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SALIS News

Forthcoming Conference and Seminar

Workshop on Digital Library Initiatives using GSDL & DSpace - Organised by SALIS Chennai Chapter & B.S.Abdur Rahman Crescent Engineering College, 16-17, March 2007
Venue: BSAR Crescent Engineering College, Chennai

Objectives

The objective of the workshop is to provide:

- An Overview of the Metadata Standards
- Overview of the Open Archives Initiatives
- First hand knowledge of GSDL and DSpace
- Training in building digital library collection
- Training to build Institutional Repositories/Archives

Coverage

- Digital Library/Digitization and OCR
- Metadata Standards- Dublin Core
- Overview of OAI and OAI-PMH
- Institutional Repositories/Archives

This workshop will be conducted by senior professionals.

Eligibility

Practicing Librarians and information professionals

Registration fee: For SALIS members : Rs.350

Non-members : Rs.400. Students / Research scholars : Rs.300

No. of Participants Limited to 50 delegates on first come first serve basis.

The registration fee includes workshop kit, working lunch and tea and snacks for two days.

Last Date: 12.03. 2007

DD in favour of 'Principal, of B.S.Abdur Rahman Crescent Engineering College' payable at Chennai.

Information about the candidate such as name, designation, address, registration fee, etc should be sent along with the DD to:

Mr. Panneer Selvam

Librarian, Crescent Engineering College

GST Road, Vandalur, Chennai-600 048.

Tel:044-22751347/48/50/75 Cell: 9841103912/9444109089

Regional Seminar On Preservation og Library Documents-

Organized by SALIS Vellore Chapter & Auxilium College , Vellore

Date: 17th March 2007

Venue: Auxilium College Gandhi Naga, Vellore

Registration Fee: Rs.100/-

For further details, contact:

Mrs. P. Vijayalakshimi

Librarian, Auxilium College, Gandhi Nagar,

Vellore – 632 006. Phone: 0416-2241774

Seminar on Challenges and Opportunities in Libraries

-Organised by SALIS Madurai Chapter & K.L.N. College of Information Technology, Date: .2007

About The Seminar

Libraries are facing many challenges and threats due to Internet and digital revolution and globalization. Library sources are being made available in a variety of digital formats and media. Filtering and choosing the right information in right time from the ocean of raw information is a major challenge. Libraries are moving from print to digital media. These technological challenges are major threat to LIS professionals. LIS professionals need learn and update the skills to meet these challenges. The objective of the one day seminar is to discuss the following themes and find ways and means to face these challenges.

- *Information Explosion/Overload*
- *Ever increasing users demands*
- *Digital threats and Challenges*
- *Physical infrastructure/Financial limitations*
- *Copyrights and IPR Challenges*
- *Manpower Challenges*
- *Opportunities for LIS professionals*

Programme

08.30-09.30 AM Registration

09.30-11.00 AM Inaugural session and keynote address

Information Explosion/Overload and ever increasing user demands

11.00-11.15 AM Tea Break

11.15-12.10 PM Technical Session I

Physical infrastructure/Financial limitations

12.10-01.00 AM Technical Session II

Digital threats and Challenges

01.00-02.00 PM Lunch Break

02.00-02.45 PM Technical Session III

Copyrights and IPR Challenges

02.45-03.30 PM Technical Session IV

Manpower Challenges

03.30-03.45 PM Tea Break

03.45-04.30 PM Technical Session V

Opportunities for LIS Professionals in the digital era

04.30-05.30 PM Valediction

Faculty

Experience faculty members from reputed institutions.

Eligibility LIS professionals.

Course Fee

Rs.100/- for SALIS members Rs.150/- for Non-members

Information about the candidate such as name, designation, address, fee, etc should be sent along with the DD to:

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Librarian & Organising Secretary
K.L.N. College of Information Technology
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Report of the UNESCO supported workshop on Information Literacy(IL) and competency Development for LIS Professionals and Special Educators of the Southern States of India - Organized by the SALIS in collaboration with MSSW, Chennai during 6-10, Nov 2006.

The workshop was formally inaugurated on 6th Nov 2006. While Dr.Fatima Vasanth, Principal, MSSW gave the welcome address, Mr.A.Hariharan, President, SALIS delivered the Presidential address. Ms.V.Sakthi Regha, Librarian, MSSW and Workshop Convener presented the objectives of the Seminar and Mr.Anup Kumar Das, Specialist, Information for All, CI sector, UNESCO gave the special address.

The Inaugural address was delivered by **Dr.C.K.Graiyali I.A.S.** Principal Secretary to the Governor of Tamil Nadu. She highlighted that ICT had immense potential to bridge the information gaps faced by disabled personnel. **Dr. M. N. G. Mani**, Secretary General, ICEVI in his Key note address, stated that while catering to the educational needs of the disabled, one had to ensure a rights based, barrier free and an inclusive society. Mr. C.D.Jose offered his felicitations while Dr. S.Muralidhar, Vice-President, SALIS proposed the vote of thanks.

The first technical session was handled by DR.M.N.G. Mani on 'Life Skill Development'. He called for IT literacy among the persons with disabilities so as to harness the applications of IT for the welfare of the persons with disability. **Dr.D.Rajalakshmi**, HOD – DLIS, RTM Nagpur University presented about the 'LIS services for differently abled persons' (Technical Session II). She dealt at length about the literacy activities of the disabled, emphasized the role of libraries vis a vis information centers and highlighted the various IL programmes for the disabled both nationally and internationally. The first day's programme came to an end with the session on "Assistive technologies for differently abled persons" (Technical Session III) by **Dr.J.Vijayalakshmi**, Guest Faculty, NIEPMD, Chennai wherein information on various assistive technologies for different kinds of disablement were clearly spelt out.

Day II commenced with a session on 'Overview of IL' (Technical Session IV) by **Dr.Harish Chandra**, Librarian, IITM, Chennai. Dr.Chandra not only gave an overview of IL but also presented the IL standards and the performance Indicators. He also highlighted the limitation in the Indian context. The second session on 'ICT Skills, Technologies, Internet and WWW' (Technical Session V) was presented by **Mr.S.Raja Samuel**, Lecturer, MSSW. Mr. Raja Samuel explained what it meant to be ICT literate and how to harness ICT including the WWW. The afternoon was devoted for a demonstration and practical session on ICT, Internet and WWW. The session was facilitated by Mr.Hariharan and Ms.V.Sakthi Regha

Day III (08-11-06). **Dr.Doreen Gnanam**, Lecturer- SG in Special Education, Meston College of Education, Chennai was the resource person for the session on "Learning Assessment" (Technical Session VI). She gave an Overview of Learning Assessment in the context of IL and traced the types, criteria and methodologies of assessment. The day's technical session came to an end with a session by **Dr.S.Ramesh Babu**, Professor, Department of Information Science, University of Madras, Chennai on IL competency standards, performance indicators and Outcomes (Technical Session VII). He made an in depth presentation on IL standards of select organizations and their performance indicators and traced the status of IL abroad and in India.

The afternoon was devoted for a field visit to the Regional Centre of the National Institute of Visually Handicapped (NIVH). At NIVH, the delegates were oriented about various training courses like typewriting, computer, electronics, etc. conducted for the visually challenged students.

Day IV (09-11-06): A vibrant presentation on 'Right to information Act, 2005' (Technical Session VIII) was made by **Ms. Shri Harini Narayanan**, Consumer Action Group. She highlighted the salient features, provisions and gray areas of the Act. The next session on 'Development of IL programs for the differently abled at Schools and Vocational Institutions' (Technical Session IX) was handled by Mr.S.Swaminathan, Librarian, Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidhyalaya College of Education, Coimbatore. **Mr.S.Swaminathan** reiterated that it was important to develop IL programs according to the needs and requirements of the differently abled. He presented various case studies from different countries including India in this regard. In the afternoon, the participants had a library tour to the Central Library of IIT Madras. In the central library of IITM, participants were taken to various sections of it and lectured by Dr.Harish Chandra, Librarian, IITM about various technologies used, services offered, programmes organised in IIT Library.

Day V (10/11/06): The final day's session was on select IL models namely Big Six Model, Empowering 8 Problem Solving Model and SCONUL 7 pillars model. **Dr.Devika P.Madalli**, DRTC, Bangalore made the presentation.

Mr.C.A.R.Shridharan, Placement Officer, Office of the Commissioner of Disabled briefed about various schemes/initiatives of Govt. for the disabled people. This was followed by an Interaction among the participants.

During the post lunch session, the participants presented their Institutions' unique IL and other initiatives for the disabled.

Then the workshop was concluded with the Valedictory Function. Mr.A.Hariharan, President of SALIS welcomed the gathering for the Valediction. Dr.Fatima Vasanth, Principal, MSSW made a special remarks about the programme. **Ms.M.P.Nirmala**, I.A.S, Special Officer & Managing Director, Co-optex (former Commissioner, Rehabilitation Dept) delivered the valedictory address and distributed the certificates to the participants. Dr.Muralidhar, Vice-President, SALIS presented the seminar report and the programme came to an end with the vote of thanks by Ms.V.Sakthi Regha, Librarian, MSSW and workshop convener.

On the whole, the workshop has been a good learning experience not only the participants but also to the workshop organizers. It has helped widen the horizons of everyone on the subject and also an approach towards the differently abled.

On the final day the participants have come out with some suggestions and recommendations. It is consolidated with other suggestions rendered by the resource persons, guests and organizers are presented here.

Report of the UNESCO Supported One Day sensitization Workshop on Information Literacy organized by SALIS Delhi Chapter jointly with Delhi College of Engineering(DCE) at Delhi on 23rd December 2006.

After lighting the lamp, Mr. R.K. Shukla, Organising Secretary of the workshop and Librarian, DCE delivered the welcome address. Mr. A.Hariharan, President, SALIS delivered the presidential address. In his presidential address, he thanked Ms. Ms. Minja Yang, Director, Director, Director, UNESCO New Delhi and Ms. Jocelyne Josiah, Adviser- CI Sector, UNESCO, New Delhi for their financial support and encouragement to SALIS. He also thanked Mr. Anup Kumar Das, Specialist in Information for All, UNESCO House for his guidance in organizing the workshop. He also explained the theme of the work and also the role of UNESCO in promoting Information Literacy.

The workshop was inaugurated by the chief guest **Prof. S.K. Khanna**, Chairman Governing Board, INFLIBNET, UGC Centre, Ahmedabad and Former Founder Chairman, AICTE & Former Vice Chairman, UGC and delivered the inaugural address. He had mentioned the importance of IL and also need for such programmes in educational institutions for effective utilization of library resources. He appreciated the efforts taken by UNESCO and SALIS in promoting IL.

Prof. D. Goldar, Principal DEC was the guest of honor. He stressed the importance of IL in promoting education.

Shri I.R. Kumar, Chairman, SALIS Delhi, NCR Chapter delivered a special address about the importance of IL.

Kenote address was delivered by **Dr. Harish Chandra**, Librarian, IITM, Chennai. He mentioned about the various IL programmes initiated at IIM. He also pointed out the importance of IL programmes in educational institutions.

Mr. Sanjay Kataria, Secretary, SALIS NCR Chapter and Librarian, JIIT, Noida, Delhi, proposed the vote of thanks.

After the inaugural function, the technical session was started. **Dr. Jagtar Singh**, Professor and Standing Committee Member, IFLA IT Section, DLIS, Punjabi University, Patiala delivered a lecture on 'ICT Literacy and ICT Technologies Especially In Indian Schools. He mentioned that promotion of ICT and Information literacy at the school level is important to develop competent people in the long run. He also stressed the need for developing ICT infrastructure for providing seamless access to the info-poor.

Dr. R.K. Shrivastava, Chief Librarian, Supreme Court of India handled the technical session on Information Literacy vis-a-vis Public Libraries :Role of Library & Information

Managers. He explained the various clauses in Right to Information Act and also its importance. He also explained the UNESCO's manifesto of Public Libraries.

Prof. (Dr.) B. S. Nigam, Professor, Dept. of Journalism, MCRPS University Noida delivered a lecture on 'Empowering the Masses through Information Literacy'. He pointed out the need for setting up village information centers to provide information to the poor in the village to empower them.

Report of the UNESCO Supported One Day sensitization Workshop on Information Literacy- Organized by SALIS in collaboration with DLISc, RTM Nagpur University.

Dr. (Mrs) D. Rajyalakshmi, Workshop Convener and HOD, DLIS, RTM Nagpur University, welcomed dignitaries on the dias and stressed on the need of organising such workshops for LIS professionals more specially in the context of IT. She gave brief overview of the objectives of the workshop on IL for LIS Professionals.

A Hariharan, President SALIS explained to speech the audience regarding the aims and objectives and of SALIS the various activities conducted by SALIS in the past few years. SALIS has been in the forefront of organizing such workshops, seminars, training programmes for the young library professionals all over the country.

Dr. S.N. Pathan, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Chief Guest of the inaugural programme emphasized on redefining the concept of IL and its implications in the context of higher education scenario. He also identified the key areas in the library which needed a change in the present perspective. He focused on the need of using all the modern technologies in the every day teaching by the faculty and students.

In the keynote address, **Dr P S G Kumar** explained in the concept and scope of IL, the role of public library in IL and also new challenges in the information era. He also introduced the concept of community information services and suggested the thrust areas inclusive of health, education, agriculture, village industries, trans.port etc. He has presented the state-wise IT applications and its implications in various sectors. He expressed that the IL not only improve the knowledge of the individual, but also contribute for the economic development of the individual and the society at large. IT not only contribute to IL but also provide life long perpetual self education.

The Guest of Honour **Dr. Thrity Patel**, Dean Faculty of Law in her speech illuminated on legal aspects of IL. She also dealt with Right to information Act, copyright and its role in the present. She elaborated the intricacies of ICT and also the criteria in evaluating the information on INTERNET.

Dr. Mangala Hirwade in her lecture presented an overview, components and initiatives of the IL programs in India. She defined the various terms in IL, IL standards and role of National Knowledge Commission of India. She also presented the activities of Swaminathan Foundation, Swift Jyoti and Akshaya Project.

Dr. Surendra Gole, Prof. and HOD, Department of Industrial Engineering, Shri Ramdeobaba Kamla Nehru Engineering College, Nag pur, delivered lecture on IL competency standards. He derived the IL competency standards in details and also the performance indicators for information literate society.

Ms. Chitra Rekha Kufallikar, Head LRC, Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Nag pur, in her lecture on IL Models presented a detail review of various information literacy models. It inclusive of Early literacy and learning model developed by University of North Florida, Mike Eisenberg & Berkowitz's Big 6 skills, Kuhlthaus Model of the stages of information process, SCOUNL etc. She also presented a practice followed by her in Mahila Mahavidyalaya based on SCOUNL Model.

Dr. D. S. Kadhao, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nag pur University was the Chief Guest for Validictory function and Prof. S.K. Kesarwani was the Guest of Honour .

The report of the workshop was presented by **Mr. P.M. Paradkar**, Librarian, G.S. College of Commerce, The programme was conducted by **Mrs. Shalini Lihitkar**, Lecturer, DLISc and vote of thanks was proposed by **Dr. Anil Hirwade** of Patents Information Office, Nagpur.

Many recommendations were made by the participants of the above three workshops and the same were sent to UNESCO for follow-up action.

(SALIS sincerely thanks Ms. Minja Yang, Director, UNESCO Ms. Jocelyne Josiah, Adviser- CI Sector, UNESCO, New Delhi for their financial support, advice and encouragement to SALIS. SALIS also thanks Mr. Anup Kumar Das, Specialist in Information for All for his guidance in organizing the workshops).

Report of the Seminar on Future Libraries - jointly organized by SALIS and Anna University.

The Workshop started at 9.00 am with the prayer and lighting the lamp. Welcome address was delivered by K. Nithyanandam, Director, Anna University Library. The theme of the seminar was presented by Mr. A.Hariharan. The seminar was inaugurated by **Dr. T. G .Palanivelu**, Principal, Pondicherry Engineering College who has delivered the inaugural address and released the seminar volume. The chief guest emphasized the ICT application to Libraries.

Dr. R. Ramaprabhu, Dean, CEG, Anna University delivered the special address. In his speech he pointed out various digital initiatives happening in the Library and Information science. Dr .Harish Chandra, Librarian, IITM delivered the keynote address .He listed out various challenges faced by Librarians in the digital era.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Rachel Angela, AUL, Anna University

The technical sessions was started after the tea break.

Prof. A. Amoudahvalli, HOD, Dept of Information Science delivered a speech on Functions and Services of Future Libraries. She has emphasised that the LIS professionals should be more active and visible.

Dr. S. Muralidhar, Scientist, TIRC, CVRDE DROD delivered the second technical session on ' Skills, Roles, challenges and opportunities for future Librarians. He emphasized continuous professional development for information professional.

Dr. B. Ramesh Babu, Prof Dept of Information Science delivered a lecture on the role of Librarians in the age of digitization. He stressed the need for ICT skills. The morning

technical sessions came to an end. The afternoon technical sessions started at 2 P .M.

Prof Manorama Srinath, Dept of Information Science, University of Madras delivered a lecture on Capacity Building Initiatives. She emphasized the need for capacity building in terms of information resources and physical ambience.

The next technical session was handled by Dr. K. Nithyanandam on consortium management of digital and web resources,. He has highlighted various initiatives taken by Anna University in this connection. Dr. S. Gopalakrishnan delivered a lecture on Content Creation, Portal and Search Engines. He has highlighted various aspects of portal and search engines.

Mr. A. Harillaran delivered a lecture on digital libraries ICT initiatives, OAI protocols and metadata.Product Demo on Emerald database was presented by M/s Palani Infotech. With these the technical sessions came to an end and the valedictory session was held after that.

SALIS Nagpur Chapter inauguration

The inaugural function of SALIS Nagpur Chapter held on 27.12.2006 in the DLIS, RTM, Nagpur University. Mr. A.Hariharan, President, SALIS presided over the meeting. . He explained SALIS objectives and its role for professional development. . Dr. (Mrs) D.Rajyalakshmi has accepted the request of SALIS to serve as the Chairman of the Nagpur Chapter. The following professionals have been nominated as EC members as

Chairman

Dr. (Mrs) D.Rajyalakshmi, DLIS, RTM, Nagpur University

Vice-Chairman

Mrs. R.Kufallikar, Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur
Mr. P.M.Paradkar, G.S. College of Commerce, Nagpur

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Dr. Anil Hirwade, Patent Information System, Nagpur

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Miss. Alka Chaple, School Librarian, Nagpur
Mr. Ajay Agase, RTM, Nagpur University
Mr. Mohan Ratkantiwar, College of Pharmacy, Nagpur
University has kindly accepted the post of Chairman

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P. Perumal, Conservator and Librarian, Sarasvathi Mahal Library, Tanjore has been awarded by Tamil University, Tanjore on the topic on ' Manuscript Conservation: Origin and Development.

G. Rathinasabapathy, Assistant Librarian (S.S.), TANUVAS has been awarded Ph.D by University of Madras on the topic 'AGRILIBNET (Agricultural Libraries Network): A Prototype Web Portal' under the guidance of Dr.A.Amudhavalli.

Dr. Ashok Kumar, Assistant Librarian, T.N Dr. Ambedkar Law University has been awarded Ph.D by University of Madras on the topic '-----' under the guidance of Prof. Ramesh Babu.