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SALIS 2008

Mahatma Gandhi Central Library, Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore and Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) jointly organized a National Conference on *"Re-Building the Libraries: Learning from the Past and Plan for the Future"* (SALIS 2008) recently at Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore. Two hundred library professionals from all over India participated in the Conference. One Pre-conference tutorial and hands on training programme on Computer Networking Configuration and Troubleshooting was conducted. Ten key papers and forty three Conference Papers were presented. Two industrial presentations were also made. One panel discussion was held on Human Resource development in Library and Information Science.

On the occasion a Pre-conference Tutorial was conducted on *"Computer Networking configuration and Troubleshooting for Practicing Librarians"* . Dr. J. Dominic, Associate Chief Librarian, Karunya University, Coimbatore and Chairman, SALIS, Coimbatore Chapter delivered the welcome address. Dr. A. Sokkalingam, Librarian, Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Polytechnic explained about the tutorial. Dr. S. Thangasamy, Dean, Computer Science Engineering, Kumaraguru College of Technology inaugurated the Tutorial. Mr. Stephen Thangaraj, Secretary, SALIS, Coimbatore chapter proposed the vote of thanks.

Mr. A. Hariharan from SALIS, Dr. M. Tamizhchelvan, Librarian from Sri Krishna College of Engineering Technology, Coimbatore and Mr. M. Nageswara Guptha, Senior Lecturer, Computer Science Engineering from Kumaraguru College of Technology acted as Resource persons and conducted the programme. Seventy five library professionals participated and enriched their knowledge both in theory and hands on training in "Computer Networking Configuration and Troubleshooting" techniques.

In the Inaugural function Mr. M. Balasubramaniam, Correspondent, Kumaraguru College of Technology welcomed the gathering. In his welcome address, he recollected that KCT was established 25 years back with 150 acres of land and at gradually it was moving towards the University status. He mentioned that the library was one of the important and very critical entities in promoting the academic activities in the campus. Prof. M. Prasad Kumar, Professor in charge of Library, KCT gave a brief outline about the SALIS 2008 National Conference.

Arutselvar Dr. N. Mahalingam, Chairman, Sakthi Groups released the Conference proceedings and delivered the presidential address. He remembered those in olden days, when the lost knowledge was retrieved by the Saint Nammazhwar by using spiritual yoga and the very same retrieval of knowledge could be possible in the modern days with the help of ICT. He made an appeal to the Government that it should come forward to give capital grant/long term loan to self financing higher educational institutions so that they would be able to give quality and free education to the society..

Prof. S. Ravichandra Reddy, Director (Acting), NAAC, Bangalore released the Conference souvenir and delivered the inaugural address. He appreciated the organizers for their efforts in releasing the Conference Proceedings in the Conference itself. He expressed that the libraries should render the service to the students even after they completed their courses. He suggested that the libraries of the institutions which were situated in the same geographical area should be interlinked to make the resource sharing effectively. He emphasized that the role of librarians was to identify the good books and translate them in their regional languages, which could be recognized as a social relevance and the Librarians would be the backbone for those Learner- Centric approach.

Prof. Dr. K. Arumugam, Vice Chairman, KCT stressed the need for well qualified librarians to manage the present libraries more efficiently. He distributed SALIS 2008 awards to the best library professionals. Dr. Harish Chandra-Sushila Chandra Best Librarian Award (National Level) was given to Dr. Inder Vir Malhan, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Jammu, Jammu-(Tawi).

A.N.Marappan Memorial National Best Young Librarian Award was given to Ms. Lata Suresh, Manager, Library and Documentation Centre, Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur, Rajasthan. AutoLib-Tamil Nadu Best Librarian Award was given to Mr. S.S. Sivakumar, Librarian, District Central Library, Karur and AutoLib-Tamil Nadu Best Young Librarian Award was given to Mr. M. Mandhirasalam, Deputy Librarian, Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore.

Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian of IIT, Chennai delivered the Keynote address. He pointed out that Indian Librarianship was changing slowly and the libraries also had become the hub for the gateways and centres for creating the academic activities. He appealed to the librarians that they should conduct the Information Literacy programmes and change the non users as users. He also requested that they should take initiatives in e-collection building. Mr. A. Hariharan, President of SALIS narrated the role of SALIS in the field of LIS and its various activities for the professional development. Dr. Joseph V. Thanikal, Principal, KCT and Dr. S. Sadasivam, Dean (Academic), KCT felicitated the function. Mr. M. Mandhirasalam, Organising Secretary & Deputy Librarian, KCT delivered the vote of thanks.

The Technical Sessions were held under the able guidance of Dr.Harish Chandra, Librarian, IIT-Madras who served as the Conference Director and Dr. S. Srinivasa Raghavan, Librarian and Head, DLIS, Bharathidasan University, Trichirappalli who served as the Conference Joint Director. Dr.S. Surianarayanan, Selection Grade Librarian, Sri Paramakalyani College of Alwarkurichi served as the Rapporteuor General and Dr. J. Dominic, Librarian, Karuniya University acted as the Associate Rapporteuor General.

The first technical session was held on the theme Web Based Library Services. Dr M. Tamizhchelvan, Librarian, Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore and Mr. S. Sivaraj, Head, Learning Resource Centre, Bannariamman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam served as the Rapporteurs. Dr. S. Srinivasa Raghavan, Librarian and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichy delivered Talk on Invisible Web. He narrated various web sites containing enormous open source web resources available on net.

In this session, Dr. R. Balasubramani presented a paper on 'Webpage design for Kumaraguru College of Technology Central Library: A Practical Approach' which revealed designing and structure of a good web page and it also described the home page of KCT and its various important features.

Prabu R, Jayanthi P and Kokila C presented a paper on RSS- A new communication tool for libraries, which described the Rich Site Summary (RSS), its feed structure, different types of readers, method of reading RSS feed, its advantages and its current library applications.

Senthilvelan M presented a paper on 'Web based library services: Ontology, which described ontology and its attributes, relationships, domains and upper limits. Ketheeswaran S, Rosaline Mary A and Viswanath B presented a paper on Evaluation of Web Search Engines: A comparative study, which revealed various search engines Altavista, Excite and Lycos and evaluated them with various performance parameters.

Gnana Bharathi D, Aravazhi N, Johnson C and Samidass G presented a paper on 'Web of Science: Search engine for Research on Science and Technology: An introduction', which narrated how to use the search engines for research on S&T by using logical operators and various wild cards.

Nithya S, Srinivasa Ragavan S (Dr), Surulinathi M and Gopinath A presented a paper on 'Web based services @ Bharathidasan University Library: A Pilot Study', which gave an outline of various services such as subject gateway, bibliographic and full text data bases, Web OPAC, IRS, Live Chat etc rendered in Bharathidasan University library, Trichy. Raghuram, M and Somasundaram, N presented a paper on 'Library Classification and Ontology', which described a comparative study of library classification and ontology.

The second technical session was held on the theme Digital Library Initiatives. Dr. R. Balasubramani, Deputy Librarian, Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore and Mr. A. Esakki, Librarian, District Library Office, Tirunelveli served as the Rapporteurs. K Nithyanandam, Special Officer, Anna University, Chennai delivered a invited talk on Digital Initiatives in Libraries. He narrated various digital initiatives that had been taken and facilities provided at Anna University Library.

Ms Latha Suresh, Manager, Library and Documentation Centre, IHMR, Jaipur, Rajasthan delivered an invited talk on Creative and Innovative Library Services. She explained various creative and innovative library services which could be provided by the librarians to the user community. Tamizhchelvan M (Dr.) presented a paper on RDA: Resource Description and Access: An overview, which explained the new technology RDA, a new international cataloguing code based on AACR to be published in late 2009. It also compared the AACR2 and RDA.

Subramanian C presented a paper on Digital Library: Past and Future. This paper explained the goals, current development in OAI works, key components and future directions of digital libraries. Surulinathi M, Ranganathan C and Jayaprakash B presented a paper on Building e- book collection in

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Bharathidasan University Library using Greenstone Digital Library Software. It explained the collection building and accessing the important e-book collection in Bharathidasan University Library using the digital library software Greenstone. Harineeswaran V presented a paper on *Digital Libraries and Electronic Publishing Today* which explained the Myopic view of DL, Its collection and access, Research and Development in DL etc.

Tamilvani S, Vasanthi R and Ablilash S presented a paper on *Applications and example of digital libraries: A study,* which listed various applications of digital libraries and explained them elaborately with examples. Muthukumar A and Kavitha S presented a paper on *Information retrieval from digital libraries using text mining.* It revealed the details of literature survey, extraction of key terms and stop term. It also narrated the text segmentation and indexing and retrieval and ordering terms.

The third technical session was started with the Invited talk delivered by Mr. B. Anbu Thambi, DGM, Everonn Systems India Ltd, Chennai on *Impact of e-Learning in Current Educational Scenario.* He narrated how the e-Learning has occupied the key place in the current educational scenario and the various foreign educational institutions landed on our land with the help of ICT conducted various educational programmes through e- learning.

Mr. N. Murugesan, Librarian, Angel College of Engineering & Technology, Tiruppur and Mr. K. Karuppasamy, Librarian, Sri Eswar College of Engineering, Coimbatore served as the Rapporteurs. Various papers were presented on the theme of *E-Learning.*

Kaushal K Giri presented a paper on *Designing a subject gateway for e-learning.* It revealed features, tools, modules design of e-learning and tools, content management system, mambo and architecture of subject gateways. Yogendar Gupta V and Jaya Prasad, K presented a paper on *E-learning and teaching tools and techniques in library and information science.* It described the characteristics, components and various types of e-learning. It also explained different tools used in e- learning and its initiatives taken in India.

Senthilnathan V, Gopal S, Ganesan S and Mandhirasalam M presented a paper on *Novel open source e-learning methods for Physics theory and laboratory teaching,* which revealed the advantage of using the flash software and various teaching aids and

practical experiments available on web as the open source resources in Physics. Alageswaran R and Gopalakrishnan S V presented a paper on *Web based online courses: A survey,* which made a sincere attempt to explain about the online courses and its issues for better understanding. It also compared the web based training with the computer based training. Sridevi T R, Nithyanandam K (Dr) and Sridhara presented a paper on *Current trends in e-learning practices and challenges in Engineering colleges in Bangalore* which was the working paper collected data through survey method and it explained various limitations in e-learning observed in colleges in Bangalore and suggested remedies for overcoming the challenges. Rajan V R presented a paper on *E-learning: A boon for distant learners,* in which he discussed the concept and meaning of e-learning, Its use and significance, advantages, disadvantages, e-learning websites and future of e-learning. Mary Cleode L, Annalakshmi J and Jayaraman C presented a paper on *Courseware in the context of e- Learning: A study,* in which they have analysed various courseware such as MIT open courseware, Free open courseware directory and KFUPM open courseware etc. available on Internet. Ahila, M presented a paper on *E-learning,* which described the features, types, delivery methods of e-learning. It also narrated the challenges, advantages and disadvantages of e- learning.

The fourth Technical session was held on the theme *Networking and Resource Sharing.* Mr. N. Subramaniayan, Assistant Librarian, Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore and Mr. U. S. Jadhav, Assistant Librarian, Veterinary Animal & Fishery Sciences University, Bidar, Karnataka were served as the Rapporteurs. Prof. Regupathy Subramaniam, Dean & Head, Department of EEE, Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore delivered an invited talk on *Role of computer network in Knowledge Enhancement.* The lecture mixed with his vast experience gave wonderful information to the library professionals. Muthuraj R, Natarajan S, Kamalanathan K and Vinitha K presented a paper on *Networking and Resource Sharing.* It narrated the aims and objectives, types of networks and their uses. It also explained various library networks like INFLIBNET, TELNET and DELNET and their resource sharing technology. Ramesh S and Raj Santan presented a paper on *INFLIBNET: Networking of Institutions with e-Resources and empowered Professionals,* which revealed the details of various training programmes and workshops conducted by

INFLIBNET. It outlined the UGC-INFONET project and CALIBER for empowering library professionals.

The fifth technical session emphasized on the theme *Modern Library Management*. The rapporteurs of fourth session were continued as rapporteurs also for this session. Dr. S. Muralidhar, Scientist E, Head, TIRC, CVRDE, Chennai delivered an invited talk on *Modern Library Management Practices*. His talk narrated the importance of effective usage of power point technology and gaining knowledge about patent rights, IPR related issues and preparation of project proposals. Dr. C. Natesan, Professor-Finance, Jansons School of Business, Coimbatore delivered an invited talk on *Budgeting: Its role in Library Management*. He narrated various components and essential features of budgeting and its important role in the library management. He derived suitable models for various levels of libraries. Dr. S. Muralidhar also presented a paper on *Competencies envisioned for Information Professionals*, which revealed the changing role of Information Professionals and their competency. It also listed the current developments which influenced the Information Professionals. It also explained the various skills required for Information Professionals and the current areas in which they had to acquire their skills. Latha suresh presented a paper on *Value addition to the library profession: My experiences*, in which she listed various expectations of Management from the Librarian, expectations from the Patrons and expectations of Librarians from the Management etc. Muniyasamy, M presented a paper on *Library Management Skills*, in which he emphasized different managerial models suited for library professionals to function as effective managers. Jasmin S and Anitha A presented a paper on *TQM: The Underpinning Model to achieve customer satisfaction*. They explained the principles of TQM, various skills needed for TQM, its benefits and barriers. Panneerslvam, P presented a paper on *Organisational Behaviour in Libraries*, which narrated the concept of OB, organizational climate and its variables. It also narrated various schools of thoughts and their implications on Library Management.

The sixth technical session was carried out on the theme *Application of ICT in Library and Information Centres*. Mr. B Sivakumar, Head, Learning Resource Centre, PSGIM, Coimbatore and Mr. N. Somasundaram, Scientist, Heavy Water Plant, Tutikorin served as the Rapporteurs. Prof. R. Palanisamy, Professor of Quantitative Techniques, Jansons School of Business, Coimbatore delivered an invited talk on *Application of Statistical tools in LIS Research*, in which he highlighted various statistical tools and their applications in Library and Information Science Research. This lecture impressed most of LIS professionals who have involved in active research. Mr. L. Parisutharaj, Librarian, NIT, Trichy delivered an invited talk on *Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services: A case study of NITT Library*. It showed his practical involvement and a vast experience in these services. Venkatachalam A M, Palanisamy R (Prof) and Mandhirasalam M presented a paper on *Application of Statistical tools in Library and Information Science Research*, in which they listed various statistical tools correlation, regression, rank correlation, trend analysis and several parametric and non parametric tests. They displayed a questionnaire and explained how to identify the suitable statistical tool for each question.

Sivakumar B presented a paper on *Need for Marketing of Library and Information Services: PSG LRC Experiences-A case study*, which revealed the marketing principles applied to library and strategic planning for LIS marketing, need of information marketing by libraries in India and various information marketing provided in PSGIM LRC. Anjali K Nair, Ambili K R and Amrutha T G presented a paper on *Knowledge sharing in the context of Knowledge Management in Digital Environment*. It explained the concept and SECI Model for Knowledge Sharing. It listed various knowledge sharing tools. Karuppasamy P and Periasamy R presented a paper on *Innovative method of Stock Verification*, which identified a stock verification method implemented with the help of ICT. Murugan M presented a paper on *Intellectual Property Rights and some Issues*, in which he stressed the need for protecting the Rights of the Intellectual Properties and explained various sections of IPRs. It also outlined the IPR in India and various issues on IPRs. Esakki A and Bagavathi Senthiel Murugan N presented a paper on *Modernisation of Public Library Services in Tamilnadu*, which highlighted the areas of computer application and effects of Library modernization. It also explained different works which were eligible for receiving the fund and different criteria which could be included in the project for getting the grant. Jadhav U S and Parashuram S Kattimani presented a paper on *Application of Information Technology for upgradation of Libraries*, which explained the components and advantages of IT in Libraries. It also listed possible areas of IT applications in libraries and codified the problems and suggestions for application of IT in Libraries.

The seventh technical session highlighted *User Studies and Education*. Mr. A. M. Venkatachalam,

Librarian, Jansons School of Business, Coimbatore and Mr. M. Surulinathi, Assistant Librarian, Bharathidasan University, Trichy served as the Rapporteurs. Dr. M. Nagarajan, Prof. & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Annamalai University, Chidambaram delivered an invited talk on *User Studies and Education*. He stressed the importance of library user education and it should be included in the school and college levels as in Australia. He also suggested that one paper on *user studies and education* should be included in the curriculum both in schools and colleges in Tamilnadu.

Jalaja V (Dr) and Sasi P K presented a paper on *Information Literacy Programme through Village Information Centres in Kerala,* in which they revealed that different programmes of VICs helped the overall development of the users and as those centres were mostly used by women, they suggested that those centres could be act as the women empowerment centres.

Jecintha Ruby K and Amalraj S presented a paper on *Rephrasing the User Education*. This paper narrated various Information Literacy competencies and different user education methods and techniques. Dhasnalakshmi G presented two papers on *Reading Habits: Measures for Improvement* and *Reading Habits: Value of Reading and the Role of Libraries,* in which she narrated some of the models followed in U.K to develop reading habit among users at Government and Information agencies. She also listed various methods adopted to develop and promote reading in her institution.

Vannamuthu N S, Surianarayanan S (Dr) and Somasundaram S presented two papers on *Library Utilisation behaviour of Agricultural Students* and *Time Utilisation behaviour of Agricultural Students,* in which they suggested that more number of International journals shall be subscribed and the multiple copies of text books shall be added. They also suggested that the male students should be motivated to utilize the library for more hours. Jayapriya T presented a paper on *User Education: Orientation methods and Techniques* in which she stressed that the user orientation programme and Bibliographic guidance Programme support each individual's ability to use research information resources effectively. Sundararajan S G presented a paper on *Analysis of Engineering College Students' Information needs through e- Resources* which revealed that regarding academic information, the students give more importance to the resources for students project work and paper presentation in conferences and in non academic information, they need resources more on TOFEL, GRE, GATE, IELTS examinations.

The Everonn Systems India Ltd. Chennai gave an industrial presentation on their products which would be of much use in e- learning in current educational scenario. *The Modular Technologies India Private Ltd. Chennai,* gave an Industrial presentation of their products includes Smart Card based solutions for Library, Banking, Finance, Insurance card, University Multipurpose Smart Card with RFID, Access control etc.

A panel discussion was held on *Human Resource development in Library and Information Science*. Dr. Harish Chandra acted as a moderator and conducted the panel discussion. The other panel members spoke difference aspects of HRD in LIS. Mr. L. Parisutharaj, Librarian, NIT, Trichy spoke on '*ICT Skills*', Dr. Srinivasa Raghavan, Librarian and Head, DLIS, Bharathidhasan Unviersity spoke on '*Enhancing the quality of existing library professionals*', Prof. M. Nagarjan, Head, DLIS, Annamalai University, Chidambaram spoke on '*Curriculum development to suit to the present day librarians*', Dr. A. Ganesan Librarian and Head, DLIS, Shri Pushpam College, Poondi spoke on '*Librarian as a facilitator*'. Dr. S. Muralidhar, Scientist, Head, TIRC, CVRDE, Chennai spoke on '*What management expects from a Librarian to manage the present day modern libraries*' and Mr. S. Swaminathan, Librairan, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalaya College of Education, Coimbatore spoke on '*Manpower Policy*'. The participants took active involvement and interacted with the panelist on various aspects of HRD.

In the valedictory function Mr. A. Hariharan, President, SALIS welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Surianarayanan, Rapporteur General and Vice President of SALIS presented the Conference Report. Dr. D. Murlidhar read out the resolutions passed in the Conference, viz:

- Request the Government of Tamil Nadu to fill up all the existing vacancies in School Libraries with qualified library professionals in order to inculcate the reading habit in school children to make them well informed citizens.

- Request the Government of Tamil Nadu to fill up all the existing vacancies in Public Libraries with qualified library professionals and also to upgrade their salaries compared to library professionals of

academic libraries.

- Request the Director of Collegiate Education, Government of Tamilnadu to include "Library and Information Science" as a subject under CBCS.

- Request the AICTE to send appropriate instructions to adhere to all its orders/circulars to Engineering Colleges under its control, to consider the Librarian as Teaching Faculty and to extend benefits of the latest G.O (Career Advancement scheme on par with teaching staff working in Arts & Science Colleges) of Rs.14040/- and the retire enhancement from the age 60 to 62 to all AICTE approved institutions.

- Government should provide appropriate funds to all self-financing colleges to provide free college education.

- Interlink libraries of all higher education institutions of a particular geographical region for the purpose of sharing resources amongst them.

- Request the UGC to re-designate the College Librarian as Lecturer-in-Library and Information Science.

- Roman script can be used as a medium to read all Indian languages as in vogue in Indian army for Hindi language.

- NAAC is requested to increase the marks for Libraries in its evaluation process, which will improve the quality of libraries.

- Continuous training and education is needed for librarians working in academic institutions to cope with the new developments in the ICT era. Therefore, NAAC and UGC should emphasis continuous training programmes for the Librarians.

Dr. A. Selvakumar, Joint Correspondent, KCT delivered the presidential address. In which he advised the library professionals that they have to transform themselves for facing the challenges in the modern ICT era. He emphasized the need for librarians to act as resources themselves. Dr. Joseph V. Thanikal, Principal, KCT distributed the awards to the best paper winners.

Shri N.P.K.Memorial Best Paper Award for LIS Professionals (First Prize) was presented to Jadhav U S, Assistant Librarian, Veterinary College, Bidar, Karnataka for his paper *Application of Information Technology for Upgradation of Libraries.* Shri N.P.K.Memorial Best Paper Award for LIS Professionals (Second Prize) was presented to Ms. T.R. Sridevi, Librarian, M S Ramaiah School of Advanced Studies, Bangalore for her paper *Current trends in e-learning practices and challenges in Engineering Colleges in Bangalore.*

Shri S. Rajunaidu Memorial Best Paper Award for LIS Students (First Prize) was presented to Mr. R. Prabu, Ph. D. Research Scholar, DLIS, Bharathidasan University, Trichy for his paper *RSS- A new communicant tool for libraries.* Shri S. Rajunaidu Memorial Best Paper Award for LIS Students (Second Prize) was presented to Ms. S. Nithya, Student, DLIS, Bharathidhasan Univeristy, Trichy for her paper *Web based services @ Bharathidasan University Library: A pilot study.* Dr. S. Srinivasa Ragavan, Librarian & Head, DLIS, Bharathidasan Univesity, Trichy delivered a special talk on '*Future of LIS*'. Dr. K. Kulandaivel, Former Chancellor of Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore and Advisor, KCT delivered the Valedictory address In his speech he pointed out that education must be library centered. Mr. L. Parisutharaj, General Secretary, SALIS proposed a vote of thanks.

Seminar on Globalisation

Humanities and Commerce Departments of St. Mary's College, Shirva organized a Seminar on the theme 'Globalization vis-a-vis Future India' recently. It was inaugurated by Dr. Muzaffar H. Assadi, Head of the Department of Political Science, Mysore University. In his keynote address he stated that though the term 'globalization' is in vogue since long it is a vexed term to define as what is to be included under it is a matter of debate even to this day. However, roughly it can be termed as a process that transcends the boundaries of hitherto called nation through trade flow, capital flow, information flow, knowledge flow, ideology flow etc. including the growth of transnational institutions. He further stated that it is a multi-dimensional phenomenon involving multifarious activities and interactions relating to economic, technological, political, social, cultural and environmental aspects exercising their positive and negative impact of varying degree depending on the level of development of nations. Delving on the subject in detail, he did a down-to-earth postmortem of various related aspects and issues and gave a call to all present to acquire and assimilate more knowledge to face the challenges posed by it, look for opportunities, convert them into strengths and reap the benefits out of it as some sectors of the Indian economy currently do. In all 190 delegates including lecturers from colleges coming under Mangalore University region participated in the Seminar.

Prof. Robert Jose, Principal, Sacred Heart College, Madanthyar, while presenting his views on