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SALIS wishes all a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Forthcoming Programmes

Seminar on Redefining the Library for the Digital

Age: Date: 20.03.2010, jointly organized by Dr. Sivanthi Aditanar College of Engineering, Tiruchendur and SALIS, Tirunelveli Chapter.

The objective of the seminar is to discuss and exchange knowledge and ideas among library professionals to redefine the library and its services in the following areas:

- Information needs of the google generation
- Redefining library systems, functions, process and services, planning and strategy
- Redefining the role and skills of LIS professionals
- Next generation search, web tools and techniques
- Innovative value added LIS services
- Digital library challenges
- Re-think the physical spaces and digital infrastructure
- The impact and implications of technological change
- Partnership with other organizations
- Marketing of LIS services
- Opportunity and challenges in the 21st century

Registration fee: Filled-in registration form along with a DD of Rs. 150/-, in favour of the Secretary, Dr. Sivanthi Aditanar College of Engineering, payable at Tiruchendur to be sent to: Mr.N. Selvaganapathi, Librarian & Convener Dr. Sivanthi Aditanar College of Engineering, Tiruchendur 628 215. selvathiruvonam@yahoo.com, sacoeprincipal@gmail.com, Tel: 04639 242482; Mobile: 9788932477

Training Programme on e-learning using Moodle (Open source software) - Jointly organized by SALIS Coimbatore Chapter and CSI Bishop Appasamy College of Arts & Science CSIBACAS, Coimbatore. **Date:** 27-28 March 2010. **Venue:** CSIBACAS, Coimbatore

About Moodle (Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment). Moodle is an open source Course Management System (CMS), also known as a Learning Management System (LMS) or a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which is a free and open-source e-learning software platform. It has a significant user base with 45,721 registered sites, containing 32 million users in 3 million courses. Moodle is designed to help educators create online courses with a focus on interaction and collaborative construction of content.

Objectives of the programme is to know/learn about:

- Open source software (OSS)
- E-learning/features of Moodle
- Installation, configuration and settings
- Creation of user accounts/creation/editing of course

- Adding contents/uploading files, ppt, audio and video
- Creation of exercises, questions, quiz, glossary
- Calendar, announcement/enrollment of course, etc

Methodology: Hands on experience will be given to the participants to install, configure the Moodle software, creation and management of courses/user accounts, adding / updating contents, creating exercises, questions, announcements, etc.

Registration Fee: Demand draft of Rs.600/- should be drawn in favour of The Principal, CSIBACAS, Coimbatore.

No of participants: 30 on first cum first serve basis

Registration may be sent to:

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2nd International Symposium on Emerging Trends and Technologies in Libraries and Information Services.

Jointly organized by Learning Resource Centres of Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, Noida (UP) and Jaypee University of Information Technology, Wakhnaghat (HP) in association with Mahatma Gandhi Central Library, IIT Roorkee, Central Library, Delhi Technological University, SALIS-Delhi-NCR and SLA - Asian Chapter. **Date:** 3-5 June 2010. **Venue:** Jaypee University of Information Technology (JUIT) Wakhnaghat (HP).

Main Themes: Global best practices in library and information services, emerging technologies: issues and challenges - perception changes in librarianship, strategic partnership, open access and open source.

Contact Persons

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SALIS 2010 – National Conference - Announcement

Theme: Next Generation Digital Library: Challenges and Opportunities

Date: 19 August 2010 - Pre-conference Tutorial
20-21 August 2010 - National Conference

Venue: Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology
Other announcements and details will be made available in SALIS website and also through E-group.

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Establishment of SALIS ERODE Chapter

The inauguration of SALIS Erode Chapter (covering Erode, Tiruchengode, Salem and Namakkal) was held on 7.3.2009 at K.S.R. College of Arts & Science. Mr. A Hariharan, President, SALIS, Dr. S. Muralidhar, Dr. J. Dominic and Mr. Swaminathan spoke on the objectives, activities and achievements of SALIS. The following office bearers were nominated/elected for various posts.

List of office bearers

Chairman: Lt T Magudeeswaran, Librarian, Chikkaiah Naicker College, Erode

Vice-Chairmen:

Mr. E Sugirthakumar, Librarian, KSR College of Technology, Tiruchengode

Mrs. M Sithi Jaganara, Asst. Librarian, Veterinary College & Research Institute, Namakkal

Secretary: Lt S Manikandan, Librarian, KSR College of Arts and Science, Tiruchengode

Joint Secretaries:

A. Nallathambi, Librarian, Vinayaka Mission's College, Pharmacy, Salem

T. Muruganatham, Librarian, ICFAI National College, Salem

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Executive Members:

P. Ashok Kumar, Librarian, Excel College of Engg for Women, Erode

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N. Raja, Librarian, Paavai College of Engineering, Rasipuram.

M. Indra, Librarian, P.S.G Ponnammal College of Education, Kangayem, Erode

V. Gandhimathi, Librarian, J. K. K. Natarajan College of Pharmacy, Komarapalayam, Namakkal (Dt.)

V. Kannan, Librarian, Mahendra Arts & Science College, Kalipatti, Namakkal

R. Akila, Librarian, Maha College of Engg, Valapadi, Salem

S. L. Shanthi, Librarian, CSI Teacher Training Inst., Salem

J. Kokila, Librarian, Padmavani Arts & Science College for women, Salem

S. Jeeva Kumar, Librarian, Sri Kandan Arts & Science College, Erode

Mr. A Velayutham, Asst. Librarian, K S R College of Arts and Science, Tiruchengode

Congratulations to all the elected/nominated members!

UNESCO-SALIS e-Learning Portal for raising awareness on information literacy (available @ salisonline.org)

The UNESCO and SALIS have completed a project entitled *Interactive E-Learning Portal on Information Literacy Competency Development Skills for South Asia* to raise awareness and to enhance information literacy competency skills of laymen as well as information professionals and

educators. The objective of this project is in line with UNESCO's mandate to bridge the digital divide and its vision of "Knowledge Societies".

This project had its genesis on the recommendations of a UNESCO supported Workshop on *Information Literacy Competency Development for Information Professionals and Special Educators* (organized by SALIS during 6-10 November 2006, Chennai, India) and subsequent information literacy sensitization workshops held at Delhi and Nagpur.

This e-learning portal has the following self-learning modules:

- * Information Literacy – Basics
- * Information Literacy Models and Standards
- * Information Communication Technology (ICT) - Basics
- * Information Services for the Disabled People
- * Information Literacy Assessment
- * Freedom of Information / Right to Information
- * Lifelong Learning and Development of Life Skills
- * Sample Information Literacy Programmes for the users of Public/School, College, University, Special Libraries and Community Information Centres.

For more details:

<http://salisonline.org> or

http://portal.unesco.org/geography/en/ev.php-URL_ID=7260&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Announcement of SALIS 2009 Awards

Applications/nominations are invited for the following awards for the year 2009.

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

AutoLib-Tamilnadu-Best Librarian Award

AutoLib-Tamilnadu-Best Young Librarian Award

A.N.Marappan Memorial National Best Young Librarian Award (National Level)

Shri S.Rajunaidu Memorial Best Paper Award for LIS Students

Last date for the receipt of application/nomination is 31.3.2010. Awards will be given in person during the National Conference of SALIS 2010. All the details of the awards, instructions, application form, etc are available in the SALIS website or mail us at salis_info@yahoo.co.in for more details.

Report on SALIS International Conference

The Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS), in collaboration with UNESCO and B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Engineering College, organized the *International Conference on Knowledge Networking in ICT Era* during 22 - 24 January 2009 in Chennai, India at Crescent Engineering College, Chennai. The primary objective of the conference was to provide a platform for sharing knowledge, expertise and professional solutions on the emerging domains of networking, intellectual collaboration and information practices.

In his inaugural address, Padmashri Prof. M Anandkrishnan, Chairman of the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, highlighted the importance of knowledge networking in knowledge-based establishments in a country which is now considered worldwide as an emerging economy. In his speech, he appraised the National Knowledge Network initiative of the

Government of India. This initiative aims to interconnect all knowledge institutions in India through an electronic digital broadband network with adequate capabilities (high speed broadband connectivity), in order to encourage sharing of resources and collaborative research.

Mr. Abdul Qadir A. Rahman Buhari, Correspondent, B.S.A.Crescent Engineering College, presided over the function. Ms. Pradeepa Wijetunge, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka delivered the keynote address. Prof. C.R. Muthukrishnan, Consulting Advisor, TCS & Former Deputy Director, IITM, Dr. Jean-Louis Ermine, National Research Director, University of Bordeaux, France, Dr. John Paul Anbu, University of Swaziland, South Africa and Ms. Gowri Parameswaran, State University, New York delivered special lectures. Dr. V. M. Periasamy, Principal, Mr. A. Hariharan, President, SALIS, and Dr. R. Raja Prabu, Convener elucidated on the importance of the conference. Dr. P. Panneerselvam, the organizing secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

The conference volumes, CD and the souvenir were released during the inaugural function.

Within the framework of the conference, a tutorial on e-Learning: *Creating Online Virtual Courses using Moodle* was organized, where-in the participants received hands-on practical training on Moodle open source software. Pre-conference tutorial on E-learning was inaugurated by Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian, IITM. Dr. V. Nagarajan, Radius Consultancy Promotion Ltd and his team conducted the tutorial session. Around 60 members participated in the workshop.

Various technical sessions were chaired and conducted by Prof. Manorama Srinath, University of Madras (Retd.), Dr. A.L. Moorthy, Director, DESIDOC, New Delhi, Prof. D. Rajyalakshmi, HOD, DLIS, RTM Nagpur University, Prof. I V. Malhan, Head, DLIS, University of Jammu, Jammu Tawi, Prof. M. Nagarajan, Annamalai University and Dr. Ally Sornam, Bishop Heber College, Trichy. Prof. Maonorama Srinath, Dr. Harish Chanra and Mr. A. Hariharan were the conference directors.

A special session on *Media and Digital Literacy, supported by UNESCO*, was held on 23 Jan 2009. It aimed at raising awareness on the information, media and digital literacy, which is essential for building inclusive knowledge societies. Speakers in this session highlighted major indicators, different international standards, including UNESCO standards, best practices and communities of practice existing in this field. Panelists suggested integrating information, media and digital literacy in the curricula of schools, undergraduate and postgraduate studies. They also felt that information literacy is essential for lifelong learning and should be, therefore, integrated in the vocational and professional training, as well as in teachers' training courses. Prof. Jagtar Singh, DLIS, University of Patiala, Dr. Harish Chandra, Dr. Anup Kumar Das, Dr. S. Muralidhar, Mrs. Sakthi Regha and Mr. A. Hariharan briefed on various aspects of media and digital literacy. (For presentation downloads made at this session, visit http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.phpURL_ID=28265&URL_DO=DO_PRINTPAGE&URL_SECTION=201.html).

Over 150 papers were presented during eight technical sessions of the conference which covered the following subjects: digital

library systems, e-learning, electronic security systems, information and communication technologies (ICT) for information services, intellectual property rights, knowledge management, modern management techniques, social networks and web technologies. Over 300 delegates including researchers and knowledge professionals from academic and research organizations, service industries and public libraries from India and abroad, participated in the conference.

Dr. A.L. Moorthy DESIDOC, New Delhi was the chief guest of the valedictory function. Ajit K. Pyati, University of Western Ontario, Canada delivered a special lecture. Dr. G. Krishnamoorthy Librarian, Anna University, Chennai felicitated the participants.

Report on Programme for NET/SET for LIS Professionals

The SALIS Erode Chapter in association with Chikkaiah Naicker College, Erode organised a preparatory programme for NET/SET for LIS Professionals - Part 1 during 25 - 26 July 2009 and Part 2 for General paper on 09 August 2009.

Part 1 (Library and Information Science): The session was inaugurated by **Prof. Karunanidhi**, Principal of Chikkaiah Naicker College. **Lt. S Manikandan**, Secretary of SALIS Erode Chapter welcomed the gathering. **Mr. S Swaminathan** briefed on the programme. **Lt T Magudeesawarn**, Librarian, Chikkaiah Naicker College & Chairman, Erode Chapter, proposed vote of thanks. **Mr. Jayapragaksh**, Asst. Librarian, Bharathidasan University, **Dr. Kannan**, Librarian, Dept. of Public Libraries, Maduari, **Mr. Magudeeswaran**, **Mr. Sugithakumar**, Librarian, K.S.R College of Technology, Tiruchengode, **Mr. Swaminathan** Librarian, Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Education, Coimbatore and **Dr. Tamilchelvan**, Librarian, KPR Institute of Engg & Tech., Coimbatore were the resource persons. Over 45 participants from different institutions attended the programme.

Part 2 (General paper): The session was organized on popular demand made by the participants of previous programme. **Dr. Manivannan**, Professor, Dept. of Corporate Secretaryship, Erode Arts College, **Dr. Geetha**, PG DLIS, Bishop Heber College, Trichy, Ms. Usharani, Asst. Prof, Dr. Kamalakannan Dept. of Tamil, Chikkaiah Naicker College and Mr. Viji, Lecturer, Dept. of English, KSR College of Arts and Science were the resource persons. Over 40 LIS professionals participated in the programme.

Report on the Workshop on KOHA

The Library and Information Centres of K S Rangasamy College of Technology and College of Arts and Science, Tiruchengode in collaboration with the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS), Erode Chapter jointly organized a two-day workshop on **Koha: an Open Source Integrated Library System** during 28 - 29 November 2009.

Mr. E Sugirthakumar, Co-ordinator of the workshop and Librarian, KSR College of Technology welcomed all the dignitaries and participants. Lion Dr. K S Rangasamy, the Founder & President of KSR Institutions, inaugurated the workshop and delivered the presidential address. Mr. A Hariharan, President of SALIS was the chief guest. He spoke about the importance of open source software in the field LIS. Dr. K. Thiagarajah, Principal, K.S. Rangasamy College of

Technology offered his felicitation. Lt. S Manikandan proposed vote of thanks.

After the inauguration, the formal session was started with the brief introduction of all the participants. Mr. Vimal Kumar, Asst. Librarian from Asian School of Business spoke about Debian Linux and KOHA in the first session. In the second session, a demo on installation of Debian Linux and KOHA with step-by-step screenshots was given. In the third session, hands on practice on KOHA were carried out by the participants. Mr. Maruthu Pandian, Asst. Manager of Advinus Therapeutics Ltd Bangalore held the sessions in the second day. He gave hands on training on various of KOHA. Subsequently, the participants were made to practice independently and as groups. Participants were trained on installation and configuration of Debian Linux and KOHA.

During the valedictory session, Lt. S Manikandan welcomed the gathering. Dr. K Thiyagarajh, Principal delivered the valedictory address and distributed the certificates. Mr. E Sugirthakumar proposed vote of thanks. Around 50 LIS professionals and students from Tamil Nadu, Bangalore and Hyderabad attended the workshop.

SALIS Journals

SALIS publishes the following journals for the benefit of the professionals to bring out the research work. Research articles are invited for these two journals.

SALIS Journal of Library and Information Science - an international journal (ISSN 0973-3108). Quarterly

Coverage- Library principles, practices/administration, TQM, benchmarking, trends and developments, policy formulations and issues, LIS services, metric and user studies, evaluation of LIS systems, services and products, LIS education and training, web based information services, information literacy, information and knowledge management, IPR, ICT applications, e-resources & e-services, metadata creation and standards, search engines, subject gateways and data mining, digital initiatives, standards, preservation/ conservation strategies, OAI, content development and e-publishing, HRD, knowledge skills and capacity building initiatives.

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Representation to Hon'ble Minister, HRD/Chairman, UGC

A representation was sent to the Honorable HRD Minister, the Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry for Human Resource Development and Chairman, UGC to bring out the anomalies to Librarians in the 6th Pay Commission on 7th Oct 2009. It covers the following:

1. Change of nomenclature as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor and to consider the pay structure on par with the teachers.
2. Availing of study leave, sabbatical leave and vacations for Librarians.
3. Increment for higher qualifications (M.Phil., Ph.D and NET/SET)
4. Selection grade for the senior college librarians - and other matters which affect the LIS professionals. (Separate representation was given to TN Govt. also).

Retirement Age of Librarians in IIT and NIT

A representation was sent to the appropriate authorities to rise the retirement age of Librarians working at IIT/NIT to 62 immediately after the announcement AICTE pay commission report. The retirement age has been restored to 62 as in Central Universities. Fresh O.M has been issued to this effect.

Representation to Hon'ble MLA Shri Peter Alphonse

A delegation consisting of Mrs. V.Sakthiregha, Mrs. S. Kamatchi, Mr. Swaminathan, Mr. Shivakumaran, Mr. B. Jeyaprakash Raja and Mr. A. Hariharan met the Hon'ble Member of TN Legislative Assembly Shri Peter Alphonse at his residence on 22.6.2009 and requested his good office to raise the issues concerned to our profession in the TN Assembly such as filling-up the vacancies of librarian posts in the Govt. and aided colleges, appointing librarians in schools, include library science as one of the elective papers in colleges, etc.

The matter was raised by the Hon'ble member in the assembly on 23.6.2009 and the Hon'ble Higher Education Minister assured the assembly to fill the librarian posts shortly. The matter was reported in all the newspapers. SALIS thanks Shri Peter Alphonse, M.L.A, Honble Higher Education Minister and the Chief Minister for their kind support and gesture. *(TNPSC advertised 56 Librarians posts on 17.02.2010)*

Book-Post