

SALIS—2006

The Central Library of Karunya Deemed University, Coimbatore in association with Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) organized a National Conference — SALIS – 2006 recently. The Conference was sponsored by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and NASSDOC (ICSSR), New Delhi. More than 150 participants from all over the country have participated in the Conference. A Pre-conference Tutorial was conducted on 'Digital Library'. Dr. V.S. Prasad, Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore was the Chief Guest of the Function. Mr. A Hariharan, SERC, Chennai was the Resource Person. Dr. B.C. Pillai Dean, Research delivered the welcome address. Prof. Dr. P.K. Philip, Vice Chancellor, Karunya Deemed University, Coimbatore delivered the Presidential address. In his address he stressed the importance of e-learning and the role of library professionals in the creation of digital libraries and networking. Mr. A. Hariharan, President of SALIS, explained the theme of the Conference.

Dr. V.S. Prasad, Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore released the Conference proceedings and delivered the inaugural address. In his inaugural address he pointed out that the libraries which were functioning as the supporting and co curricular centres in those days have now become independent. He also stressed that the space and time should not be the barriers in the library services and for that the NAAC has evolved the normative principles to support the weaker sections in the library field. Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian IIT – Madras delivered the Keynote address. He elaborately explained the various initiatives taken in the IIT library, Chennai by utilizing the modern ICTs. He also stressed that the library professionals should come forward to meet the challenges in the library field due to the IT revolution.

Dr. Harish Chandra-Susheela Chandra Award for the Best Librarian (National Level) was given to Dr. P.V. Konnur, Librarian of Bangalore University. Autolib Award for the Best Librarian (State Level) was given to Dr. J. Dominic, Librarian, Deemed University, Coimbatore. Autolib award for the young librarian was given to Ms. K. Vinitha, Librarian, National Engineering College, Kovilpatti. Dr. J. Dominic, Librarian of Karunya Deemed University and Organizing Secretary of SALIS

2006 proposed a vote of thanks for the inaugural session. The Technical Sessions were held under the convenership of Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian, IIT-Madras and Conference Director. Dr. S. Surianarayanan, Librarian, Sri Paramkaluani College of Alwarkurichi was the Rapporteur and Shri N. Soma Sundaram, Scientific Officer, Library, Heavy Water Plant, Tutocorin as cited in preparing the Report.

The first Technical session was on the theme 'Case Studies'. Mr. Salik Chand, Senior Documentation Officer of NIHF, New Delhi and Dr. Sathis Kanamadi, Asst. Librarian, TISS, Mumbai were the Rapporteurs. Shri. S.C. Kumersan and K.N. Sashathri presented a paper on 'Digital Initiatives for Effective Print & Copy Management Solution at BITS – Pilani, Dubai Campus: an integrated approach to access control and facilitative management'. Ms. Mymoon, Mr. A. Hariharan, Ms. Chitra M. Hariharan, Mr. Abdunnaar, and Ms. Suryakala presented a paper on "Enhancing the usage of library resources at SERC library with particular reference to e-resources". Mr. R. Balasubramani, Mr. J.C David and Mr. N.G. Balaji presented a paper on "Use of Online Public Access Catalogue by the Research Scholars in Annamalai University Library". Mr. Shri Ram and Mr. Sanjay Kataria presented a paper on "Facilitating Access and Use of Bioinformatics Information Resources through Digital Library Systems". Ms. Mahalakshmi presented a paper on 'Use and user perception of e-journals in Avinashilingam Deemed University'.

The second Technical Session was on the theme 'Digital library Initiatives: From Concept to Completion'. It started with the key lecture, delivered by Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian, IIT-M, and Chennai on the Conceptual frame work on Digital Library Initiatives in IIT-Madras". Ms. Lawrance Mary, Librarian TDNMS College, Kallikulam and Mr. Elango, Librarian, Maruthi College of Physical Education were the rapporteurs. Dr. M. Tamilselvan, presented a paper on 'Open source software in library management: KOHA- An overview'. Mr. Sathish Kanamadi, Nurgund and Jayadev Kadli presented a paper on "Web Portal: A Tool for enhanced access to library resources and services". Mr. Ajay Kumar Satpathy, Obaiah B and Surulinathi M presented papers on 'Global electronic thesis in the digital environment'. Ms. P K Suriyakala, Sangeetha and Mini Ulanat presented a paper on 'Enhancing the scholarly communication through developing an institutional

repository – An Overview'. Mr. Kaliyaperumal, K and Natarajan presented a paper on 'Bleeding edge of digital library technology and its pitfalls'. Mr. David, J, Suruliniathi M and Dipti Kumar Chaurasia presented a paper on '20 21 22 design subject gateway on computer science discipline at IISc'. Dr. Suriya, Ganesh, Vijay Arumugham and Kannan V presented a paper on "Building and Ontology based open access digital archives for ICWES proceedings (1964-2005)". Mr. M. Raguram and Mr. N. Somasundaram presented a paper on 'Classification of digital resources and knowledge classification in libraries'.

The third Technical Session was started with key paper delivered by Prof. Dr. P.V. Konnur, Librarian, Bangalore University. He explained detailed information about academic library network in Bangalore university library. Mr. S.C Kumersan, Librarian BITS-Pilani, Dubai Campus and Mr. R. Sivakumar, Librarian, D. J. Academy for managerial excellence, Coimbatore were the Rapporteurs.

Ms.K.Vinitha, S.Kanthimathi and K.Darani Devi presented a paper on "Information retrieval from Web world- search techniques". Mr. O.Seshiah presented a paper on "RFID technology in libraries". Mr. Balasubramani, Suriliniathi, Arulmozhi, Jeyapriya and Uma Maheswari presented a paper on "RFID infrastructure for libraries in digital era". Mr. Suriliniathi, Balasubramani, Suganthi, Priyadharshini, and Gayathri presented a paper on "RFID-Chip card technology infrastructure for library and information centers".

Fourth Technical Session was held on the theme 'Professional Development', Mr. A. M Venkatachalam, Librarian of Jansons School of Business, Coimbatore and Mr. R.Senthil Kumar, Librarian, Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore were the Rapporteurs. Dr. S. Muralidhar presented a paper on 'Internship programme in LIS Curriculum.' Mr. Sur, Mr. A. Battacharya and K. Das presented a paper on "Skill building in digital era: new challenges in the 21st Century". Ms. Salma Khan presented a paper on 'Leaders: Styles, Activities and Skills.' Mr. S. Machendranath, Mr. B.R. Gadagin and N. Jyothi Suke presented a paper on 'Development of soft skills for library management in digital era'. Mr. V. T. R. Vijayakumar and S. Lawyed Stephen presented a paper on 'Library professionals and skill enhancement in Digital Era' Mr. S. Sridhar presented a paper on 'Role of library professional associations and Institutions: How to develop organization improvement through behavioral science interventions'. Mr. P. Saravanan and Ms. A. Lawrence Mary presented a paper on "Occupational stress among the librarian. Ms. S. Kamatchi presented a paper on 'Unique possession for

a librarian'. Mr. Radhakrishnan presented a paper on 'Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in Library and Information Science : The Changing Landscape'.

The fifth Technical Session was held on the theme "Recent trends and management techniques". This session was started with the key paper presented by Dr. Srinivasa Raghaven, NAAC, Bangalore. He narrated various best practices in library and information services by case studies and presentations. Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, Technical information Resource Centre, Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory, Kochi and Mr. A. L. Gowthaman, Tamil University Tanjore were the Rapporteurs.

Mr. L. Parisutharaj , Dr. S. Kanthimathi and A.Kaliammal presented a paper on "Becoming ISBN-13 Complaint". Mr. R. Muthusamy presented a paper on "Contract Librarianship: Ideal Vendors for Outsourcing, Subcontracting of Library Functions and Services". Mr. G. G. Sivakumar and K. Karunairaghavan presented a paper on " ICT: Wi-Fi Applications in libraries". Ms. Gayathri Sen presented a paper on "Reengineering of Library Services: Workflows, Processes". Mr. P. Renganathan presented a paper on "A Scientific way on paper conservation". Mr. M.S. Mohamed Mohideen and Dr. S. Surianarayanan presented a paper on "Total quality management in Libraries" Mr. C.H. Veeranjanyulu presented a paper on "Role on librarian in knowledge management". Mr. S.Sivaraj presented a paper on 'Resource sharing and establishing of Library Consortium among the University and its affiliated Institutions'. Ms. N. Amsaveni, J. Bhanumathi, B. Meenakshi and M.G. Rajeswari presented a paper on 'Role of E-Learning LIS Education in India: An Overview'. Ms. Chitra Rekha Kuffalikar and D. Rajyalakshmi presented a paper on 'Content Development on the Local History of Nagpur: A Model Web Page for Masses'.

Sixth Technical Session VI was on the theme 'Marketing of LIS products and Services'. Dr S. Muralidhar, Scientist 'E', Head, TIRC, CVRDE (DRDO), Chennai presented a key paper on the marketing of library and information science products and services. Ms. M. Mymoon, Technical Officer, SERC Library, Chennai and Mr. Sanjay Kataria, Japee Institute of Information Technology, Noida, New Delhi acted as the rapporteurs. Mr. K. Paulraj, Mr.P. Balasubramanian and Ms. S. Kanthimathi presented a paper on "Marketing of information products and services for libraries in India".

The seventh Technical Session was held on "E-Resources". Mr. K.P. Sadasivan, Officer-in-Charge, Library, Regional Research Laboratory (CSIR),

Trivandrum presented the key paper on Web resources and services: Redefining the LIS Domain.

Mr. P. Rajendran presented a paper on "Selective freely accessible scientific literature search tools and databases on the Web: A brief guide with annotated link". Mr. Syed Majeed Muneer presented a paper on "Importance of digital collection development". Ms. N. Kalpalatha and Ms. D. Rajeswari presented a paper on "Web based Information Resources on e-journals and e-books". Ms. Babita Grag and Mr. Salek Chand presented a paper on "Search Strategy to Access Electronic and Digital Information".

A panel discussion was conducted on the theme "Library automation in academic libraries". Prof. Dr. V.G. Talavar, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Mysore acted as the moderator. Prof. Dr. Bandi, DLIS, University of Mangalore participated in the discussion and suggested that by copying the OPAC databases of standard libraries without the accession numbers, Prof. Dr. P.V. Konnur, DLIS, University of Bangalore actively participated in the discussion and warned the elderly library professionals who have occupied as the office-bearers in various professional bodies in LIS to be active and do something or quit form the office bearer ships and give way for the young and active knowledgeable library professionals. M. Venkat, Gemini Traze RFID Pvt Ltd, Chennai participated in the panel discussion and claimed that the RFID technology played the vital role in library automation and protected the documents loss and used in circulation and stock verification.

Mr. K.P. Sadasivan, Officer-in-charge, Library, Regional Research Laboratory (CSIR), Trivandrum felt that the library automation could be effectively implemented in all the libraries if and only a national level agency/ consortium would be established for the promotion of Library automation, Ms Gayathri Sen, Librarian and Head, Central Library, PES Institute of Technology, Bangalore insisted the importance of networking of libraries and stressed the role of librarians in the library automation.

The moderator Prof. V.G. Talavar concluded the panel discussion by saying that lack of trained staff, lack of leadership, fear of new technologies and unwillingness to change, limited resources for capital investment, inability to meet recurring costs, lack of management support for modernization, lack of understanding of the value and impact of good library and information services were some of the factors seriously inhibiting the adoption of IT/ automation of library operations. During the conference the following

recommendations were made by experts and delegates. It appeals UGC and AICTE should allocate exclusive budget head for ICT, infrastructure of Library and Information Centers. It stresses to introduce a paper on Library Science Education in the curriculum of UG courses. This move will convert the teacher-centered learning into student-centered learning. The nomenclature of Library should be changed to Department of Library and Information Services. It also states that in order to improve the standard of Library Science Courses such as B.L.I.Sc and M.L.I.sc should be under the control of AICTE or National Council for Teacher Education.

Young Student Scientist Programme

Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Chennai and Muthayammal College of Arts & Science, Rasipuram jointly organized Young Student Scientists Programme for ninth standard students numbering about eighty and belonging to Dharmपुरi and Krishnagiri Districts. These students were selected on the basis of their performance in an entrance examination. The programme was conducted for a period of one month. Er.K. Gunasekaran, Director, Muthayammal Educational Institutions delivered the welcome address at the valedictory function. The Co-ordinator of the programme Dr.M. Rajasekarapandian, in his report, explained that during the 31 days of the programme, continuous and vigorous training was given to the students in the spheres of Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science, Electronics, Biotechnology, Environmental Science besides Yoga and Sports and Games. The training included lectures and hands-on practical training by College teachers as well as by invited experts. There were also demonstrations concerned with mushroom culture, Biofertilizer preparation, vermi culture, sericulture, etc.

Dr. M. Sundararajan, the Principal and Convener of the Programme, in his presidential address pointed out that India is a fertile country. It also abounds in human resource, being inhabited by 110 crore individuals. But yet, the number Nobel Prize recipients is very less. Compared to the developed nations India is very poor in the progress of Science and Technology. The students who have received good scientific training in this programme should acquire as much scientific knowledge as possible and try to become able scientists of the world.

Mr.V. Ramaswamy, Scientific Officer, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology delivered the special address. He said that the council strives to promote science among the students of school, colleges