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Message from the President

Dear Chapter Members,

Greetings to you all!

I am pleased to present the second issue of the Asian Chapter News which covers the important professional news, developments & activities that have taken place since last reporting and also the forthcoming events. Infact I again wish to appreciate the sincere efforts of the Editorial Board headed by Dr. R.K. Sharma and well assisted by Dr. Nabi Hasan that the Issue could be released well in time. I am also grateful to other members who contributed meaningfully to the Editorial process on their own and on our request.

I wish to congratulate the SLA Asian Chapter Award 2012 Winners; "SLA Early Career Award 2012" to Joseph M.Yap and "SLA Asian Professional Award" to Lata Suresh.

We had a very successful SLA 2012 Annual Conference and Info-Expo during July 15-18, 2012 at Chicago where two of our chapter members were presented with their respective awards and they have also shared their motivating experiences of attending the same through this issue of the Newsletter. Ms. Kyoko Sato, the Immediate Past President & 2012 Director and Chair, Awards Committee of the Chapter also helped in compiling lot of important information for this issue. It is also pleasing to see that a number of our members have got recognitions at International level during the period.

As you are already aware that The Third International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL-III) is scheduled to be held during April 10-12, 2013 in Pasay City, Philippines; I request all the members to contribute papers for the event and plan in advance to participate in the same and make it very successful.

In 2010, the Board aimed at some specific objectives for further improvement which include; "More Communication", "More Membership Strategies", and "Better Action for Mandatory Activities in the Chapter". We have already made good progress, and the timely release of the second issue of this newsletter is one of the reflections of our commitment towards fulfilling the objective "More Communication". A seminar under the aegis of SLA Asian Chapter was also organized on "Competitive Intelligence" at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai on May 25, 2012.

In the coming months, Asian Chapter is proposing to hold good number of events for the benefit of the members and the LIS community. The Chapter Board requests members to bring in more and more new professionals to SLA fold, so that we can together strive for a better and modern librarianship and keep ourselves updated & prove to be more relevant at our respective workplaces.

Please feel free to join our activities and send your feedback to us. We want to hear your opinions as we value your suggestions and comments. I invite you all to regularly visit the Chapter website at: http://units.sla.org/chapter/cas and subscribe to our listserve e-mail at: cas@sla.lyris.net. Of course I can directly be reached by my mail at: hchandra@iitm.ac.in.

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News

SLA Asian Chapter Award 2012 Winners

1. Winner of "SLA Early Career Award 2012" sponsored by B& F Division and Asian Chapter -Joseph M.Yap (Philippines, De La Salle University).

2. Winner of "SLA Asian Professional Award" sponsored by Balani Infotech Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi - Lata Suresh (India, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs)

3. Winner of "PHTD-Asian Chapter SLA Award 2012" sponsored by Wolters Kluwer Health/Ovid - No winner

These awards were presented at the SLA Annual Conference in Chicago during 15-18 July, 2012

Kyoko Sato, 2012 Director & Award Chair, Asian Chapter, Special Libraries Association (SLA)

National Mission on Libraries, India

The Govt. of India has set up the National Mission on Libraries. The Gazette Notification containing the composition of the Mission and its terms of reference has been issued on April 5, 2012. Prof Deepak Pental, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi is the Chairman of the Mission. The Mission will take up certain developmental projects in the library sector and also National Census of Libraries; Modernisation including Networking of Libraries; establishing Knowledge Centres and Digital Libraries, etc. The Working Groups are being set up for this purpose. The following is the composition, terms of reference and other modalities:

Composition

(i) Prof. Deepak Pental, Chairman

(ii) Mr. B.S. Baswan, Member

(iii) Dr. Sanjiv Misra, Member

(iv) Dr. H.K. Kaul, Member

(v) Prof. A.R.D. Prasad, Member

(vi) Prof. Subbiah Arunachalam, Member

(vii) Mrs. Sudha Murty, Member

(viii) One of the Trustees of Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Member

(ix) Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Min. of HRD, Member (Ex-Officio)

(x) Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Member - Convener

Terms of Reference

a) Advising the Government of India on all library and information sector matters of national importance.

b) Preparing long term plans and strategies for development of the library sector, including conceptualization and approval of projects and preparation of a "National policy on Library and Information Systems for India".

c) Interacting with State Governments on all library matters, especially on public library matters.

d) Setting standards, including quality standards, for library collections, services, technical work and infrastructure, and devising in-built mechanisms to ensure compliance for all types of libraries.

e) Encouraging and promoting partnership with corporate sector, philanthropic organizations, as well as bilateral and international agencies in the development of the library and information sector.

f) Reviewing and assessing current status of library and information service education and in-service training facilities, and working with agencies such as the UGC and universities to address the identified issues.

g) Coordinating with stakeholder Ministries such as the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Information Technology, Department of Panchayati Raj, etc., to ensure effective implementation of the NKC recommendations and management of the post-implementation scenario.

h) Coordination with other national stakeholders of the library and information sector, such as the University Grants Commission (UGC), the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR), Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) and so on, to ensure effective implementation of the recommendations and management of the post-implementation scenario.

i) Collaborating with counterpart agencies in other countries to explore areas for cooperation which will lead to strengthening of India's library and information sector.

j) Securing public support through advocacy and media by providing evidence of delivery, usage, outcomes and impact.

k) Helping State Governments (that do not yet have library legislation) in formulating State Library Acts.

The mission will operate from Raja Rammohun Ray Library Foundation as the nodal agency for administrative, logistic, planning and budgeting purposes (http://knowledgecommission.gov.in/).

IFLA Communicator of the Year Award 2012

IFLA established the "IFLA Communicator of the Year Award" as a follow-up to the IFLA Newsletter of the Year Award. This award focuses on IFLA activities of any

communicator of any IFLA group. It is important to note that the award is not to be perceived as a personal reward. The communicator awarded will have to be strongly affiliated with identifiable units of the organizational structure of IFLA and s/he will receive the award to highlight the achievements within the professional context. The first Award was presented during the IFLA Congress in 2011 and was assigned to Sebastian Wilke and Dierk Eichel, Convener and Information Coordinator of the IFLA New Professionals SIG. (Details at: http://www.ifla.org/en/news/ifla-communicator-of-the-year-award-2012-call-for-nominations)

EVENTS HELD

2012

SLA-Asian Chapter President's Key Note Address on "Librarian's Day"

Chapter President Dr. Harish Chandra during the function

On Librarian's Day, Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian, IIT Madras and President, SLA-Asian Chapter delivered the keynote address in a Seminar"Quality Services in the 21st Century Libraries" organized by the University Library and the Department of Library and Information of Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu on August 10, 2012. Dr. Harish Chandra spoke on the need and importance of the ICT based services in the library and explained the facilities available in the Central Library, IITM. He also pointed out the role and responsibilities of library professionals in providing quality services.On this occasion, Dr. S. Sudarshan, Librarian, Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore in his address highlighted the historical importance of Saraswathi Mahal Library and its role in converting the ancient manuscripts into microfilm format. Prof.(Dr.)K.Muthuchelian, Vice-Chancellor of Periyar University inaugurated the programme and gave presidential address. He also unveiled the Portrait of Dr.S.R.Ranganathan. More than 200 library professionals participated and benefited through this programme.

Workshop on DSpace and Koha at Pune University

Department of Library and Information Science and Jayakar Library, University of Pune jointly organized one week duration workshop on DSpace and Koha from July 30 to August 4, 2012. Areas covered in the workshop include; IR, DL, DSpace, Koha, Linux, Installation through Live CD, Administration Workflow of DSpace and Koha Customization with Hands on Training. There were 25 participants and Dr. N.J. Deshpande was the Coordinator of the event.

K-Society 2012

National Conference on "Creating Digital Library in Globalised E-Society (K-Society 2012) was held on July 28, 2012 at Indian Social Studies (ISS), New Delhi. It was organized by the Society for Information Research & Studies (SIRs).

Workshop on Development of Institutional Repository using DSpace at JNU

Prof. S.K. Sopory, Vice-Chancellor, JNU in his inaugural address alongwith the Workshop Director, Dr. Ramesh Gaur

The JNU Central Library in association with the INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmadabad organized the five-day "Workshop on Development of Institutional Repository using DSpace with Special Reference to Creation of ETD Archive" during July 23-27, 2012. Professor S.K. Sopory, Vice-Chancellor of JNU in his inaugural address stressed the importance of having an institutional repository as JNU as it is actively seeking international collaborations in the frontiers of knowledge and institutional repository can increase international visibility and availability of research literature originated from JNU. In this workshop, seven sessions were devoted for learning practical and theoretical aspects of Linux operating system. Professor A.R.D. Prasad of DRTC, Bengaluru was the main resource person for providing hands-on training in DSpace software. A special session was devoted to open discussions which provided a platform and a unique opportunity to share experiences and discuss best practices in building institutional repositories and creating ETD archives. Forty professionals from different parts of the country participated in the workshop. Dr. Ramesh Gaur, Librarian, JNU was the Workshop Director.

International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (ICIKM-2012)

International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (ICIKM-2012) was held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during July 24-26, 2012. The objective of ICIKM 2012 was to provide a platform for researchers, engineers, academicians as well as industrial professionals from all over the world to present their research results and development activities in Information and Knowledge Management. The conference was organized by the International Association of Computer Science and Information Technology (IACSIT) (Details at - http://www.icikm.org).

SLA 2012 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO, Chicago

The SLA 2012 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO was held in Chicago on July 15-18, 2012 with 3,473 information professionals and representatives of SLA's exhibiting partners attending the event. The INFO-EXPO featured 207 companies showcasing their latest offerings. Mr. Guy Kawasaki, the keynote speaker of opening ceremony "Sunday General Session and Awards Presentation", who was the chief evangelist of Apple Computer Inc., delivered very impressive lecture to librarians/information professionals ——"Top10 Tips for Enchanting Your Stakeholders". There were more than 200 productive sessions such as information professionals' varied roles, management skills, and leadership etc.

The Asian Chapter Meeting & Award Ceremony was held on Monday, July 16, 2012. There were few participants but Ms. Lachance, SLA CEO, and Mr. Mai, SLA President attended to congratulate winners of Asian Chapter Awards together with all sponsor representatives for the Asian Chapter Awards. Two winners received the award certificates and they expressed their deepest gratitude. Regarding the "2012 PHTD-Asian Chapter Professional Award", there was no winner this year, so instead of the ceremony, Ms. Sato read the message from Mr. Alex Feng, President of the Pharmaceutical & Health Technology Division. In addition to the ceremony, Ms. Sato explained the chapter's recent activities by using the Asian Chapter News, and Mr. Yap introduced the next 2013 ICoASL in Philippine. Photos of the Asian Chapter meeting are available on the following site: http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.3472810 95347274. 78351. 10000196 1598147&type=1&l= 060f60 890d. The opportunity was also used to explore to look for the Speakers for ICoASL 2013 and to find some sponsors for the Chapter Event (Reported by Ms. Kyoko Sato)

International Conference on Image and Information Processing (ICIIP-2012)

The International Conference on Image and Information Processing (ICIIP-2012) was held during July 14-15, 2012 in Haikou, China. ICIIP 2012 brought together innovative academics and industrial experts in the field of Image and Information Processing to a common forum.

Another goal was to promote scientific information interchange between researchers, developers, engineers, students and practitioners working in the field. (Details at - http://www.iciip.org).

International Conference on Trends in Knowledge and Information Dynamics (ICTK-2012)

To mark the Golden Jubilee celebrations, Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC), Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Bengaluru hosted the International Conference on Trends in Knowledge and Information Dynamics during July 10-13, 2012. 2012. The conference was attended by over 200 professionals from across the globe. On this occasion, an alumni meet of the DRTC was also organized. Prof. ARD Prasad was the Convener of this mega event. (Details at: http://drtc.isibang.ac.in/ictk/)

National Workshop on FLOSS based Library Digitization Software - DSpace at Bhubaneswar

Regional College of Management Library, Bhubaneswar, Odisha organized a workshop from June 30 to July 2, 2012. The workshop covered; Institutional Repository, Digital Library, Overview of DSpace, Installation of DSpace, DSpace Administration, Workflow, Customization, Submission Workflow, User Customization, etc. 30 professionals participated and Mr. Pradip Kumar Nikhandia was the Organizing Secretary of the event.

International Conference on Collection Development in the Digital Environment (ICCDDE 2012)

Parithimar Kalaingar (Marina) Campus, University of Madras organized the above international event at Chennai during June 29-30, 2012. On this occasion, Prof. B. Ramesh Babu Felicitation function was also organized. Dr. K. Kaliyaperumal, University Librarian Incharge of the university was the Organizing Secretary.

Training Programme on "Information Delivery Systems for Academic and Research Institutions (IDSARI)"

International Centre for Free and Open Source Software (ICFOSS), Technopark and Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Ulloor, Thiruvanantha-puram organized a training programme during June 11-13, 2012. The programme covered; knowledge of modern information storage, delivery and management systems such as Moodle and DSpace. Besides, theory sessions on the basics of relevant FOSS-based server platforms and softwares along with the hands-on sessions were organized.

33rd Annual IATUL Conference

The 33rd Annual IATUL Conference on "Library Strategies for New Generation Users" was held from June 4-7, 2012 at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. The conference was organized by the International Association of Technological University Libraries (IATUL). (Details at - http://conference.ntu.edu.sg/iatul2012/Pages/home.aspx).

National Conference on "Trends in Developing and Managing e-Resources in Libraries"

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belgaum organized the National Conference on the above theme during May 25-26, 2012.

Seminar on Competitive Intelligence

A half day seminar under the aegis of SLA (Asian Chapter) was organized by the Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai on May 25, 2012. Ms. Varsha Chitale, Director, Valuenotes Ltd. Pune who has expertise in evaluation and analysis of information and market data was the main speaker on the occasion. Dr. Medha V. Joshi was the convener of the event.

National Seminar on Public Libraries as Community Information Centres

Department of Library and Information Science, Punjabi University, Patiala in collaboration with the Punjab Library Association (PLA) organized a Raja Rammohun Roy Library

Foundation (RRRLF) sponsored two-day National Seminar from May 21-22, 2012 at Patiala. Prof. Jagtar Singh was the Organizing Secretary of the Seminar.

Alumni Meet at Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh

First Alumni meet by the Department of Library & Information Science, Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar was organized on May 13, 2012 at Jawaharlal Nehru Library of the University. It was a fantastic reunion function where teachers of the department including former teachers and more than 75 old students who passed out from this Department were present to witness the jubilant time. The dignitaries who were present for the meet include: Prof. R.G. Prasher, Prof. K. C. Sahoo, Prof. Jagtar Singh, Prof. J. N. Gautam, Dr. R.G. Garg and other senior professionals of the Department.

The Alumni Meet was followed by the release of the festschrift volume in honour of Prof. K.C. Sahoo, Head, Department of Library & Information Science and Dean, School of Arts, Education & Information Science, Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar. The volume entitled "ICT Based Information Management in Indian Libraries, edited by Prof. R.G. Prasher and Dr. R.K. Sharma, contains in all 34 papers contributed by distinguished authors in the field of library & information science.

Professional Development Program (PDP) @TERI

The Library and Information Centre of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi organized a PDP on "Influencing Knowledge Sphere in S&T Libraries through Core Competency" during May 2-4, 2012. The main objective of this program was to bridge the gap between what is preached and what is practiced at the workplace.

International Conference on Leadership and Innovative Management in Academic Libraries in the Age of New Technology

Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) organized an International Conference at Tongji University, Shanghai, China during April 25-27, 2012 (Details at - http://www.ic2012.lib. tongji.edu.cn/index2.html).

National Workshop on Managing Digital Objects and Data

A three day National Workshop on Managing Digital Objects and Data was organized by NMIMS at Mumbai during April 19-21, 2012.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2013

SLA's 2013 Annual Conference & Info Expo, USA

The 2013 SLA Annual Meeting & Info Expo will be held during June 9-11, 2013 at San Diego, CA, USA under the theme "Connect, Collaborate and Strategize". The conference will feature focused continuing education courses, 4 lengthened session slots (2 hours rather than 90 minutes) to allow for the most in-depth discussion possible, and a cutting edge exhibit hall. The keynote speaker is Mike Walsh, author of The CEO of Tomorrow and leading authority on the digital revolution and emerging markets.

International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL-III) 2013

The Third International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL-III) will be organized by the Asian Chapter of SLA and the Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines during April 10-12, 2013 at the Philippine International Convention Centre (PICC) in Pasay City, Philippines. The theme of the conference is "Special Libraries towards Achieving Dynamic, Strategic, and Responsible Working Environment". ICoASL-I was held in New Delhi, India during November 2008 and ICoASL-II was held in Tokyo, Japan during February 2011.

Call for Paper:

Participants are welcome to contribute papers for presentation on the themes and related themes. The Papers should be based on research surveys; case studies or action plans rather than theoretical explanations. Full Papers should be sent to Conference Secretariats (icoasl.three@gmail.com).

Guidelines for the Abstract and papers are available at the Authors Guidelines page.

The contributors will be communicated about the acceptance of the paper by International Program Committee to enable them to present their papers. Please ensure that the paper submitted should not have already been published elsewhere. The editors will have the right to edit the papers before acceptance is communicated. Selected papers will be published in the proceedings and presented at the conference.

Sub-themes of the conference:

Special Libraries at the forefront of digital infrastructure; Institutional repositories and digital curation; Future of Special Libraries: Innovative designs towards a greener library; Achieving competencies beyond the profession through empowering librarian and other library personnel; Collaboration, cooperation and partnership among colleagues, institutions and business entities; The future of the profession: Dynamic roles of library associations and academic institutions; Going beyond the box: The role of public relations and marketing strategies; Corporate social responsibilities and customer care; Virtual networking as a tool for bridging the gap of communication; New trends, techniques, and innovations in preservation and conservation; Open access vs. copyright and intellectual property: Ethics and fair use; Ethics and professionalism in library and information services: Preparing, developing and strategizing leadership to bring about a culture of values and sense of accountability in the future leaders of LIS; New trends, techniques, and innovations in preservation and conservation; New trends, techniques, and innovations in preservation and conservation.

Important Dates

Start "Call for Paper": August 01, 2012 (Wednesday)

Last date of Full paper submission: November 30, 2012 (Friday)

The announcement of selected paper: December 30, 2012 (Sunday)

Submission of Final Papers & Presentations: January 30, 2013 (Wednesday)

Best Paper Award Announcement: at the ICoASL2013 (April 11, 2013)

Full Papers should be sent to Conference Secretariats at icoasl.three@gmail.com

Website- http://units.sla.org/chapter/cas/Paper-ICoASL-2013.htm

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ICAL-2013

The 2nd International Conference on Academic Libraries will be organized by the GGS IP University at New Delhi during February 12-15, 2013. The theme of the conference is "Academic Library Services through Cloud Computing: Moving Libraries to the Web". The Conference Launch function was held on March 9, 2012 in New Delhi. The 1st ICAL was held in October 2009 at Delhi University and was a big success. Mr. Subhash Deshmukh is the Organizing Secretary of the conference (Details at - http://ipu.ac.in/ical2013/index.htm).

National Library Seminar & 29th Library Conference of Gujarat Granthalaya Seva Sangh

The Third National Seminar of the Sangh will be held at Bhuj, Gujarat during January 28-30, 2013. The subject of the seminar include; Changing role of Public Libraries to create knowledge based society; E- Marketing of information products and services: Quick and Low cost way to maximum satisfaction of users and Networking of school libraries: Basic requirements and action plan (Details - www.gujgss.org).

International Conference on Knowledge Management and Organization in the Digital Era (ICKMODE-2013)

Sree Siddaganga Education Society, Tumkur, Karnataka will organize the ICKMODE-2013 at Tumkur during January 17-19, 2013. Mr. S.L. Kadadevaramath is the Organizing Secretary of the conference (Details at - http://ickmode2013.ijlit.net/).

IASLIC XXV National Seminar 2012

Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) will hold its annual conference on "Intellectual Property Rights: Problems and Prospects with Special Reference to Library and Information Services" at Rangapillai Library, Pondicherry University, Puducherry during December 10-13, 2012 (Details at - http://iaslic1955.org.in).

SAARC Conference for Library & Information Professionals

Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH), Greater Noida in association with the SAARC Documentation Centre, New Delhi will organize the conference December 1-2, 2012 at BIMTECH Campus, Greater Noida. Dr. Rishi Tiwari is the Organizing Secretary of the conference (Details at - http://www.bimtech.ac.in).

SIS 2012

29th National Convention & Conference of SIS on "Information, Innovation & Technologies: Creating Seamless Linkages" will be organized by the Central Library, National Institute of Technology, Silchar during November 26-28, 2012. The conference will provide a platform to educationists, Information specialists and Library professionals to explore this multi- disciplinary approach by integrating technologies in understanding the implicit and explicit functions of information, innovation and communication. Dr. Kishor Chandra Satpathy, Librarian of the institute is the Organising Secretary (Details at - http://www.sis.org.in/news/1-latest-news/48-sisannualconference.html).

NACLIN 2012

15th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking will be jointly organized by the DELNET, New Delhi and Hansa Mehta Library, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara during November 20-22, 2012. The theme of the conference is "Libraries for the Future: Collection, Competencies and Cooperation". The first day will be entirely devoted to conducting tutorial on the topic, "Koha: An Open Source Library Management Software" and the next two days will focus on the theme of the National Convention. Dr. Mayank Trivedi, Librarian, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda is the Organising Secretary (Details at - http://www.naclin.org).

ICoLIS 2012

The 4th International Conference on Libraries, Information and Society (ICoLIS 2012) on the theme, "Inclusion and Outreach in Libraries" will be organized by the University of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during November 19-21, 2012. Dr. Kiran Kaur and Dr. Nor Edzan Che Nasir are the Chairs of the conference (Details at - https://sites.google.com/site/icolis2012/home).

ICADL-2012

The 14th International Conference on Asia-Pacific Digital Libraries will be organized by the National Taiwan University Library at Taipei, Taiwan during November 12-15, 2012. The theme of the ICADL conference is "The Outreach of Digital Libraries: A Globalized Resource Network" (Details at - http://icadl2012.org).

ETTLIS-2012

The 3rd International Symposium on "Emerging Trends and Technologies in Libraries and Information Services" will be organized at Jaypee University of Engineering and Technology, Raghogarh, Distt-Guna (Madhya Pradesh) in collaboration with the SALIS Delhi-NCR Chapter during October 26-27, 2012. More than 100 papers are likely to be presented from across the globe. Previous two ETTLIS were held at NOIDA and Solan respectively and were a big success. Dr. Sanjay Kataria is the Organizing Secretary. (Details at - http://jiit.ac.in/jiit/ETTLIS2012/index.php/home).

MANLIBNET 2012 International Conference at IIM Indore

Indian Institute of Management Indore (IIM Indore) and Management Libraries Network (MANLIBNET) will organize an international conference on "Creating Wisdom and Knowledge through Shared Learning: Roles of Librarian and Information Managers" during October 11-13, 2012. The conference is being organized to bring together and provide a platform to library and information science professionals, academicians and educationists in the field of library and information science and knowledge industry to discuss, exchange views and experiences on various issues related to the theme of the conference. Dr. Akhtar Parvez, Librarian, IIM Indore is the Organizing Secretary. (Details at - http://manlibnet.in/manlibnet2012/)

National workshop on "Expansion in Developing and Organising Digital Information Resources"

Birla Institute of Technology will conduct an ICSSR sponsored three day national workshop at its Mesra, Ranchi campus during September 24-26, 2012. This workshop will create the awareness among the participants on types of digital information resources and its utilities; develop competitive skills and techniques for social scientists/scholars/librarians in searching, accessing, downloading and archiving the digital information resources; familiarize the access patterns of digital information resources using remote web portals and selecting patterns of digital information resources for academic/research pursuits. The workshop is limited to 30 professionals on first cum first basis. Dr. Nutan Johry (nutan@icssr.org) is the Workshop Director.

National Conference on Beyond Librarianship: Search for New Frontiers

Bodhisattva Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Library, Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida will organize a two day National Seminar during September 21-22, 2012. Mr. M. Ram is the Organizing Secretary. (Details at - http://www.gbu.ac.in/UserViewNews.aspx? NewsId= 163).

National workshop on Preparation of Scholarly Articles

The University Library, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod will hold the important and unique workshop during September 10-15, 2012. Dr. Dineshan Koovakkai is the Coordinator of the workshop (Details at - http://www.cukerala.ac.in/posts/147).

DC-2012

International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications (DC-2012) on the theme, "Metadata for Meeting Global Challenges" will be held at Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia during September 3-7, 2012. The key contact of the conference is Stuart A. Sutton, CEO and Managing Director Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) Information School, University of Washington (sasutton@dublincore.net) (Details at - http://dcevents.dublincore.org/index.php/index/index/index/index).

ICDIM 2012

The multidisciplinary conference on digital information management, science and technology known as "International Conference on Digital Information Management (ICIDM-2012)" will be organized at University of Macau, Macau during August 22-24, 2012. The ICDIM intends to bridge the gap between different areas of digital information management, science and technology. The conference will feature original research and industrial papers on the theory, design and implementation of digital information systems, as well as demonstrations, tutorials, workshops and industrial presentations (Details at http://www.icdim.org/default.php).

National Workshop on Intellectual Property Right with reference to Patents and Copyrights

The Dept. of Library and Information Science, Mizoram University in collaboration with the DRDO, New Delhi and INFLIBNET will hold the workshop during August 23-24, 2012 at its campus in Aizwal. Dr. R K Ngurtinkhuma is the Workshop Coordinator (Details at http://www.mzu.edu.in).

International workshop on Digital Libraries using Greenstone

Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode will hold the international workshop during August 20-24, 2012 at its Kozhikode campus. The objective of the workshop is to conduct rigorous and advanced training programme coupled with state-of-art lectures delivered by doyens in the field on Digital Libraries. Around 25 participants will be admitted for the workshop which includes delegates from the Middle East, as well as from prestigious institutions all over India. Participants will be instructed in how to design digital collections of different publications in a variety of file formats, including multimedia such as audio, video, and images. Dr. M.G. Sreekumar is the Workshop Director

(Details at - http://www.iimk.ac.in/fdp/FDP2012/201213FDP06.php).

National Workshop on Koha, DSpace & Joomla

Aishwarya Institute of Management Studies and Research will organize a three Day National Workshop on "Koha, DSspace and Joomla" during August 18-20, 2012 in its campus at Bengaluru, Karnataka. The objectives include; to create awareness among the library and information professionals about DSpace, Koha and Joomla and to train and make comfortable the existing library professionals in library automation, creation of Institutional Repository and to design & manage the contents using Joomla (Detail at - http://www.aishwaryainstitutions.in).

ASIAN LIBRARIES, LIBRARIANS AND NETWORKS SERIES

This series has been initiated with the objective to introduce libraries, librarians & networks of Asia region to all valuable members for sharing knowledge on these areas of professional interest.

Libraries

The Central Library of IIT Madras as the Multi Academic Activities Centre

The Central Library of Indian Institute of Technology Madras is a multi academic activities center and one of the major support service provider which caters to the Library & Information needs of over 8,000 members comprising faculty, students, staff, corporate, industrial associates, alumni and retired faculty. TUV NORD has awarded ISO-9001: 2008 Certification for the establishment and maintenance of quality library system, procedure and services. The Library has a comprehensive interactive web site to help its clientele (http://www.cenlib.iitm.ac.in). It has a total stock of over 400,000 documents including 1039 current journals, technical reports, standards, patents, specifications, audio-video cassettes, books, conference documents, theses, microfilms/microfiches, maps, atlases, abstracting journals and German collections.

There are various special facilities available for the end users. Some of them are: Automatic Bindery, Tube Binding, RFID technology with Gates, Wireless Networking, Electronic Book Drop, Access to on-line resources subscribed through INDEST-AICTE Consortium, Document Scanning, I-Portal with Access to Patron Records, Digital Knowledge Center, Media Resources Center, Research Carrels, Children's Book Corner, Self Check in/Check out System, Smart Card Based Contact Less Security System, Ramp for Physically Challenged Persons, etc.

Besides, the library also performs/delivers quality services which include; Book Bank Facilities, Video facilities, Cassettes and Periodicals Holdings, Circulation Transactions, Acquisition of Books, Journals & other Non-Book Materials, Resources Sharing through Consortia Participation, Industrial Presentations and Invited Talks, Patents Search, Standards Search, Photocopying, Inter-Library-Loan, Virtual Reference Desk, Ask the Librarian, Information Literacy, Online-Document Delivery, Translation Service, Technical Consultancy, Virtual Tour, etc. In nutshell, it is one of the best managed library of the region having all the different types of modern resources and services.

Librarians

Kyoko Sato

It will be worth to share the professional contributions of Kyoko Sato who is currently the Director and Chair of the Award Committee for the SLA Asian Chapter. She is also the immediate Past President of the Chapter. **She recently won the prestigious INFOSTA Award 2012.** INFOSTA, Information Science & Technology Association Japan, is one of the main associations for Information Professionals in Japan. "INFOSTA Award for Information Professionals 2012" was given to Kyoko Sato for her long outstanding contribution in the field of information services in pharmaceutical organizations, as well as work for several board positions in the INFOSTA. In addition, the INFOSTA admired her contribution to international exchange in Information Professionals through SLA Asian Chapter.

She was the Organizing Secretary of the ICoSAL -II in Tokyo, February 2011 which shows her best managerial skills as it was one of the best organized Chapter event. She has special professional skills in the area of Information Services, Life science Business and Global Pharmaceutical Business. She has served at various organizations and have holded important positions at Taisho Pharmaceuticals, Sandoz Pharmaceuticals, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, International Medical Information Center (IMIC) Foundation in Japan and currently as Private consultant at 'Kokos Consulting'.

Priya Rai won the 2012 FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians

American Association of Law Libraries selected Ms. Priya Rai for the FCIL Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians to provide financial assistance to ensure the presence and participation of a foreign librarian at the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting was held on July 21-24 in Boston, Massachusetts. Ms. Priya Rai is the Deputy Librarian In-Charge at the National Law University Delhi, India. She delivered her talk on "Access to Legal Information in the Digital Age: A Comparative Study of Electronic Commercial Databases and Public Domain Resources in Law". It is the very first time that an Indian was selected for this international prestigious grant. Ms. Rai was also invited by the Cornell Law University, New York to deliver a lecture on the Indian legal system and primary and secondary information resources in Law in India.

Sanjay Kataria won the Commonwealth Professional Fellowship Award

Dr. Sanjay Kataria, Librarian, Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, NOIDA, India won the Commonwealth Professional Fellowship Award 2011. He was associated with the Learning Resources Centre, Burroughs Library, Middlesex University, Hendon Campus, London, U.K. during the fellowship period from January 16, 2012 to April 13, 2012.

SLA Asian Chapter Members Presented during the CONSAL XV in Bali, Indonesia

Dr. Debal Kar, Mr. Joseph Yap and Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz during the Congress

Three SLA Asian Chapter members participated in the 15th Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) held at Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel, Bali, Indonesia from May 28-31, 2012. The theme of the conference was "National Heritage: Preservation and Dissemination". Dr. Debal C. Kar had a plenary presentation entitled, "Digital Library of India: an Initiative by the Indian Government for the Preservation and Dissemination of the National Heritage". Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz presented a paper entitled, "Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines: Meeting

the Challenges and Opportunities of the Future". Mr. Joseph M. Yap presented a paper entitled, "A Review of the Library Cooperation of the Inter-University Consortium". The conference was well attended by more than 700 participants, mostly coming from South East Asian countries.

Sushma Arora received the International Professional Grant Award 2012

Every year, the B&F Division, Emerging Markets Information Service (EMIS) presents up to six professional grant awards and student stipends. Each of the awards consists of $1,500 for B&F members to attend the SLA 2012 Annual Conference. This year's one of the Professional Grant Recipients from Asian region to attend the SLA 2012 Conference at Chicago was Ms. Sushma Arora from the Children Book Trust, New Delhi, India.

Networks

INDEST-AICTE Consortium, India

The "Indian National Digital Library in Engineering Sciences and Technology (INDEST-AICTE) Consortium" was set-up by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India in 2003 on the recommendations of an Expert Group appointed by the Ministry. This Consortium is the most ambitious initiative taken so far in the country for the subscription of the e-resources, especially for the e-journals in the field of science and technology. The benefit of consortia based subscription to e-resources is not confined only to major technological institutions like IITs, IIMs, IISc, NITs, etc. in the country but is also extended to all the AICTE accredited and other UGC affiliated institutions. As per the 2012 INDEST Annual Report, there are 1235 members of the consortium. There are basically three categories of the members; (i) Core member institutions like IITs, IIMs, NITs, etc. (ii) AICTE supported institutions (Selected Govt. engg. colleges, etc.) and (iii) Self supported members (Private Engg. Colleges, etc.). Objectives of the consortium include; (i) To subscribe electronic resources for the members of the Consortium at highly discounted rates of subscription and at the best terms and conditions (ii) To extend the benefit of consortia-based subscription beyond the core members to other engineering and technological institutions (iii) To impart training to the users and librarians in the member

institutions on subscribed electronic resources with an aim to optimise the usage of subscribed electronic resources (iv) To find more avenues of cooperation and interaction amongst member libraries (v) To increase scientific productivity of member institutions in terms of quality and quantity of publications (vi) To help new engineering institutes and colleges to make the right choice of e-resources; and (vii) To find more avenues of co-operation and interaction with other consortia. The INDEST-AICTE Consortium, as an open-ended proposition, welcomes institutions to join it on their own for sharing benefits it offers in terms of highly discounted negotiated rates of subscription and better terms of agreement with the publishers and their aggregators. The consortium has an active mailing list and an interactive website hosted at IIT Delhi. The Consortium operates through its headquarters set up at the IIT Delhi under a National Steering Committee, consisting of members from amongst beneficiary institutions under the Chairmanship of Director, IIT Delhi and AICTE Chief as its Co-Chair. A National Review Committee has also been set up under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Technical Education) with an overall responsibility for making policies, monitoring the progress, coordinating with the UGC and AICTE for promoting the activities of the Consortium. The important sub-committees include; National Advisory Committee, PFC, etc. which regularly meets at IIT Delhi. The Librarian, IIT Delhi as National Coordinator of the Consortium overall coordinates its activities. The consortium subscribes to a large number of full text and bibliographic e-resources which include; ASME Journals, ASCE Journals, ACM Digital Library, ScienceDirect, IEEE/ASPP, IEL Online, Nature, Springer Link, Emerald Xtra, Taylor & Francis, ABI/Inform Complete, EBSCO's Business Source Complete, OSA (Optics Infobase), Capitaline, AIP/APS, Euromonitor, MathSciNet, IEC Standards, ASTM Standards, ICE Thomas Telford, INSIGHT, ProQuest Science, CRIS INFAC, Access Engineering, Inform Pub Suite, Infotrac Engineering Collection, MathSciNet, INSPEC, SciFinder Scholar, Scopus, Web of Science, JSTOR, Project Muse, etc. (Details at - http://paniit.iitd.ac.in/indest)

2012 SLA Asian Chapter Award Winners- A Memoir

Lata Suresh, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Manesar, Gurgaon, India

Winner of "SLA Asian Professional Award" sponsored by Balani Infotech and Asian Chapter

I am deeply honoured to have been selected as the laureate to accept the prestigious SLA-Asian Professional Award 2012. I am sincerely grateful for the recognition from the program sponsored by SLA award committee that initiated the whole event.

I should admit I was a bit stunned when I learned about my nomination. I am very pleased to receive this award. I am very pleased also because it was one of the dreams to stand in front of the international gathering accepting an International award recognizing for my qualities and

Dr. Lata Suresh receiving the Award Certificate. Also seen are Ms. Sato and SLA President Mr. Mai

achievements. I was credited for my achievements and honoured with the "ASIAN PROFESSIONAL AWARD" for which I am indebted to Chair-Award Committee, all Members, President SLA (Asian Chapter) and the Sponsors Balani Infotech, New Delhi.

Attending SLA Annual Conference was really a lifelong and amazing experience for me. Located on the shores of Lake Michigan in the heart of the Midwest, Chicago, thousands of fellow information professionals, gathered at McCormick Place's Lakeside Center in Chicago - a city of world-class status and unsurpassed beauty, during the Annual conference of SLA from July 15-18, 2012 for exchanging ideas and connecting with the exhibitors at the venue. I am quite impressed with the thoughts emerged at the well-organized conference. I got the opportunity of acquainting myself with some eminent personalities in the domain of Library and Information Science. It was like a treasure house of knowledge and experience shared with the fellow professionals during the conference. This award provided me the first opportunity to attend SLA Annual Conference and Info-Expo at Chicago (USA) during 15-18 July, 2012. This recognition has elicited enthusiasm in me to make an effort to improve the quality of professional services. I can't express my excitement and inspiration with this award. I faced a lot of challenges in this profession but I succeeded to overcome them and gained outstanding experience and learned from each and every individual I met. I had to overcome professional difficulties and personal storms of life, but I succeeded because of the professional friends and my family members who were always there to support me. I started my career at a very young age, soon after my graduation and while working I was associated with a Medical Library which was the turning point of my life and this is how I am into this Nobel profession of Librarianship. It's nearly 19 years now and also received many National Awards for my work. But now I think the SLA award is the symbol of my every success when the International participants cheered me for my achievements. The conference has enriched me with a new set of knowledge, experience and has increased my professional ability. I strongly feel that an association with SLA is significant as this develop fanaticism to learn more & more about the librarianship and best practices across the world.

I believe I got this opportunity because of the blessings of my parent's, my spouse, my friends and well-wishers. The qualities I learnt from them are the professionalism, the demonstration of potential and capacity to grow under corresponding circumstances. I would once again pay my gratitude to the SLA Asian Chapter and the Award Committee for bestowing me with the opportunity of being a part of the conference gathering, for their choice and the trust in me. I assure you all that I'll do my best to justify this trust and contribute to SLA in future as well. This International recognition would certainly keep me motivated for my future endeavors with more enthusiasm and more zeal.

Joseph M. Yap, De La Salle University, Philippines

Winner of "SLA Early Career Award 2012" sponsored by B&F Division and Asian Chapter

Mr. Joseph M. Yap receiving the Award Certificate from Ms. Sato

It was March 22, 2012 when I eagerly applied for the 2012 SLA Asian Early Career Award. Upon knowing that there is such a travel grant, I grabbed that opportunity to become an SLA member and submitted my essay to the Awards Committee. After more than a month, Ms. Kyoko Sato, chair of the Awards Committee, sent me an email confirming my selection as the winner of 2012 SLA Asian Early Career Award.

The SLA 2012 Annual Conference & Info-Expo gave me a taste of how conferences for American Librarians are being organized and managed. As a first-timer, choosing which session to attend to is somehow overwhelming. From the vast number of interesting topics to the spotlight sessions, I was really fortunate to have been a part of this successful professional event in Chicago.

Participants absolutely got a chance to network with the top exhibitors at the Info-Expo. More than 150 exhibitors participated in this grand event. It was a place where librarians could relax, interact with colleagues and suppliers, dine with friends, win prizes and receive terrific novelty items from each of the generous library vendors. My lucky day was on Sunday when I won 12 bottles of wine. Unfortunately, I can't bring that home in the Philippines. I was hoping that my number was called for a Kindle or an iPad. Nevertheless, I am happy to share that prize to my generous room-mate, Mr. James Arshem, a retired librarian from USPTO.

Expect to bring home a wide-array of new knowledge from the scheduled sessions and programs just for every special librarian. The conference provided what is needed to be discussed to advance the career of the information professionals. Hearing Guy Kawasaki during the general session and awards presentation was an entertaining way to empower librarians in every positive way they can. I extend my congratulations to the fellow librarians who received their prestigious awards this year.

Joining the DBF open house during the 27th Annual Bibliography was also a way of showcasing the achievements of the divisions' authors. I was indeed lucky to have been a part of it. My sincerest and special thanks to Ms. Lucrea Dayrit for including me on the list of distinguished authors for my paper I presented during the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) last May in Indonesia. This open house also exposed me to the world of marketing. I, together with Ms. Kyoko Sato, took time to spend a minute or two to invite speakers and sponsors for the upcoming 3rd International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL-III) to be held in the Philippines on April 10-12, 2013. I was able to touch-base with the best authors and members of the SLA during this open house and got the chance to meet the Chair of B&F, Mr. Christopher Hoeppner.

It was also an exciting networking affair when I attended the Pharmaceutical & Health Technology Division. With the encouragement of Ms. Sato, I was able to meet the representative of the Sub-Saharan Africa chapter, Ms. Nerisa Kamar. Afterwhich, I was also able to bump into Ms. Affra Al Shamsi of the Arabian Gulf chapter. SLA is truly global and international.

My interest with the competitive intelligence as a discipline grew when I learned that there were Filipino librarians working for a local CI company. In able for me to learn more about this area, I listened to the competitive speakers during the session on *collaborative insights*. It was an interactive one. My interest grew deeper and will consider joining their division next year.

As part of my attendance to SLA, I received my award during the supposed-to-be Asian Chapter Board Meeting and Presentation of Awards. However, since there were just a few of us present, we just pushed through with presentation of awards and introduction of the ICoASL to the small audience. SLA President Brent Mai was there to witness the ceremony. I shared the stage with Ms. Lata Suresh as the winner of the SLA Asian Professional Award.

After the Asian Chapter Board Meeting, we headed to the Business & Finance Division Awards Presentation and Reception. A convenient shuttle bus was needed which was a complimentary of SLA for those who were checked-in at their partner hotels. The next stop was at Hilton Chicago where the reception was happening. It was a larger crowd with award recipients coming from Argentina, Philippines, India, United States and United Kingdom. It was really a get-together for some of the attendees and a way of honoring the innovative and competent librarians from all over the world.

Other sessions I attended were, "Building a Greener Library" by Ginnie Cooper sponsored by Military Libraries Division and Museums, Arts and Humanities Division; and "Marketing for the Rest of Us: A Guide for Introverts" by Mary Ellen Bates.

My six-day trip to Chicago is incomparable. Nothing beats the 37,000 feet altitude combined with a lot of turbulent moments while crossing the Pacific Ocean, Alaska and Canada. Receiving an award is a prestige, participating in a conference is a plus, meeting people is extraordinary and visiting Chicago is a glory. Again, all my gratitude goes to the SLA B&F, to Asian Chapter, to all the people who believed in me and supported me in this superb dream to be in America. God bless you all.

Sheila L. Rosenthal: A Memoir of LIPS 2012 & Visit to India

Dr. Sheila L. Rosenthal during her address at LIPS 2012

I met Dr. P.K. Jain in 2009 and he encouraged me to "make a plan to come to India" and although I thought this would be wonderful, I never realized that this "dream" could actually become a reality. In November 2011, I received an email from Dr. P.K. Jain inviting me to come to India to be one of the invited speakers at a conference for which he was the organizing secretary. This conference was the Library and Information Professionals Summit (LIPS) 2012 on "Leadership, Ethics, Accountability and Professionalism in Library Service (LEAP)", March 16-17, 2012 at the Institute of Economic Growth New Delhi, India in association with the Ambedkar University and SLA Asian Chapter.

In addition, Dr. P.K. Jain provided me with the opportunity to chair one of the LIPS 2012 sessions. We were introduced to the current president of SLA, Dr. Brent Mai and Liz Blankson-Hemans, Past Chapter Cabinet Chair, SLA, London, England along with many conference attendees. On the opening day, Dr. Debal C. Kar provided the welcome address and Dr. P.K. Jain gave his "Vote of Thanks" and then we were all invited to join together for refreshments and networking at "High Tea". Following our lunch break, it was time for me to chair the LIPS. To me the most challenging aspect about being the chair of this session was to have to request the presenters of the contributed papers to conclude within their time allocation especially when they were so very enthusiastic in wanting the audience to hear their entire presentation rather than just the most important points. LIPS 2012 gave the LIS students a very important opportunity to develop writing and presentation skills required for library professionals. Chairing of this session was a very valuable and memorable experience for me.

This day concluded with a wonderful Cultural Program featuring beautiful music and dance performances by students majoring in the Fine Arts in India. Dr. Shantanu Ganguly very graciously spent time explaining the meaning of the performances and the stories they told to my husband and me. Next day, Dr. Brent Mai provided a very pertinent and informative Keynote Address to begin the final day of the conference. Directly following our tea break, it was time for Technical Session V entitled, Inculcating Leadership Knowledge through Capacity Building which included my invited speaker presentation, "Institutional Research Data Collection Methodologies and Tools: Library Request System and Citation Analysis".

After lunch, EBSCO provided a product demonstration which was followed by a panel discussion on Leaderships, Ethics and Professionalism chaired by Dr. Brent Mai. Each panel member brought up very valid and relevant issues encouraging the audience to observe and analyze different viewpoints. I found the panel discussion to be very interesting and informative.

The Valedictory Session provided an excellent opportunity for the conference organizers and attendees to express their overall impressions of LIPS 2012, which I strongly believe were extremely positive. This conference was very well organized and I especially liked the fact that all of the sessions were presented individually so that no one missed any of the sessions due to scheduling conflicts. This conference provided wonderful opportunities to meet many highly qualified and regarded library professionals and discuss relevant issues in the field.

I admired the fact that so many of the librarians in India have acquired PhD's and I noticed that many more males within India are members of the library profession. The number of males in the library profession is also growing within the United States but has not yet reached the high percentage as that of India.

On Sunday Dr. P.K. Jain had made arrangements to escort Dr. Brent Mai, Liz Blankson-Hemons, my husband and me to visit the famous Taj Mahal located in Agra, India. We also visited the Red Fort and many other important historical places in Agra. At the end of our tour, we stopped at several shops to purchase beautiful souvenirs that could only be found in Agra. We thanked Dr. Debal C. Kar profusely for how much we thoroughly enjoyed this very memorable day in his company.

My husband and I will always remember the time we spent in India and how grateful we are to Dr. P.K. Jain, Dr. Debal C. Kar and Dr. Shantanu Ganguly for making this entire experience in India possible for us. The 400+ pictures taken during our stay in India will also serve as a wonderful memory of our India adventure

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