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Inauguration of Coimbatore Chapter of SALIS

The inaugural function of the SALIS Coimbatore Chapter was held on the 19th of October 2002 at C S I Bishop Appaswamy College of Arts. Mr. Manikandan, Librarian, D.J Academy for Managerial Excellence welcomed the gathering. Mr. A. Hariharan, President of SALIS presided over the function. In his presidential address he stressed that library science professionals must improve their academic, professional and IT skills. Prof. Ranganathan, Syndicate Member of Bharathiar University and Principal of Sri Ramalinga Sowdambigai College of Science & Commerce was the Chief Guest. In his address, he insisted that librarians should apply the memory techniques to serve the user community and should adopt effective time-management to obtain proper recognition. M. Ratanasamy, Senate Member and the Librarian of Bharathiar University, emphasized the applications of other fields like mathematics, computer science and OR in Library and Information Science research. Mr. Elango, Senate Member of Bharathiar University and the Librarian of SRKV Maruthi College of Physical Education in his special address suggested all the librarians should provide effective reference service to the academic community. Mrs. Usha Kumari, Librarian, Avinashilingam Deemed University insisted that the curriculum of Library and Information Science should be updated. It must give more importance to IT applications. Mr. Jesudas Manalan, State General Secretary of SALIS stressed the importance of service to the users. Mr. Swaminathan, State Joint Secretary of SALIS proposed the vote of thanks.

The Executive Committee of the Coimbatore Chapter was elected after the inaugural function.

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14. K. Natarajan, Librarian., Tamil Nadu Engg. College

Announcement

SALIS General Body Meeting - The General Body meeting of SALIS will be held on 21st Feb 2003 at 5.45 P.M at Bishop Heber College, Tiruchi. All members are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting. The agenda is: report of the present and future activities, SALIS E-Journal, SALIS Chapters, future programmes and any other point .

Coimbatore Chapter of SALIS is organizing a one-day workshop on *Effective Communication for Library and Information Science Professionals* at PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore, on 2nd of March 2003. For further details please contact: Mr. M. Kanakaraj (Librarian, PSG College of Tech.), Chairman, SALIS Coimbatore Chapter. E-mail: kanakaraj_psg@yahoo.com

Inauguration of Tirunelveli Chapter of SALIS

The inaugural function of Tirunelveli Chapter of SALIS will be held on 22nd March 2003 at St.Xavier's College, Palayamkottai at 5.30 P.M. All are requested to attend the function.

SALIS Chennai Chapter

Seminar on Digital Library SALIS and Sri Sai Ram Engineering College (SSREC), Chennai jointly organized a one day seminar on 'Digital Library' at SSREC on 26th Oct 2002. Ninety L & I professionals from different parts of Tamil Nadu participated.

Prof. T.R. Natesan, Anna University (Chairman, AICTE, Former V.C. of Gandhigram University) inaugurated the seminar. Dr. S.Seetharaman, Principal, SSREC welcomed the gathering. Prof. T.R Natesan gave the inaugural address on 'Digital Library'. The Director, SSREC also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Harish Chandra gave the keynote address on 'E-Journals'. Mr. A. Hariharan, President, SALIS explained the various work done by the SALIS and also its future programmes. Mrs. Sivakami, Librarian, proposed the vote of thanks.

Mr. A. Hariharan, Mr. Parisutharaj, Librarian, REC, Tiruchi Mr. Narayanan and Mr. Joseph from IGCAR delivered the lectures on various topics of Digital Library. Two DL softwares were demonstrated in the workshop.

Dr. Nithianandam, Senior Librarian, Pondicherry Engineering College delivered the valedictory address and distributed the certificates to the participants.

Library Week Celebrations by SALIS

SALIS and the Madras School of Social Work(MSSW) jointly organized and celebrated the National Library Week on 23.11.2003 at MSSW. 53 professionals attended the meeting. Ms. Sakthi Rekha, Librarian MSSW and the Governing Council Member of SALIS welcomed the gathering. Mr. A. Hariharan presided over the function and explained the activities of SALIS.

Palam Kaliyanasundaram, retired Librarian of the Sri Kumaraguru Arts College, Srivaikundam, Tirunelveli, who has sacrificed his entire life for the society, was felicitated and honored in the function by SALIS. Prof. Amudavalli, Dept of LIS, University of Madras felicitated him on behalf of SALIS. She has mentioned the various awards received by him and also the achievements of Mr. Kaliyanasundaram. Later Mr. Kaliyanasundaram addressed the gathering. He talked about his life and asked the professionals to work sincerely and honestly. He stressed the importance of service to the society.

Prof Amudavalli spoke on 'The Role of Librarian in Digital Era'. She stressed that the librarians should develop their communication, IT, managerial and subject skills to meet the challenges.

Dr. Mishra, Senior Consultant Cardiologist of Apollo Hospitals, Chennai and a very good speaker, writer and lover of books, delivered an interesting lecture on 'The Joy of Reading'. He mentioned that the librarians are sitting amidst wealth of knowledge and asked the librarians to write books as they have more access to this wealth.

Mr. A. Hariharan gave the vote of thanks. The E.C meeting of Chennai chapter was held after the meeting.

AutoLib Awards - AutoLib Software Systems, is one of the leading Library Automation Solution providers. One of their objectives is to promote applications of IT in libraries and provide library automation solutions at a nominal cost. As part of their activities, they have instituted 'AutoLib Yearly Award' for Best Librarian, Library, Student and Paper published in association with SALIS from the year 2002 onwards. Look for details regarding eligibility, nomination, etc in the SALIS web site.

SALIS Coimbatore Chapter

The Executive Committee Meeting of SALIS - Coimbatore Chapter was held at PSG College of Technology on 10th of January 2003 at 6.30 PM. Mr. M. Kanakaraj, Chairman, SALIS, Coimbatore Chapter welcomed the gathering. Mr. S. Swaminathan, State Joint Secretary, SALIS, Mr. R. Jayabal, Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Santhosh Kumar, Treasurer, Mr. S. Manikandan Public Relations Mr. S. C. Kumaresan, Event Manager, Mr. A. Sokkalingam, Mr. A.S. Puhazenthi, Mr. K. Adhinarayanan, Mr. V. Rajendran (EC Members) participated in the discussion.

The following topics were discussed in this meeting:

- Plan to organize a One-day workshop on *Effective Communication for Library and Information Science Professionals* at PSG Tech. on 2nd of March 2003.
- A committee of Board of Members would meet the Syndicate Members of Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

personally and appraise them of the need for approval of research guides in LIS field.

- It has been decided that all the EC Members would become Life Members of SALIS with immediate effect.
- To provide a membership card for the Life Members of SALIS, Coimbatore Chapter
- It was decided to utilize the 80% of the Revenue collected at CBE-Chapter and remit remaining 20% with SALIS Head Office.
- It was proposed to organize programmes for fund rising.

Mr. T. Stephen, Secretary, SALIS, CBE Chapter, proposed the vote of thanks.

SALIS Website - www.autolib-india.net/salis.html.

Information about SALIS, Council Members, Members list, Chapters, SALIS News, Programmes, LIS & IT news, Job opportunities in LIS, Downloads, etc are available in this site.

Know a Book

Digital Future: Strategies for the Information Age.: Deegan, M and Tanner, S. Library Association Publishing: London, 2002. ISBN: 1-85604-411-4 Price: 39.95Pounds.

This is an indispensable guide for all information managers and archivists needing to keep abreast of developments in communication technologies, manage change in the library environment, and implement new modes of resource management. This is a very good book and useful for the librarians who want to know all about digital resources and digital library. Some of the interesting topics are digital futures, why digitize, developing collections in the digital world, the economic factors, resource discovery, developing and designing systems for sharing digital resources, preservation and new roles of digital librarian.

Know a Library

Connemara Public Library - is one of India's four national depository libraries, established in 1861. It is a repository of centuries-old publications, wherein lie some of the most respected works and collections in the country.

History: The Library's beginnings go back to 1861, when hundreds of books were found surplus in the libraries of **Haileybury College** (where Indian Civilians were trained in England). These books were sent to the Madras Government, which in turn handed them over to the **Madras Museum**. Conceived on the lines of the **British Museum Library**, it was part of the Madras Museum till 1890, when the need for 'a free public library' prompted the then Governor of Madras, **Lord Connemara**, to lay the foundation.

Collection: The new building, which was added to the Library in 1973, has a vast collection of six lakh books. It has a text-book section, a periodicals hall, a reference room, a video room, an entire floor for books from the Indian languages, a Braille Library and an IAS study centre. Some of the services provided by the library are reference, lending, reprography, etc

Automation: Machine readable catalogues of the holdings of the library are being created and the library is planning to provide automated services shortly. Efforts are being taken to preserve the important documents by way of microfilming.

It is one of the best reference libraries in the country and a large number of general public use the facilities in the library. The library, according to old timers, helped shape the thought of many, who later became leaders in public life.

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Know a Librarian

Palam P.Kalyanasundaram- completed a course in library sciences from Madras University and joined the Arulmigu Kumaragurubar Arts College at Srivaikuntam in Thuttukudi district, as a librarian in 1963 and retired in 1998.

Awards: He has won the Best Librarian Award in 1995 from the Goa University.. In 1999 the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England, gave him the Outstanding People of the 20th Century award for his philanthropic work. The American Biographical Institute elected him as the 2000 Man of the Year.

Service to the society

He has been sacrificing his entire life for the society. Over the last three decades Kalyanasundaram, has donated his life's savings of Rs 35 lakh to charity including all his retirement benefits. He now heads a facilitating organization called 'PALAM' - that forms a bridge between donors and beneficiaries. He has donated money for medical aid, counselling centres, books, clothes, free food, funding for poor children, hostel for unwanted little girls, earthquake, flood and cyclone victims . His services to the poor is unending.

Beneficiaries from his trust include organisations such as the Awai Ashram in Madurai, Amar Seva Sangham in Ayikudi and the Caussanel Foundation for Children and the Aged in Tirunelveli.

Mr. Kalayanasundaram does not have a penny to his name. But he has a 225-year-old coin, presented to him by an industrialist Jamal Mohamed Yeesa, his family heirloom, for his philanthropy . The present value of the coin is \$ 6.5 million and he will use it to establish the Children's University at Tirunelveli.

SALIS salutes him.

Know a Website – ISI Web of Science

<http://www.isinet.com/isi/products/citation/wos/>. It is one of the more popular web sites and give useful information about ISI products. This web site gives information about the following:

The ISI Web of Science - provides seamless access to the *Science Citation Expanded*, *Social Sciences Citation Index*, and *Arts & Humanities Citation Index*. It enables users to search current and retrospective multidisciplinary information from approximately 8,500 of the most prestigious, high impact research journals in the world. *ISI Web of Science* also provides a unique search method, cited reference searching. Users can also navigate to electronic full-text journal articles.

ISI Web of Knowledge - is a dynamic, fully integrated environment. This platform provides one source for high quality content and the tools to access, analyze, and manage research information.

ISI Current Contents Connect (CC Connect) is a multidisciplinary current awareness Web resource, providing access to complete bibliographic information of over 8,000 of the world's leading scholarly journals and more than 2,000 books.

Journal Citation Reports

The *ISI Journal Citation Reports (JCR)* is a unique multidisciplinary database ideal for a broad range of practical applications by a variety of information professionals. It presents quantifiable statistical data that provides a systematic, objective way to determine the relative importance of journals within their subject categories. The *JCR* is available in two editions: the *Science Edition* covers about 5,700 leading international science journals from the ISI database; the *Social Sciences Edition* covers about 1,700 leading international social sciences journals from the ISI database.

ISI Proceedings The *ISI Proceedings* are multidisciplinary products that provide Web access to bibliographic information and author abstracts from papers delivered at prestigious international conferences, symposia, seminars, colloquia, workshops, and conventions. It has two million papers from over 60,000 conferences since 1990.

ISI Essential Science Indicator - is a resource that enables researchers to conduct ongoing, quantitative analysis of research performance and track trends in science. Covering a multidisciplinary selection of 8,500 journals from around the world, this in-depth analytical tool offers data for ranking scientists, institutions, countries, and journals

Know a Software – Adobe Acrobat

Adobe Acrobat Reader - is a free software for viewing and printing Adobe PDF files on all major computer platforms.

Adobe Acrobat Adobe Acrobat 5.0 enables us to create Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) files — the worldwide standard for secure and reliable document distribution via print, the web, or mobile devices. With Acrobat 5.0. One can rest assured that the documents display and print the way intended and that they are protected from unauthorized access and alterations. Anyone can open the document across a broad range of hardware and software, and it will look exactly as it was intended - with layout, fonts, links, and images intact.

Adobe Acrobat Messenger - *The paper-to-digital dispatch center*. Ideal for workgroups and departments, Adobe Acrobat Messenger software - combined with a scanner or digital copier - transforms paper documents into electronic files and delivers them via e-mail, web, fax, and more. There's no waiting for interoffice or overnight mail –one send contracts, color brochures, photos, and documents with handwritten notes or signatures instantly. One can preview one documents on screen, crop or rotate pages, and add electronic annotations!

Acrobat Messenger makes it easy to deliver to everyone on one's distribution list at Internet speed.

Adobe Acrobat Distiller Server 5.0 software enables workgroups to convert Adobe PostScript files to PDF over a network. A flexible, automated mechanism for high-volume PDF creation, Acrobat Distiller Server gives IT and creative professionals the power of increased productivity and the assurance of consistent, high-quality output.

Adobe Acrobat Approval

With Adobe Acrobat *Approval*, one can fill in, sign, and save interactive in PDF forms. Moving to a paper-based forms workflow with an electronic forms solution begins with authoring the eForm. First, one can use Adobe Acrobat 5.0 to create electronic forms that look just like the paper version but also include pop-up boxes, buttons, and fields that can include automatic calculations and validations. Next, Acrobat *Approval* can be used to save eForms in our computer to fill in at convenience, spell-check, and apply 128-bit encryption or password protection before submitting. Moving to an eForms solution can accelerate approval cycles and reduce costly data-entry errors

Adobe Acrobat Capture 3.0 software is a professional production tool that teams with the scanner to convert volumes of paper documents into searchable Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) files. Accurate OCR, advanced page and content recognition, and powerful cleanup tools turn all important paper-based information into high-quality electronic documents ready for publication via the Web, intranets, extranets, CD-ROM, and more..

Create Adobe PDF Online is a Web-hosted service that lets one convert a variety of documents into Adobe PDF files that anyone can view using the free Acrobat reader.

L & I and IT News

SERC. Library

A 2 day Trainer's Training Programme on CSIR e-Journal Consortium was held on 14th & 18th Nov 2002 at Structural Engineering Research Centre Library, Chennai. Dr. N. Lakshmanan, Director, SERC, inaugurated the training programme.

Access to 1200 e-Journals from M/S Elsevier Science has started in most CSIR labs/institutes and with a view to utilize this facility effectively M/S Elsevier Science arranged the programme for the southern region of CSIR Labs at SERC. 17 participants from CFTRI, Mysore, CECRI, Karaikudi, RRL, Travandrum, and CMC, CLRI and SERC from Chennai were trained in the programme. Ms. Padma Muralidharan of Elsevier India made a presentation of the features of ScienceDirect. This was followed by a demonstration of the various online access facilities in ScienceDirect. The participants also had a hands on session. Mrs. Chitra M Hariharan, Officer-in-charge, Library, proposed the vote of thanks.

Computer and Library Automation Training Programme for the Librarians of Directorate of Public Libraries.

The Directorate of Public Libraries has organised eight Computer and Library Automation training programme for select librarians working in 29 Districts in Tamilnadu from 10th Dec 2002 to 30th Jan 2003 at Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchi and Chennai with the financial support of Raja Ram Mohun Roy Library Foundation, Calcutta. About 90 librarians from 29 Districts were trained during this programme. M/s AutoLib Software Systems has conducted the training programme.

Forthcoming Conferences, Seminars

DRTC Workshop on Digital Libraries: Theory and Practice, 10th - 14th March, 2003, DRTC, Bangalore, DRTC. <http://drtc.isibang.ac.in/DRTC/workshop/index.htm>

SIS-2003 on New Challenges in Information Management and E-learning in the age of Globalisation: Issues and Opportunities, April 9-11, 2003 at IIT, Roorkee, SIS. <http://sis-india.netfirms.com/sis2003.htm>

National Seminar on Challenges in delivering Quality Service in Management and Technical Libraries, April 25-26, 2003, T.A. Pai Management Institute, Manipal, Karnataka

Personalia

Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian, IIT, Chennai, gave the keynote address on 'Resource Sharing and Networking of Engineering College Libraries' and also chaired the technical session of 2nd ASSIST Annual seminar organized by ASSIST, Bangalore and VTU, Belgaum on 30.12.2002.

Mr. A.Chinnaraj, Asstant Librarian and active member of SALIS has been awarded the **Best Employee of the year 2002** award by the Vellalar College of Engineering & Technology, Thindal, Erode. Congratulations to Mr.Chinnaraj. SALIS thanks the Principal, and Management of the college for selecting their Librarian for the award.

Dr. N.Murugesu Pandian, Librarian Ganesar Senthamil College, Melasivapuri has been awarded Ph.D. by the Bharathidasan University, Trichy on the topic: 'A library study of foreign literary works in Tamil translation' under the guidance of Dr. Paul Mohan Roy and Dr. Somasundaram

Dr. S.P. Shanmugam, Librarian, T.B.M.L. College, Poraiyar has been awarded Ph.D by the Bharathidasan University, Trichy on the topic 'The development of patterns of Tamil periodicals with special reference to the consumer periodicals: a descriptive study in historical perspective'.

Dr. Sundaresan, Library Director (In-charge), Tamil University, Tanjore has been awarded Ph.D by the Tamil University, Tanjore on the topic 'Thirupandal Kasithirumadathin noolpathippukku noolakanggalin pangalippu'

Dr. A. Gunasekaran, Librarian, Tamil University, Tanjore has been awarded Ph.D by the Tamil University, Tanjore on the topic 'Thanjai Marattiya mannarkalin noolagappanikal'

Congratulations to all !

