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NATIONAL LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE COMMEMORATES 10th ANNIVERSARY

The National Library and Documentation Centre completed 10 years on the 27 April 2000. The following events were organised to commemorate the 10th anniversary.

- Over Night Pirith Ceremony and Alms Giving on 27th and 28th April 2000
- Publication of the 10th Anniversary Commemorative Volume of the National Library and Documentation Centre
- Publication of the Library News – 10th Anniversary Commemorative Special Issue
- Publication of supplements in Daily News and Dinamina newspapers.
- Exhibition on Resources and Services of the National Library and Documentation Centre and book sale from 24 April - 7 May 2000 at the National Library.
- Seminar on International Standard Music Numbering (ISMN) on 26 April 2000.
- Lecture Series
 - **Librarianship and Personality Development** by Mr Harrison Perera; Assistant Director; British Council on 24 April 2000.

- **Could Rebirth be Proved Scientifically** by Dr Granville Dharmawardana; Director; Radio Isotope Centre, University of Colombo on 25 April 2000.
- **Use of Libraries and Reading Animation** by Ms Amara Nanayakkara, Librarian, National Library and Documentation Centre on 27 April 2000.

- Donation of Books to Sri Lanka Army Hospital on 27th April 2000

TRAINING ON ISBN

Mr Sonam Kinga of the Centre for Bhutan Studies, underwent a one week training from 6-12 March 2000 at the ISBN Agency, National Library and Documentation Centre, Sri Lanka.

The Centre for Bhutan Studies has been designated as the ISBN Agency for Bhutan by the International ISBN Agency in Berlin, Germany, and Mr Kinga has been appointed to undertake the administration of ISBN at the National ISBN Agency in Bhutan.

The main focus of the training was to enable Bhutan to establish the ISBN Agency and to implement the ISBN system in the country. The training consisted of lectures, practical work, visits to leading publishing houses and bookshops in

Colombo and Kandy. The training programme was conducted by Ms Janaki Fernando, who is in-charge of the ISBN Project, under the directions of the Director General, National Library and Documentation Centre.

GENERAL EDUCATION PROJECT-2

Training of Trainers Programme

A three-day workshop on Training of Trainers was held at the National Library Seminar Room from 29 to 31 March 2000 as part of the GEP-2, School Library Development Project. Ms Rosemary Raddon, an international consultant of the project, conducted the workshop which was attended by 20 senior library professionals. These trainers are expected to train the school library cadre of the project at the initial stage. Training techniques and a new school library training package were discussed at the workshop. The main emphasis at the workshop was on reading development.

SSDC NEW PUBLICATIONS

- **Sri Lanka Newspaper Article Index 1994 (English)**

This is the second issue of the Sri Lanka Newspaper Article Index of English Newspapers. Articles appearing in the *Daily News, Island, Sunday Observer, Sunday Times and Sunday Island* have been indexed. The index contains bibliographical information on 2,105 articles.

- **Sri Lanka Newspaper Article Index 1994 (Tamil)**

This is the second issue of the Tamil Newspaper Article Index. Articles published in the *Thinakaran, Virakesari, Thinakaran Varamalar, Virakesari Varamalar* have been indexed. The index contains bibliographical information on 1,022 articles.

- **University of Peradeniya Library Sri Lanka Collection Vol. I and Vol. II**

Publishing of the catalogue of Sri Lanka Collection of the Peradeniya University is an important addition to the bibliographical activities of the country. Volumes I and II of the catalogue were compiled by Mr N A W A T Alwis, Senior Assistant Librarian (Present acting Librarian), Peradeniya University and published by the National Library and Documentation Centre. Vol. I contains 2,855 entries and Vol. II contains 6,254 entries. Both volumes cover material relating to Sri Lanka published during 1980-1998.

SEMINAR ON ISMN

A seminar on International Standard Music Numbering (ISMN) was held at the National Library auditorium on 26 April 2000.

The objective of the seminar was to create an awareness of ISMN among printed music publishers and to enlighten them on the modalities of implementation. About 90 publishers and students of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya participated at the seminar.

Mrs Ishvari Corea was the chief guest at the seminar and Ms Janaki Fernando served as the resource person.

NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

- **Retrospective National Bibliography 1885-1900**

Sri Lanka National Bibliography (Retrospective) covering the period 1885-1900 was published recently. Prior to this, retrospective bibliographies covering the periods 1737-1884 and 1962 were published.

WORKSHOP ON CDS/ISIS FOR UCAT LIBRARIANS

The Documentation Division of the National Library and Documentation Centre conducted a three-day workshop on CDS/ISIS for librarians contributing to the National Union Catalogue (NUC). The workshop was held from 15-17 February 2000.

The objective of the workshop was to discuss problems encountered in sending data to the NUC using ISIS. 18 librarians attended the workshop.

ACQUISITION OF OLD GAZETTES AND REPORT COLLECTION

The Department of Government Printing donated a comprehensive collection of old gazettes covering the period 1888-1975 to the National Library.

The Department of External Resources donated a valuable collection of reports numbering over 500 to the National Library. These include research reports, progress reports, technical reports, census reports, statistical reports and various types of project reports related to Sri Lanka.

DIRECTORY OF SLSTINET MEMBER LIBRARIES

The Sri Lanka Scientific and Technical Information Centre (SLSTIC) of the National Science Foundation (NSF), as the co-ordinator of the Sri Lanka Scientific and Technical Information Network (SLSTINET) has compiled and published the Directory of SLSTINET Member Libraries.

The main objective in compiling this directory is to provide information on resources available in Science and Technical Libraries in the country. The Directory includes 89 libraries and each entry contains information on the address, telephone and

fax numbers, e-mail address, staff strength, collection, CD-ROM databases, electronic databases, publications, network activities, web site and services provided.

SLSTINET AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Scientific and Technical Information Network (SLSTINET) for the year 1999 was held on 29th February 2000 at the National Science Foundation. In addition to the members Dr.(Mrs) Susen Ornager, Regional Advisor UNESCO Bangkok attended the meeting as a special invitee.

The SLSTINET Sub Committee was appointed including representatives from the following: AGRINET, HELLIS, ENLNET, National Library and Documentation Centre, University of Kelaniya, Industrial Technology Institute, International Irrigation Management Institute and Industrial Development Board/ Centre for Industrial Technical Information Services.

A Seminar Session was also held on this day and five presentations were made as follows:

- **Library and Information Science** by Dr. Kithsiri Liyanage, Chairman, Science and Technology Information Committee (STI)/ NSF
- **Computer Networking for Libraries** by Dr Asoka Karunananda, Member STI Committee
- **Importance of Resources and Services of National Archives** by Dr. K D G Wimalaratne, Member STI Committee, Director Department of National Archives
- **An Information Society for all** by Dr. (Mrs) Susen Ornager, Regional Advisor/ UNESCO/ CII/ INF/ BKK
- **Library Automation: Where are we heading-** by Ms Deepali Talagala, Director/ Information, NSF

ENLINET NEW AND FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

● **Environmental Index – Vol. 6 1996**

This index records articles relating to the environment, published in local Journals and Newspapers. Newspaper articles cover the period from January to December 1996 and the journal articles cover the period from January 1993 to December 1996.

Entries are arranged alphabetically under the subject headings which are extracted from ENVOG Multilingual Thesaurus of environmental terms.

● **Directory of Environmental Experts in Sri Lanka**

National Environmental Information Centre is in the process of updating the Directory of Environmental Experts in Sri Lanka. This is an attempt to identify the environmental experts in Sri Lanka, their specialised subject areas, completed and ongoing research projects, publications etc. Two editions of this directory were published in 1991 and 1994.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES CURRICULUM FOR THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION

Library and Information Services Division of the NIE has developed a curriculum for the benefit of the teacher educators with the assistance of a World Bank Consultant.

Two workshops were held to implement this curriculum for the benefit of the staff attached to the Colleges of Education in the country.

NIE MULTIMEDIA LIBRARY

The National Institute of Education under the aegis of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education added a new

dimension to its library services by establishing a Multimedia Library in order to collect, arrange and disseminate educational information and other data for the purpose of educational planning and research.

The collection consists of Audio, Video, CD-ROMS and Microfilms etc. Internet and e-mail facilities are also available to provide the latest information for both NIE staff members and outside research workers.

CONFERENCE ON TOWARDS AN INFORMATION SOCIETY: EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES

To mark its 40th anniversary the Sri Lanka Library Association has organised a conference titled Towards an Information Society: Experiences and Challenges to be held at Hotel Galadari from 26-28 June 2000.

The aim of the conference is to bring to light the challenges faced by information professionals in meeting their needs in the new environment. Resource persons will speak of their experiences of different aspects such as information technology, copyright, appropriate information policies, attitudes and the role of the media.

DR. RICHARD PATHIRANA LIBRARY-GALLE

The new Galle Library Complex worth of Rs. 35 million, was ceremoniously inaugurated by the Hon. Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Mr. Dharmasiri Senanayake on 13 May 2000. The new Galle library has been named Dr Richard Pathirana Library, in honour and appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Richard Pathirana, the Hon. Minister of Education and Higher Education to the city and the people of Galle.

The library consists of 4 floors. A lending section, newspaper reading section, reference section, computer section with

Internet facilities and a mini-auditorium are located on the first floor. The children's library is located on the second floor. A large collection of valuable children's books and three computers have been donated to the library by the Kiyatho - Asia Friendship Association (KAFA). The Netherland Government has gifted 10 computers and the Velson City Library of the Netherlands has donated modern library equipment to the value of about Rs. 300,000. The National Library and Documentation Services Board assisted the Galle Municipal Council in planning the building and interior layout. It also donated a large consignment of English and Sinhala books.

ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES- SRI LANKA (APLS)

The Association of Public Libraries-Sri Lanka was established on 9th January 1995 as a professional association of Public Librarians in Sri Lanka. The main aim of establishing this association was to strengthen the librarians and libraries in the local government sector. It has been announced that the librarians and library assistants in the public library sector with professional qualifications can become members of the association.

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Sri Lanka (APLS)
D.S. Senanayaka Memorial Public
Library
Kandy

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES AND INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIRS

66th IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE

Duration : 13-18 August 2000
Venue : Jerusalem, Israel
Theme : Information for Cooperation:
Creating the Global Library
of the Future

Full information is available on
IFLANET : <http://www.ifla.org/>

2000 AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Duration : 6-13 July 2000
Venue : Chicago, Illinois, USA
Theme : Libraries Building
Community and Building a
Worldwide Library
Community

Contact : International Relations
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GLOBAL 2000- WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE ON SPECIAL LIBRARIANSHIP

Duration : 16-19 October 2000
Venue : Brighton, United Kingdom

Contact : Special Libraries
Association
1700, 18th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009-
2514 USA

**2000 BIBF
The 8th BEIJING INTERNATIONAL
BOOK FAIR**

Duration : 30 August - 4 September
2000
Venue : China National Exhibition
Centre
Beijing, China
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