarian and Librarian posts on par with Professor Grade. His proposal highlights the fact that Professors are recruited by open ad-

vertisement (Professor of ...), as well as by merit promotion (Professor in ...). The house agreed on principle that some library professionals stagnate in title and salary scales somewhere in their careers. However, it was suggested to give some time for members to study the case and give suggestions.

2008/2009 ULA Executive Committee Elected

The new executive committee for the year 2008/09 was selected at the AGM held on 18.07.2008 at Rajarata University Library Auditorium.

President

Mr. Harrison Perera

Ex-Officio Member- Immediate Past President

Mr. G.M.P. Gallaba

General Secretary

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In-charge of Public Relations & Training

Ms. C.N.K. Alahakoon

The Committee

Mr. J.A. Amaraweera (Buddhist & Pali University)

Mr. Y.A. Karunarthne (University of Colombo)

Mr. T. Ramanan (Eastern University)

Mr. S. Shanmugathan (University of Jaffna)

Ms. C.M. Abeygunasekara (University of Kelaniya)

Ms. A.S. Siriwardana (Rajarata University)

Mr. N. Hettiarachchi (University of Ruhuna)

Mr. A.R.M.M. Ratnayake (Sabaragamuwa University)

Mr. A.M. Nahfees (South Eastern University)

Ms. C.S. Dharmarathne (University of Sri Jayewardenepura)

Ms. G.A. Ruvini Prasadi (Uva Wellassa University)

Ms. W.M. Thusithakumari (Wayamba University)



“A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library”
- Shelby Foote

The Annual
Research
Conference
in 2009
will be titled;
Research for
Progress
(R 4 P).

“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.”
Marcus Cicero
(Ancient Roman
Writer, 106 BC-43 BC)



A Bagful of Activities

The new Exco is planning a bagful of activities for the current year. Our Motto for this year is “BE THE CHANGE”!

Developing opportunities for Research activities, and bringing out more issues of JULA, the Newsletter and Annual Conference Proceedings are among the main objectives of the new Exco. Also it will conduct training for Profes-

sionals and Para professionals, and market ULA’s potential among National LIS organizations such as National Libraries Development and Services Board (NLDSB), and Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA).

The Annual Research Conference in 2009 will be titled; Research for Progress (R 4 P).

Planning and initiating an Annual Research Grant Scheme to encourage ULA Members

to take up vital research projects and contribute towards advancement of University Librarianship is another objective in the list.

The president urges the need to hold an ‘Achievers Colloquium’ for 2008.

Another objective of the present Exco is working towards making our organization legally recognized as a trade Union.

Acronyms used in this volume

AL – Assistant Librarian

BPUSL – Buddhist and Pali University of SL

EUSL – Eastern University of SL

NILIS – National Institute of Library and Information Science

OUSL – Open University of SL

SAL – Senior Assistant Librarian

SLLA – SL Library Association

SUSL – Sabaragamuwa University of SL

USJP – University of Sri Jayewardenepura

UoC – University of Colombo

UoK – University of Kelaniya

UoM – University of Moratuwa

Publications

Sub-Committee

Dr. Ruwan Gamage
(Convener)

Ms. Shirani Dharmaratne

Ms. Chitra Abeygunasekera

Mr. T. Ramanan

The editor thanks all the members of the publications sub-committee for the help given in preparing the newsletter. Also, we thank Librarian, UoK for giving permission to freely use some pictures available in UoK library web site.

ULA TRAVEL GRANT SCHEME



2008/2009 ULA EXCO is pleased to announce the offer of Rs. 50,000.00 as a Travel Grant for a ULA Member to present a paper at an international event outside Sri Lanka (for the purpose of participating and presenting a paper at an International Conference in the

present your research before International audiences

South Asian or South East Asian regions). Applications are invited with effect from 15 September to 31 December 2008.

Objectives of the scheme are to motivate ULA Members to produce professional research work, to encourage ULA Members to present and publish research work outside Sri Lanka, and to share and disseminate LIS research among ULA Members.

The travel grant will be awarded

by open applications and the selections will be made by the EXCO of ULA. This grant covers only the air fare not exceeding US \$ 1000 for a direct trip back and forth.

To apply, applicants should be current ULA Members who have their respective membership for minimum of five (05) consecutive years up to the day of the application.

Mrs. Ira Mudannayake, Vice President / ULA (iram@pdn.ac.lk) can be contacted for further clarifications.

The environment should be quiet enough to allow reading, but not so silent as to discourage users from asking Questions

Minimum University Library Standards and Service Delivery Standards

Mr. Harrison Perera, President ULA proposed minimum standards for university libraries, and service delivery standards. These were approved by the second ULA/Exco meeting for 2008/09.

Minimum Standards for Libraries

All Library users of our Libraries have a right to expect:

1. OPENING HOURS

convenient for users and clearly displayed with adequate notice for any

changes.

2. ENVIRONMENT

2.1 which is clean, tidy and comfortable, well-lit and equipped with appropriate shelving.

2.2 with clean, legible signs to guide users to the materials, services and staff they need.

2.3 which is Quiet enough to allow reading, but not so silent as to discourage users from asking Questions.

3. MATERIALS

3.1 which are easily accessible

3.2 including essential Reference materials and current relevant core collection of journals

3.3 an up-to-date selection of publications to assist Teaching, Learning and Research

3.4 a lending stock, up dated annually on the basis of academic requirements

4. STAFF

who are Qualified, informed, polite, helpful and easy to identify....Page 5

Preserving the Korean Digital Heritage: OASIS

By W.M.T.D.Ranasinghe

Preservation of digital resources for future generations has become an important task nowadays. Many information and knowledge outputs are created in digital format and published in the Internet.

However, most of these resources last relatively for a short time and disappear. Therefore, it has become necessary for a systematic

way to collect and preserve this digital heritage. UNESCO too emphasized this need during its 32nd General Conference in 2003 by adopting the Charter on the Preservation of the Digital Heritage.

Online Archiving & Searching Internet Resources (OASIS) projected of the National Library of Korea (NLK) is a digital web ar-

chiving project which was started around this time. The vision of the OASIS is to function as a rich repository of Korean digital intellectual culture. Digital resources related to the Korean society, politics, culture, religion, science or economics... Page 6



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News Briefs Around the Country



Ms. T. Arulnandi, Librarian - EUSL laying the foundation stone for the new library.

Twenty eight para-professionals who attended the ULA workshop rated it as a very useful one

“Libraries are not made; they grow”
— “Book Buying”.
Obiter Dicta.
Augustine BIRRELL (1850-1933)

Buddhist and Pali University (BPUSL)

New Library Complex for the Buddhist & Pali University

New three-story library building of the BPUSL was declared open with *pirith* chanting religious ceremony on 16th July, 2008. Reverend Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wegama Piyarathana Thero, Deans of the faculties, Librarian, The Registrar and many staff members and students attended the opening ceremony.

Senior Assistant Librarian, BPUSL left to USA

Dr. (Mrs.) Chandra Karunathna, SAL who is on sabbatical leave left for USA on 3rd Sept. 2008 to attend a mission of study on “New trends of library cataloguing in University of California libraries” at the UC at Riverside, California.

Eastern University of Sri Lanka (EUSL)

On 02.10.2008 at 12.15 PM, EUSL had a ceremonial function for laying the foundation stone for the New Library Complex, housed next to the ICT Center and Science block.

University of Kelaniya (UoK)

Workshop on Quality Service

The Library conducted a one day ULA workshop on “Towards Quality Service” for para-professional staff of UoK on 25th of July. Twenty eight para-professionals who attended this workshop rated it as a very useful one.

Biology Students trained on Information Skills

The Library jointly with the Department of Library and Information Sciences, UoK commenced an Information Literacy Skills Development Programme for Biological Science students of 2007 intake on 29th August. 150 Students

from the Biological Sciences participate on this pilot programme of fifteen contact hours.

Web OPAC Open

Web OPAC of UoK is now open for Public. It can be accessed from the address - <http://192.248.24.66:8080/webopac>

Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL)

New Appointment

Mr. P.K.C.M. Wijewickrama was appointed AL on 03rd Sep. 2007

Under One Roof

The Library of the Faculty of Applied Sciences was moved to the Central Library at Belihuloya in April 2008.

New branch

A Library for the Faculty of Management Studies was established at their premises on 7th Aug. 2008.

A Study Tour from Durham University, UK

Some foreign students from Durham University, UK made a study tour to the Central Library, SUSL under the exchange programme on Aug. 2008.

University of Moratuwa News (UoM)

Staff Movements

Mrs. Ruvini C. Kodikara, Librarian resumed duties on 26th August 2008 after availing sabbatical leave.

Dr. Ruwan Gamage obtained his PhD from Wuhan University, P R China and resumed duties from July 2008. His PhD thesis is titled ‘A Study on Building Lexicons for Multilingual Information Retrieval’.

Mr. Anura Kiriella, AL has gone on study leave to complete his research thesis for M.Sc.

Mr. Buddhin Kumara, AL has

gone on study leave to read Masters of Information Systems Management in Faculty of Graduate Studies, UoC.

Educating on Information Skills

From April 2008 to Aug. 2008, five seminars were organized by the User Education Unit of the UoM Library. Subjects of the seminars ranged from Information Skills (finding research information, referencing methods, finding information) to specific knowledge (How to search Science Direct etc.). These were targeted to final year students and the staff.

This year’s *Library Orientation Programme* for Engineering students was extensive and run for 9 weeks, 2 hours per week for each student. The library conducted lectures and hands-on sessions - 4 hours each morning for 4 days per week. SALs Mrs. Thushari M. Seneviratne, Dr. Ruwan Gamage, and ALs Mr. Nishan D. Punchihewa, Mrs. K.P.Sugandhi Athapattu, Mr. A.D. Buddhin Kumara, and Mr. Anura P. Kiriella were the resource persons in this programme.

Learn Beyond the Tradition

The User Education Unit presented 9 documentary video shows from February 2008 to Aug. 2008 for students, in collaboration with academic staff members of respective academic departments. Around 200 Students from Civil Engineering, Town and Country Planning, and Architecture academic departments benefited from these video shows.

Grove Art Online

The library subscribed to Grove Art Online, a leading scholarly database covering all aspects of Art & Architecture. In addition, the E-database basket of UoM now contains ACM Digital Library, Emerald Insight, IEEE-ASPP & Science Direct (Eng. & Env.).

University of Ruhuna (UoR)

New Reference Services Launched

Main Library, UoR established a *Reference Inquiry Desk* under the IRQUE project. This helps to pro-



vide better reference services to the University community.

The following new library services come packed with the *Reference Desk*.

Ask a Librarian Service

This service includes email, telephone and fax reference services. The library provides answers about web sources, research skills and library collections by e-mail. E-mail reference inquiries are to be responded to within 24 hours of receipt.

Users should send their e-reference questions to: refdesk@lib.ruh.ac.lk

Research Consultation Service

The *Research Consultation Service* is a personal service offered by the professional library staff in special-

ized subjects to UoR community. It advises on effective information research relevant to their research projects. These include:

UoR Library Coming up with a Reference Desk

Information Skills Workshops

During the year the Library offers weekly information skills workshops to university staff and students. In these workshops, staff and students learn to use time saving techniques for effective searching in the Library Catalogue (OPAC) and periodical databases, formulate effective searches, select and use appropriate databases, evaluate information on the web and printing and downloading techniques of information.

SALs Mr.N.Hettiarachchi, Mr.U.A.Lal, Mrs. Theja Kurruppu Arachchi and ALs Mr. K.H. Ramanayaka, Mr.K.T.S. Pushpakumara conducted several workshops organized by the Library Reference

- Developing effective research techniques
- Identifying, evaluating and locating appropriate resources via library catalogues and online resources
- Constructing effective search strategies to search specific electronic databases

Desk from April to June 2008.

Digitization of Periodicals Content Pages

Periodicals section at UoR has taken the initiative for the digitization of content pages of its print Journals collection. Content pages of journals subscribed by university of Ruhuna main library are scanned and made accessible through the library web site. This will help library users to keep track on the latest articles in periodicals at main library, UoR.

Preservation of University Documentations

Library initiated a program for preserving university documentations.

University of Sri Jayawardenepura (USJP)

Workshop for Library Assistants

A ULA workshop on "Towards Quality Services" for Library Assistants was conducted successfully at USJP on 29th August, 2008. Eighteen library Assistants participated for the workshop. Prof. Narada Warnasuriya, Vice Chancellor - USJP distributed the certificates.

On Leave

Mr. G.M.P. Gallaba, SAL is on sabbatical leave with effect from 01-08-2008 for a period of one year.

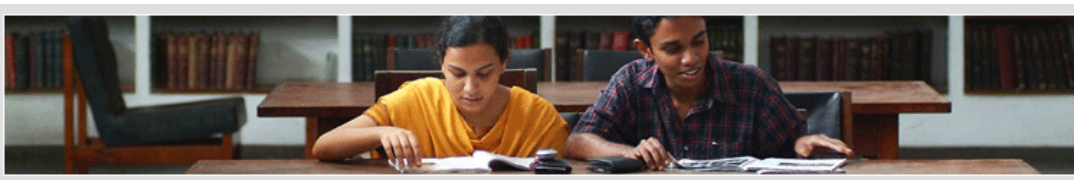
Mr. A.M.S. Angamma, is on study leave for his Masters Degree programme at UoK.

Wayamba University (WUSL)

Books Exhibition

Two day book exhibition was held on 29 & 30 July 2008 at the Library of Makandura Premises, WUSL.

The library plans to open an IT unit for the users at Makandura Premises, WUSL.



Ensure all Library Service points are covered throughout the Opening-Hours of the library.

Minimum University Library Standards...from page 3

5.SERVICE

- 5.1 which is accurate and up-to-date
- 5.2 which is provided effectively and efficiently
- 5.3 which is covered by competent and able staff
- 5.4 Services and Rules and Regulations outlined in a brochure available to all users

Service Delivery Standards for University Libraries

I.GREETING

Greet each visitor with pleasantry.

e.g. Good morning/Good afternoon

Can I help you?

2.ATTENTIVENESS

- 2.1 Make eye contact with each visitor when serving.
- 2.2 Listen carefully to what the visitor has to say even if he is overbearing.

3. SELF-APPEARANCE

3.1 Dress appropriately e.g. Official uniform etc.

3.2 Wear an official badge at all times when at service.

4. SERVICE

- 4.1 Be courteous at all times to all visitors whatever their rank or status.
- 4.2 Be ready even to accompany a visitor to the catalogue and/or materials he is looking for.
- 4.3 If you are unable to help a visitor, find another Staff Member who could.
- 4.4 Ensure all Library Service points are covered throughout the Opening-Hours of the library.

Reaching out the Masses



Mr. Amaraweera presenting the paper titled 'Virtual Sri Lanka in Cyberspace'.

Librarian, BPUSL was elected Vice – President of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) for 2008/2009.

Digital resources written by prestigious Korean authors in relevant subjects are selected for preservation.



Gold medals for Research

Mr. I.M. Nawarathna, SAL and Mr. P.K.C.M. Wijewickrama AL were awarded gold medals at the International Symposium held by Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka on 8-12th July.

Mr. Nawaratne presented the paper titled 'Reading Habits of Undergraduates in Sri Lanka', while Mr. Wijewickrama's paper was on 'Term Space Comparison Mathematical Model for Information Retrieval'.

BPUSL Librarian Attended the APNG Conference in Bangkok

Librarian, BPUSL Mr. J.A. Amaraweera participated the Asia Pacific Networking Group

(APNG) 10th Anniversary Conference held in the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand from 11th – 15th August, 2008. He is the Chair of the Asia-Pacific Internet History Museum (APIHM) Working Group and a member of the APNG Executive Committee.

He presented a paper on "Virtual Sri Lanka in Cyberspace" at the Conference.

Memories of Chinese Scholars Revealed

Dr. (Mrs) R.H.I.S. Ranasinghe, SAL, UoK participated the IFLA World Library and Information Congress held in Quebec, Canada, from 9-15 August, 2008, to present a paper on "The Memo-

ries of Chinese Scholars in Connection with Nalanda Buddhist University in the Seventh Century AD" at the open session of IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section. She was granted IFLA 2005 Oslo Grant to attend the Conference. She also attended the Standing Committee Meeting of IFLA Library History Section.

Development of Webliographies for Religious Studies

Mr. J.A. Amaraweera presented a paper on "Development of Webliographies for Religious Studies" at the International Conference on Social Sciences, Sri Lanka (ICSSL) organized by the RCSS of UoK on 20th July,

External Appointments

BPUSL

Mr. J.A. Amaraweera, Librarian, BPUSL was elected Vice – President of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) for 2008/2009. He is also the convener of the IT Committee of SLLA.

He was nominated as a member of the Information for All Programmes (IFAP) Committee of UNESCO Sri Lanka Chapter for year 2008.

UoC

Mr. C.C. Jayasundara, SAL, -as the Course Coordinator of the Master of Information Systems Management conducted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, UoC.

-as the Student Counselor, UoC.

UoM

Ms. Thushari M. Seneviratne, SAL, as a Visiting Lecturer for a Diploma Programme at

NILIS, UoC.

Dr. Ruwan Gamage, SAL, as a visiting lecturer at the Department of Library and Information Science, UoK.

UoR

Mr. N.Hettiarachchi, SAL, to the University Technical Evaluation Committee, UoR.

Mr. U.A.Lal, SAL, as a Visiting Lecturer of the Department of History and Archeology, UoR for the academic year 2007/2008.

Preserving...from page3

written by prestigious Korean authors in relevant subjects are selected for preservation. More information can be obtained from the OASIS web site at <http://www.oasis.go.kr/>

The NLK is currently working on improving related laws and policies

for efficient collection and preservation of digital resources. Researching and developing the Digital Legal Deposit System is an example. All these initiatives support the Korean government's plan for 'strengthening of national competitiveness with knowledge and information in the 21st century'.

* Mr. Ranasinghe is an Assistant Librarian at the University of Kelaniya. He is in South Korea on a scholarship attending the "Education and Training Program for Librarians in Asia – 2008" at the National Library of Korea from May 2008 to November 2008.

Conference Calendar

International Symposium on □
Emerging Trends and □
Technologies in Libraries and □
Information Services (2008).
JIIIT University, Noida, INDIA.

International Conference of Asian
Special Libraries (ICoASL 2008)
On Shaping the future of special
libraries: beyond boundaries or-
ganized by
SLA - Asian Chapter
26-28, November 2008
Venue: India Islamic Cultural Cen-
tre
87-88, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-
110 003, INDIA

[http://units.sla.org/chapter/cas/
ICoASL2008.html](http://units.sla.org/chapter/cas/ICoASL2008.html)
The 11th International conference
on Asia Pacific Digital Libraries
(ICADL 2008)
Universal and Ubiquitous Access
to Information
02-05 December 2008
Bali - INDONESIA
<http://icadl2008.org/>
International Symposium on
Emerging Trends and Technolo-
gies in Libraries
and Information Services
December 18-20. 2009
<http://www.ettlis2008.com/>

International Conference on
Knowledge Networking in ICT Era
January 22 - 24, 2009
Venue: B.S. Abdur Rahman Cres-
cent Engineering College, Chennai
INDIA
[http://crescentlib.googlepages.com/
knict4](http://crescentlib.googlepages.com/knict4)
Asia-Pacific Conference on Library
& Information Education and Prac-
tice (A-LIEP 2009)
Preparing Information Profession-
als for International Collaboration
6-8 March 2009
University of Tsukuba, JAPAN,
<http://a->

Reaching the
Public
Librarians,
Teacher
Librarians,
High School
Students,
Publishers,
Naval Officers,
and the
General Public.

Presentations @ the Library

outside

UoC

Mr. C.C. Jayasundara, SAL, on Information and Use for the Doctoral students of the Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts, UoC. He also delivered presentations on Internet for research studies, and library automation at workshops conducted by the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, Colombo 07 and NILIS respectively.

UoK

Mrs. Chithra Abeygunasekera, Senior Asst. Librarian of the Medical Faculty Library, served as a resource person for the Research Methodology Module of the Staff Development Workshop conducted by the Faculty of Medicine, UoK on 9th September 2008.

UoM

Mrs. Thushari M. Seneviratne, SAL at the National Conference on

Library and Information Studies (NACLIS 2008) on 24th June 2008 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo 7. This presentation was based on a joint research carried out by Mrs. Neetha Damayanthi, SAL, University of Peradeniya and Mrs. Seneviratne.

Dr. Ruwan Gamage, SAL on Mind Mapping for Information Literacy at the seminar on 'Partners of Information Delivery' (See page 1).

UoP

Ms. Champa Alahakoon, SAL served as a resource person for ULA Workshops titled 'Towards Quality Services' for library assistants.

UoR

SALs Mr.U.A.Lal, and Mr. J.J. Garsing Arachchi, conducted two two-day workshops on "Teacher Librarianship" for school teachers in Galle and Ambalangoda in May 2008.

Mr.U.A.Lal, SAL, conducted two two-day workshops on "Public Librarianship" for the public librarians organized by NLIIS in May 2008 at Paraliya, and Hambanthota.

Mr.U.A.Lal, SAL, participated as a resource person for the workshop on "History and Archeology of Sri Lanka" organized by the Sri Lanka Navy Training School, Boosa in March 2008.

Mr.N.Hettiarachchi, SAL conducted two two-day workshops on "Open source Library Software (KOHA) with installation and training" in April 2008, for WUSL library staff, and Balapitiya Public Library Staff respectively.

Mr.K.T.S. Pushpakumara, AL, participated as a resource person in a seminar on "Advanced Level Physics" for the students in Galle district organized by the Town Council, Galle in July 2008.





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Be the Change

University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka was initiated in 1980s by a few veteran University Librarians. Since then, the organization had a tremendous growth both in size and quality. Our objectives include...

Protecting and maintaining the professional status, interests and welfare of University Librarianship of Sri Lanka,

Safeguarding rights, privileges and collective interests of the members,

Promoting the educational and professional advancement of the members, and

Furthering the development of University Librarianship of Sri Lanka.

We're on the
Web!
www.ulasl.org

JULA SEEN AMONG IOJLs?

JULA is looking for a partnership with INASP along with other SL journals to create a permanent online archive. We will inform future developments as they happen. Our thanks go to Mr.C.C.Jayasundara—Actg. Co-ordinator, INASP for making necessary arrangements.

Invitation for high quality papers for the next issue

We invite full/short papers, position papers, snippets, commentaries, book reviews, for Volume 12 Number 2 (December 2008) issue of Journal of University Librarians Association (JULA).

Theme:

“University Libraries as Agents of Change”.

Anything relevant and appropriate from other topics are also welcome.

Medium:

English

General Information:

Send an electronic copy of your full paper to the email account given below. We accept hard copies, only if an electronic copy is unavailable.

Minimum/Maximum Lengths:

Full paper: 3-6 pages

Short paper: 1-2 pages

Position paper: 2-6 pages

Snippet: 100-250 words

Important deadlines:

Receipt of papers:

15 October 2008

Reviewer's comments:

15 November 2008

Camera-ready copy due:

25 November 2008

Journal to be out:

15 December 2008

Contact:

ruqa@uom.lk

2008 / 2009 ULA Training Workshops for Library Assistants:

“Towards Quality Services”

on Friday 17th October

“Why Customer Care”

on Friday 14th November

Venue: Open University, SL

Participation Fee:

Rs. 2,500.00

Two prior workshops were successfully conducted in UoK, and USJP. Mr. Harrison Perera, Librarian UoP served as the workshop facilitator and Ms. Champa Alahakoon, SAL UoP served as a resource person.

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