

Bhakthavatsala Bharathi the Director of PILC, and Dr. Sampath, Dr. Silambu N Selvaraasu, Associate Professors of PILC, Mrs. Anandhi, Principal of Vivekananda College of Education, Lawspet, Puduchery and Prof. T Parasuraman of PILC and staffs of NTS-I namely Dr. V Ilangovan, Dr. P T Kingston and N Murali Mohan were present.

SALIS 2011

National Conference on Networking of Libraries, Resources, Technologies and Users in the Knowledge Society

A three-day National Conference on Networking of Libraries, Resources, Technologies and Users in the Knowledge Society was jointly organized by Central Library, National Engineering College, Kovilpatti and Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS), recently.

Pre-conference tutorial was conducted on "Social Networking Tools" on October 13, 2011. Dr. S Tamil Selvi, Convener delivered the welcome address. Dr. S Surianayanan President, SALIS explained about the tutorial Dr. A Esski - Proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Jerart Julius, Lecturer / Department of Information Technology, National Engineering College, Kovilpatti, Dr. M Tamizchelvan, Deputy Librarian, Gandhi Gramam Rural University, and Dr. R Balasubramani, Assistant Librarian, Bharathidasan University acted as Resource persons and conducted the pre conference tutorial session. Sixty library professionals participated and enriched their knowledge both in theory and hands on training in Social Networking Tools.

In the inaugural session of the Conference Dr. P Subburaj, Principal, NEC welcomed the gathering, Dr. S Tamil Selvi, Convener, described about the Conference, Dr. Kn. K S K Chockalingam, Director, NEC delivered the Presidential address, Dr. S Suryanarayanan, President, SALIS explained the activities of the SALIS, Dr. S. Ally Sornam, Head and Associate Professor, DLIS, Bishop Heber College gave the Special address on Knowledge and Attitude, Dr. M S Palanisamy, Vice Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Technical Education, delivered the inaugural address and explained the paradigm shift happening in the Library and Information society. Thiru K R Arunachalam, Member, Managing Committee, NEC has released the conference proceedings, souvenir and CD. The following SALIS awards were distributed by the chief guest.

The technical Sessions were held under the guidance of Dr. S Surianarayanan, President, SALIS,

Librarian, Sri Paramakalyani College of Alwarkurichi who served as the Conference Director and Dr. J. Dominic, Chief Librarian, Karunya University, Coimbatore served as the Rapporteur General and Dr. C Martin Arockiasamy, Librarian, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai served as a Associate Rapporteur General.

Dr. K Chinnasamy, Prof. and Head, DLIS, Madurai Kamaraj University served as a Chairman of first technical session on the sub-theme Modern Library and Information Management and Invited talk was delivered by Dr. S Ally Sornam on Capacity Building. A number of scholars delivered their thought on various theme which include C Manjula on Branding: Need for library and Information Centre, C G Sivakumar: Marketing Library Services through Social Networks, S Subhashini: Marketing in Library and Information Centers to retain the customer in closed environment, S Kanmani: Library Management software with special reference information system and P Elavarasi: Customer relationship management with reference to special libraries.

A parallel technical session on Library Education, Research, Service and User Study was organized in which Dr. A Thirumagal presented his view on Scientometric Analysis of the Scientific publications of Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, Tirunelveli, Dr. J Dominic on Information use pattern by the library users of Karunya University: A sample study, T. Raja on Awareness of Internet usage by the Rural Area Engineering College Student with special Reference to J.P.College of Engineering: A study, Dr. A Lawrence Mary on A case study on Non-users of TDMS College Library.

The third technical session was based on the theme Networking, Resource Sharing and Information Literacy. Dr. A Lawrence Mary, Librarian, TDMNS College, T Kallikulam served as a Chairman of the session and invited talk was delivered by Dr. A Ganeshan, Head DLIS and Librarian, AVVM Sri Pushpan College, Poondi on Information Literacy. Scholarly work were presented by M Veerachamy on Social Networks in N P R Library and Information Centre, B Vijayalakshmi on Open Source Software - Library Implications, P Selvamariammal on Connecting Tools BLOG: Resources Sharing among libraries, Dr. A Esakki on Automation and Networking in Public Libraries in Tamil Nadu: Problems and Prospects, Joselyn on Subject Gateway for Management in Bharathidasan University Library, Dr. P Saravanan on Attitude of the

faculty of arts and science college towards e-Resources and services, T N M Tharinni Mai on Information Literacy, LIS Education and Human Resources Management, and D Kanimozhi on Information Literacy in Higher Education in India.

The sub- theme for the fourth technical session was Digital Library Initiatives. Dr. A Tirumagal, Librarian, M S University, Tirunelveli served as a Chairman of the session and Invited talk was given by Dr. S Srinivasaragavan, Head, DLIS & Librarian, Bharathidasan University, Trichy on Knowledge and Networks. Papers were presented by M Kavitha: Assessing of institutional repositories: A study, Dr. N Meyyappan: Digital Library of patents, Dr. P Vijayakumar: Using Dspace software in India: a study, R Akila: A necessity of digital preservation in repository centers –An Overview, G. Vaishnavi: A Model for remote access library resources.

Mr. B. Jayaprakash Assistant Librarian, Bharathidasan University, Trichy served as a Chairman of for the fifth technical session, papers were presented by S. Radhakrishnan: Cloud computing: Opportunities and Challenges in Libraries, A. Umera Banu: e-Learning Environment, K. Murugan: Use and Application of Information and communication Technology by the Academic library professionals, Oware Henrietta: Web links for evaluation of library websites, Dr.R.Balasubramani: Federated Search Service @ Bharathidasan University Library, J.Manikandan: Designing and Hosting of Library website using open source, B.Jayaprakash: Open Source Reference Management tools: a special reference to Mendeley.

Similarly, talk was also delivered on the sub-theme e – Resources in which various scholars shared their view on different aspect of the topic which include, A study on usage of Electronic journals in Mepco Engineering College and Kamaraj Engineering College libraries: a comparative study, Use of e-Resources through UGC-Infonet consortium a Boon to Academic libraries, Use of Information sources by M Phil research scholars Bishop Heber College Library, Trichy and An e-learning library consortium for college and universities to access e-resources.

In the Valedictory session welcome address was delivered by Dr. V Vijayarangan, Prof. and Head ECE, and the Conference report was read by Dr. J Dominic, Chief Librarian, Karunya University, Coimbatore. The best papers were awarded to the following participants by Dr. S Muralidhar, Scientist 'F', CVRDE, Chennai. Dr. S Surianarayanan, President SALIS thanked the

management and the delegates for their full support to conduct the conference, Dr. S Muralidhar delivered the valedictory address and expressed the importance of the technology in libraries, Dr. C Martin Arockiasamy, proposed the vote of thanks.

National Seminar on Quality Teacher Education-Problems and Issues

A two day National Seminar on Quality Teacher Education-Problems and Issues was organized by Krishma Post Graduate College of Education, Dadour, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh on the sub-themes like admission procedure, curriculum planning and its procedure of transaction, evaluation System, public private partnership in teacher education, recognition and accreditation of teacher education institutions, practice teaching in teacher education, innovative practices in teacher education, integration of ICT in teacher education, research perspectives in teacher education, and teachers accountability and value degradation in teacher education. Prof. Emeritus, Ex-Dean academic affairs and Head Department of Education, H.P. University, Shimla, Dr. Kulwinder Singh, Ex-Chairman Punjabi University, Patiala, President, Council for Teacher Education (CTE), Punjab and Chandigarh, Dr. Amarendra Prasad Behera, Associate Professor & Head, Training Division, CIET, NCERT, New Delhi were the resource persons on the occasion.

Dr S Pany, Principal of the College welcomed all the resource persons and delegates and highlighted the status of teacher education in India with reference to various challenges and problems faced by it. He stressed that the teacher educators need to develop a proper vision among themselves concerning the recent changes in teacher education in view of the Right to Education Bill, NCFTE-2009 and Knowledge Commission Report otherwise they can't train teachers for the future generation.

Prof. Lokesh Koul inaugurated the Seminar and delivered the keynote address. In his keynote address he highlighted that the teacher education programme in the country is expected to undergo substantial changes in view of the right to education bill, the National Curricular Framework-2005 and the National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education (NCFTE) 2009. He highlighted the need of internship programme in Teacher Education and stressed upon making the Teacher Education Programme of two years duration. Prof. Koul discussed about the indicators of quality teacher education and stressed the need for orienting the teacher