

## SALIS Newsletter

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### SALIS News

#### Announcement

Professionals are invited for **SALIS Vellore Chapter** inaugural function cum special lecture on **IT & Library Services** by Mr. Ebenezer, EDP Manager, CMC-Vellore on 7.8.2005 at 10.30 A.M. **Venue:** OCTAGON, Millennium Plaza, Katpadi Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Vellore. For further details, please contact Mr. V. Newton Programme Co-ordinator Head, Library Services CMC Vellore & Vice-President, SALIS. Kindly confirm your participation by sending E-mail to [newton@cmcvellore.ac.in](mailto:newton@cmcvellore.ac.in) or through phone 0416-2282101 or Cell: 9443038871.

Ranganathan Birthday Celebration- organised by SALIS Tiruchi Chapter on 13.08.2005 at Besant Hall, Anna Salai, Tanjore -1. Time : 4.PM – 7.30 P.M.

The following programmes have been arranged.

1. Lecture on Ranganathan's contributions to Library Science by Dr. A.Ganesan, HOD, DLIS, Sri Poondi Pushpam College, Poondi
2. Lecture on Impact of IT in Library & Information Services by Dr.S. Balasubramanian, Librarian, Periyar Maniyammai Engineering College, Vallam
3. Felicitations to library professionals.

For further details, please contact the Programme Co-ordinators – Mr. P.Perumal (Res. 04362-251036 Off: 234107/233568)/Mr. M.Kauthaman (Res: 04362-226121).

#### Forthcoming Seminar

Seminar on Library – Centre for Knowledge Management- Jointly organised by SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter and Heavy Water Plant. Date: in the month of September. Date will be announced shortly.

**Discussion on Problems faced by the Govt. & Aided College Librarians such as loss of book/stock verification, promotion etc**—organised by SALIS Tiruchi Chapter on 3.9.2005 at Bishop Heber College Library, Tiruchi-17. Time:10.30 AM.Lunch: 1.00.PM. To participate in the programme, please contact Mr. Jesudas Manalan, Librarian, BHC (Res: 0431-2774924 or Mr.S.Swaminathan (Cell: 9842993535).

#### Delhi NCR Chapter

SALIS Delhi NCR Chapter was inaugurated on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2004 at Jeepee Institute of Information Technology, Noida, Delhi. Mr. Sanjai Kataria welcomed the gathering. Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian, IIT Madras explained the need for opening a SALIS

chapter at Delhi and also pointed out various services SALIS providing to the professional community. A.Hariharan, President, SALIS spoke about the objectives and various programmes being conducted by SALIS through its various chapters. Dr. Shalindra Kumar, Reader, DLIS, Delhi University briefed the gathering about his experience with SALIS and appreciated SALIS E-Group for providing wonderful service to the professionals. Prof Nigam, HOD, DLIS, MCRP University stressed the need for organising professional programmes at Delhi region by SALIS. Mr. Kumar, Chairman, SALIS Delhi, Chapter sought the cooperation of the members to organize various programmes. Mr. Sanjai Kataria, Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

#### DELHI - NCR Chapter (Office-bearers)

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Audit & Training, Noida

Mr. Khalid K.Karuqi, University Librarian, Hamdard

University, Delhi

#### SALIS Awards

##### Dr. Harish Chandra-Sushila Chandra Best Librarian Award (National level)

SALIS instituted an award sponsored by Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian, IIT Madras, by giving Rs.30,000/- to SALIS, in the name of 'Dr. Harish Chandra-Sushila Chandra Best Librarian Award' .

##### AutoLib-Tamilnadu Best Librarian Award (for Tamilnadu region only)

##### AutoLib-Tamilnadu Best Young Librarian Award (for Tamilnadu region only)

The above two awards are sponsored by M/s **AutoLib Software System**, Chennai by giving Rs.30,000/- to SALIS to institute the awards. Best Young Librarian Award is restricted to professionals below 40 years.

**Eligibility for all the awards** : Professionals holding any degree in Library Science or equivalent and working in library and information field.

Nominations for all the awards ( by Library professionals holding responsible position or by self) are invited for the year 2005 from eligible professionals.

The application form can be obtained from the Convener, SALIS Award Committee or downloaded from <http://autolib-india.net/salis.html>. or by sending E-mail to [salisawards@yahoo.com](mailto:salisawards@yahoo.com). The other details are given in the application form. Filled-in application along with necessary supporting documents should be sent in a sealed cover to the Convener, SALIS Award Committee, SALIS, C/o, AutoLib, B2-Solai Apartments, Mount-Poonamallee Road, Chennai – 600 089. Last date for the receipt application is 15.09.2005. For any clarifications, send E-mail to – [salisawards@yahoo.com](mailto:salisawards@yahoo.com)

### **SALIS Chennai Chapter**

*The following lectures were organized:*

**9.01.2005** Expert System for Indian Pharma. Drug  
Speaker: Dr.S.Palani., University of Madras

**13.02.2005** Organizational Climate  
Speaker: P.Panneerselvam, Crescent Engg College

**13.02.2005** Quality Management in Libraries  
Speaker: S.Kannan, Tutor Librarian, Sherubtse College, Kanglung, Bhutan

**13.03.2005** Result Oriented Communication  
Speaker: Mr.K.Mohan, A.G.M., R.B.I, Chennai

**10.04.2005** Marketing of Information Products/Services  
Speaker: Mr. Yesudoss, SRM Deemed University

**10.4.2005** Management of Stress  
Speaker: Mr.K.Mohan, A.G.M., R.B.I, Chennai

**12.06.2005** Self awareness and self esteem  
Speaker: Dr. Thenmozhi, University of Madras.

#### **Special Lecture**

The Central Library, IIT Madras and SALIS jointly organised a special lecture on '**Issues faced by LIS Professionals in USA– Today**' by Ms. Pamela C. Sieving, Biomedical Librarian/Informationist, National Institute of Health Library, Bethesda, Maryland USA on 15th Feb 2005 at the Central Library, IIT, Madras. Dr.Harish Chandra welcomed the chief guest and Dr. S.Muralidhar, Chairman, introduced the speaker. Many senior professionals participated in the discussion with Ms. Pamela after her lecture. Mrs.Nirmala Librarian, Elite School of Optometry was instrumental in inviting Ms. Pamela. Mrs. V.Sakthi Regha proposed the vote of thanks .

### **SALIS Coimbatore Chapter**

SALIS Coimbatore Chapter organized a one day seminar on 'Modern Managerial Skills in Library and

Information Centres' on 16 April 2005 at D.J. Academy for Managerial Excellence, Coimbatore. Mr. Manikandan, Librarian & Joint Secretary, SALIS delivered the welcome address. Mr. Kavidhasan, Head, HRD, ROOTS, Coimbatore, inaugurated the seminar and delivered the inaugural address. He praised the role of Library professionals. Mr. A.Hariharan delivered the presidential address. Dr. Kankaraj, Chairman and Mr. Stephen, Secretary also spoke about the seminar.

Lectures on various topics such as Content Creation and IT Skills for the Librarians, Preservation of documents, Stress management and Communication Skills were delivered by A.Hariharan, Mr. P. Perumal, Conservator & Librarian, Saraswati Mahal Library, Thanjavur, Dr. Ally Sornam, HOD, BHC, Tiruchy and Dr. N. Muthaiah, Principal, Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Education, Coimbatore respectively. S. Manikandan, Co-ordinator, organised the seminar successfully in association with Dr. Kanakaraj, Mr. Stephen and Mr. S.Swaminathan.

### **SALIS Madurai Chapter**

SALIS Madurai Chapter conducted a one-day state level seminar on **Changing Faces of Libraries** on 26.02.2005 at Mannar College, Madurai. The inaugural function was started with prayer at 10.30 a.m. About 160 L & I Professionals attended the seminar from various parts of Tamilnadu. The Principal, M.T.N College welcomed the gathering. Lion Mr. L.Sundara Rajan, Secretary, M.T.N. College extended his co-operation to the LIS professionals during his presidential address. Dr.Parthasarathy, former Principal and Syndicate Member delivered the inaugural address. He advised the LIS professionals to change their outlook in to-day's context and he also suggested that professionals should try to change their designation as Information Scientists as the role of the librarian is changing tremendously. Mr.Vijayaraghavan, member, college committee, MTN College felicitated the participants. Prof.A.Srimurugan, Librarian & Head, DLIS, M.K. University, talked about the development of library and library professionals in his key note address. He also talked about the importance of print and hence the existence of librarian. Mr. A.Thirunavukkarasu, Course co-ordinator and Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks.

The first session was handled by Dr.Ally Sornam, Head, DLIS, Bishop Heber College, Trichy on "Knowledge Management in the 21<sup>st</sup> century". She spoke on 'what, why and types of knowledge management'. She also covered skills needed for knowledge workers.

The second session was on "Evolution of Digital Libraries" by Mr.A.Hariharan. He deliberated on evolution, various factors, advantages, disadvantages, and various digital library projects, etc. The third session was handled by Mr. L. Parisutharaj, Librarian, NIT, Trichy on "Collection Development". He talked about procuring of e-journals, e-books and also about printed foreign books. Dr.S.Surianarayanan, Librarian,

Paramakalyani College of Arts & Science, Alwarkurichi handled the fourth session on "ICT and Library & Information Services with special reference to college libraries". He extensively covered the various services could be rendered with the help of ICT in libraries.

The fifth session was on "Changing Role of LIS Professionals" by Ms.V.Sakthi Regha, Librarian, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai. She discussed about the qualities required in the changing period, challenges and hence the changing roles of LIS professionals today.

The valedictory function was held at 5. P.M. Mr. G.Ramamoorthy, Treasurer, SALIS Madurai Chapter welcomed the chief guest and others. Mr. M. Muniaasamy, Chairman, Madurai Chapter presided over the function. Mr. A.Hariharan spoke about SALIS and its programmes. The seminar report was prepared and presented by Mrs. V.Sakthi Regha, Secretary, Chennai Chapter. Prof.A.Manoharan, DLIS, Bishop Heber College, Trichy was the chief guest and delivered the valedictory address. He congratulated the organizers and requested the participants to try to implement what they have learnt through the seminar. Finally, Mr.G.C. Manoharan, Organising Secretary and Librarian M.T.N College, who was responsible for the success of the seminar, proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Muniyasamy, Mr. G.Dhanasekaran and Mr.G.Ramamoorthy were the Organising Committee members for the seminar.

### **SALIS Tiruchi Chapter**

SALIS Tiruchi Chapter organized a one day state level Seminar on **Innovative Skills to Library Professionals in the IT Era** on 2nd April 2005 at Bishop Heber College, Tiruchy. Dr. Marcus Boominathan, Principal, BHC delivered the inaugural address. Mr. A.Thirunavukkarasu delivered the keynote address. Mr. A.Hariharan spoke about the activities and programmes of SALIS. Mr. Franklin, Assistant Librarian proposed the vote of thanks.

After the inaugural seminar, the following lectures were delivered. Customer Care by Jesudoss Manalan, Communication Skills by Mr. S.Swaminathan, Team Management Skills by Ms. Poongathai, Marketing Skills by Dr. Kaliyammal, Knowledge Management Skills by Mr. Mounisamy and IT Skills by A.Hariharan. More than 100 professionals participated and benefited by the seminar.

Mr. L.Parisutharaj delivered the valedictory address. Mr. Jesudoss Manalan, Librarian, Bishop Heber College & Organising Secretary organised the seminar successfully with the active support of Mr. Franklin, Mr. Ravi Krishnan and other library staff with the guidance of Prof. A.Manokaran.

### **SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter**

SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter organized a get-together meeting of Library Professionals in Tuticorin on 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 2005 at Alagappa Study Centre, Tuticorin.

Dr.S.Surianarayanan Chairman, SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter presided over the function. A.Hariharan addressed the gathering. Dr. R.Srinivasan, delivered a lecture on 'Electronic Resources'.

Many professionals in and around Tuticorin attended the programme and they requested SALIS to organize many programmes for the professionals in the region. Mr. N.Somasundaram, Senior Scientific Officer, Heavy Water Plant, Tuticorin and SALIS Governing Council Member and convener of the programme organized the function successfully.

### **Know a Librarian – Dr. M.Suriya**

Dr. M.Suriya is currently working as a Librarian and senior Professor and Head of the DLIS at Annamalai University(AU) since 1992. She has been instrumental in building digital library in the university library. She is presently nominated as Member of the Syndicate of the AU by the Chancellor. She received her Ph.D in 1990 and pursued her post-doctoral research at Warwick University(UK) in 1998. She also holds a M.Phil degree in English Literature and many diplomas in Computer processing and statistics.

She was a Visiting Professor to the Institute of Informatics and Gesellschaft(Germany) in 2000 and worked as a visiting scholar in the Faculty of Media Studies at University of Western Ontario(Canada) in 2001 and the Dept of Gender Studies at University of Essen(Germany) in 2002.

She has been invited to deliver guest lectures in many foreign universities such as Ball State University(USA) in 1999, Albert Ludwigs University(Germany) in 1999, University of Essen(Germany)in 2002, University of Bonn(Germany) in 2002 and University of South Australia in 2003. She was a panelist at the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing(GHC) in 2002(Ottawa) and in 2004 (Chicago); at the workshop of African Women in Science and Engineering(Kenya) and at World Engineers Convention(Shanghai) in 2004. She has contributed more than 92 research publications and edited 6 books on various areas. She organised 'Women in Information Technology(WIT)' - a sequence of conference from 2002 to 2004.

Honors and Awards: She received Commonwealth Scholarship(UK-CSFP) in 1998; Literati Club 1999 Highly Commended Award(UK-MCB University Press); and Women and Development Award(Canada-SICI) in 2001.She was selected for the international visitors programme arranged by the USIS in 1995 and she has visited many universities in USA and European countries. She has been the resource person, selection committee member and research guide for many leading organizations and universities. She has guided more than 15 doctoral students for their Ph.D work. She was nominated by the UGC as a member of the High Power Expert Committee to evaluate the performance of universities in the southern states of Indian(IX Plan).

She has organised 'Women in Information Technology(WIT)' – a sequence of conference from

2002 to 2004 and also about 10 national and international conferences. Dr. Suriya delivered more than 25 invited lectures in seminars and conferences. Presently she is a Director (Interim Board Member) of INWES (International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists), President of IAWES (Indian Association of Women Engineers and Scientists), and Indian Ambassador of the Association of Computing Machinery-Women's Chapter (ACM-W). She is nominated for the Rashtriya Gaurav Award by the India International Friendship Society, New Delhi for the year 2005.

**Know a Library - The Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMSc)** Library is the information backbone of the IMSc. It also acts as a regional library for Southern India and provides information resources to support academic and research activities in the areas of areas of Mathematics, Theoretical Physics and Theoretical Computer Science. The primary task of the Library is to enhance and maintain its holdings of books, journals and other sources of information. It is equally important for the library to make the access to these resources user-friendly.

**Collection:** The current library holdings are approximately 51,000 including books and bound volumes of journals. It has a small collection of CD-ROMs and Audio/Video cassettes. Library subscribes to over 300 print journals and various electronic resources such as ScienceDirect of Elsevier, IOP's Digital Archives and MathSciNet database

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For further details please contact: Mr. Paul Pandian, Librarian, IMSc, CIT campus, Taramani, Chennai – 600 113. Tel: 91-44-22541856, 2254 2588, 2254 2398, 2254 2397 E:mail: library@imsc.res.in  
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**Know a Software – GNU E-Prints Archive**

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The EPrints software has been developed under GNU/Linux and freely available. 168 known archives running EPrints software worldwide. It is intended to work on any GNU system Required additional software: EPrints requires Apache (with mod\_perl), MySQL and Perl with some extra modules. EPrints can be downloaded from EPrints site – [www.software.eprints.org](http://www.software.eprints.org)

**Forthcoming Conferences, Seminars**

XXV All India Conference of **IASLIC-2005: LIS Profession in India : Vision for 2010**, Dec 26-29, 2005. Organised by Central Library of IIT Madras, Chennai. For more details visit [www.cenlib.iitm.ac.in/iaslic2005](http://www.cenlib.iitm.ac.in/iaslic2005)

Eighth **NACLIN-2005**, August 22-25, 2005. Organised by DELNET and PES Institute of Tech, Bangalore. For more details visit [www.delnet.nic.in/naclin-2005.htm](http://www.delnet.nic.in/naclin-2005.htm)

**Personalia**

**Mr. R.Srinivasan**, Library Officer, CECRI, Karaikudi has been awarded Ph.D by Annamalai University on the topic 'Towards a composite bibliometric indicator for ranking journals based on JCR date' under the guidance of Dr.P.Pichappan.

**Mr. S.Muralidhar**, Scientist, CVRDE, Chennai has been awarded Ph.D by Annamalai University on the topic 'Benchmarking the Special Libraries Networked Environment' under the guidance of Prof. M.Suriya, Annamalai University

**Mrs. Ally Sornam** has been awarded Ph.D by the Bharathidhasan University on the topic 'Staff stress among university library professionals working in Tamilnadu: a study'. This research work was an independent study under the doctoral committee convener Prof. M.Suriya, Annamalai University and member Prof. Manorama Srinath, University of Madras.

Congratulations to all !

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