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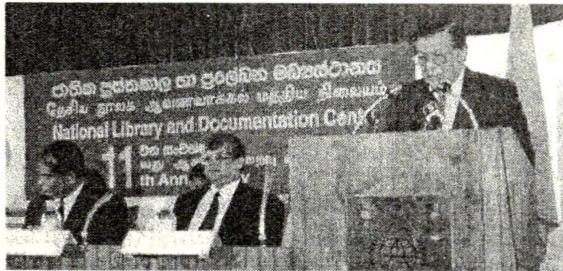
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NATIONAL LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE COMMEMORATES 11th ANNIVERSARY

The National Library and Documentation Centre (NLDC) completed 11 years on 27 April 2001. The undermentioned events were organised to commemorate the 11th anniversary.



11th Anniversary Celebrations of the NLDC

- Overnight pirith ceremony and alms giving on 26 and 27 April 2001
- Exhibition on the following publications available at the National Library and Documentation Centre
 - Library and Information Science Publications
 - Publications on Ethnic Problem in Sri Lanka
 - Bibliographies on Sri Lankan Publications

- Inauguration of the National Library Inter-library Lending Service
- Commemorative Workshop Series
 - **Conservation of Palmleaf Collections** on 2 May 2001 Resource Persons messrs D A Dharmasena, A P Premaratna, P H Ranjith and D G B M Karunaratna; Conservation and Preservation Division, NLDC
 - **Modernisation of Telecommunication Network in Sri Lanka** on 3 May 2001 Resource Person Mr Priyantha Perera; General Manager (Construction), Sri Lanka Telecom
 - **Introduction to Alice for Windows** on 3 May 2001 Resource Persons Ms Amara Nanayakkara; Librarian, and Chaminda de Silva; Systems Analyst, NLDC
 - **Indexing of Newspaper Articles** on 4 May 2001 Resource Person Ms Janaki Fernando; Deputy Director; NLDC

- **National Bibliographic Control** on 4 May 2001 Resource Person Mr Piyadasa Ranasinghe; Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya
- **New Trends in Educational Technology** on 9 May 2001 Resource Person Mr H M Gunaratne Banda; Director, Library and Information Services; National Institute of Education
- **Information for Development** on 10 May 2001 Resource Persons Messrs W S Punyawardena, Actg. Deputy Director; U P Alahakoon, Actg. Librarian and Ms Jacintha Seneviratna, Assistant Librarian, NLDC



Signing of the First Inter -Library Lending Agreement

- **The Museum Library Conservation Project** on 10 May 2001 Resource Person Ms Padma Akaravita; Librarian, Department of National Museums
- **Information Searching and Internet** on 11 May 2001 Resource Person Mr J A Amaraweera; Librarian, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka
- **The National Library Building** on 11 May 2001 Resource Persons Messrs Upali Amarasiri; Director General, NLDC and W K Karunaratne Maintenance officer NLDSB

SEMINAR ON NATIONAL UNION CATALOGUE

A seminar on the National Union Catalogue (NUC) was held at the National Library and Documentation Centre on 27 February 2001.

The objective of the seminar was to create an awareness on compilation of the NUC among librarians of contributing Institutions and the newly joined libraries of the NUC project. Problems encountered in transmitting data to the NUC using ISIS was also discussed. 21 librarians participated at the seminar.

Messrs Janaki Fernando, N U Yapa, Thamara Abeygunawardena and G C Hettige served as resource persons.

WORLD BOOK DAY : 1 MARCH 2001

The National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) organised the following events to commemorate the World Book Day.

- Book exhibition from 1-4 March 2001 at the National Library
- Launching of the computerised database on Devolution of Power and Ethnic Conflict of Sri Lanka (DEPEC)
- Launching of the research report on Improvement of Reading Habits and Information Skills among Primary School Children
- Presentation of the latest edition of Sri Lanka Publishers Directory
- Launching of the Sinhala translations of the first four chapters of Emerson Tenant's "The Ceylon" in the form of four attractive short publications

- Donation of mobile book boxes to 25 Junior Schools
- Issue of video cassette on the National Library and Documentation Centre
- Issue of book marks and posters as part of the reading promotion campaign

WORKSHOP ON RE-ORGANISATION OF THE LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCE

A workshop on re-organisation of the library services in the central province was held on 20 January 2001 at Hotel Thilanka, Kandy. Chief Minister of the Central Province, Hon. Sarath Ekanayake, was the chief guest at the workshop.

The main objective of the workshop was to review the Central Province Library Services Board established under the statute. In addition the workshop aimed in formulating a plan to re-structure the entire library services of the Central Province.

48 participants including Members of Provincial Councils, Mayors of Municipal Councils, Chairmen of Town Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas, Officials of Ministries of Local Government and Education of the Central Province, representatives of the National Library and Documentation Services Board, Library Services Board of the Central Province, Sri Lanka Library Association and librarians of University of Peradeniya, Post-graduate Institute of Agriculture and the Kandy and Gampola Public Libraries attended the workshop.

VISIT OF SINGAPORE DELEGATION

A delegation from the National Library Board (NLB) Singapore, consisting of Mr R Ramachandran, Assistant Chief Executive, National Library Board Singapore; Ms Jennifer Yin, Director, International Relations Division, NLB and Mr Arun Mahizhnan, Deputy Director, Institute of Policy Studies Singapore, visited Sri Lanka from 27 February to 1 March 2001.

The purpose of the visit was to explore the possibility of mutual access to collections and databases between NLB Singapore and libraries in Sri Lanka.



Singapore library delegation

The delegates visited the National Library of Sri Lanka and National Library and Documentation Services Board on 28 February 2001 and had a meeting with senior librarians of Sri Lanka. In addition they visited the University of Colombo Library, Department of National Archives and the National Museum Library.

SEMINAR ON ISBN AND ISSN

A Seminar on International Standard Book Numbering (ISBN) and International Standard Serial Numbering (ISSN) was held at the National Library auditorium on 15 March 2001 with the objective of creating an awareness among book publishers and serial publishers on ISBN and ISSN. Publishers were enlightened on the modalities of implementation of the two systems. About 50 publishers participated at the seminar.

Mr. Sarathchandra Wanniarachchi, President Sri Lanka Book Sellers Association was the chief guest at the seminar. Messrs Henry Samaranayake, Upali Amarasiri and Sunil Gomes addressed the gathering.

Ms Janaki Fernando, Mr U P Alahakoon and Ms Waruni Gangabadaarachchi served as resource persons.

MEETING ON INTERCHANGE AND EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION AMONG S & T INFORMATION CENTRES AND LIBRARIES OF THE SOUTH ASIA REGION

Sri Lanka Scientific and Technical Information Centre of the National Science Foundation in collaboration with UNESCO, New Delhi office organised a meeting on Interchange and Exchange of Scientific Information among S & T Information Centres and Libraries of the South Asia Region which was held from 29-30 January 2001 at the National Science Foundation.

A total of 15 participants representing six countries, namely, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka attended the meeting. The main objectives of the meeting were to design a mechanism to exchange information among South Asian countries and promote co-operation among libraries and information centres in the South Asia.

The meeting consisted of presentations of country papers by participants, group discussions, presentations of groups and formulation of recommendations of the meeting. Mr N U Yapa, Head Librarian, International Water Management Institute; Dr D M Karunaratne, Director, National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka; Mr L A Jayatissa, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Kelaniya and Ms Deepali Talagala, Director / Information, SLSTIC, National Science Foundation served as resource persons.



Meeting on Interchange and Exchange of Scientific Information of South Asia Region

The following recommendations were formulated at the end of the meeting.

- Establish a regional committee to be co-ordinated by UNESCO, New Delhi and national committees in each country in consultation with the UNESCO National Commissions
- Establish a regional consortium to access S & T information in the South Asia region
- Identify an institution or organisation at national level in each country, to act as the clearing-house for document delivery
- Train the trainers to facilitate training all library and information professionals in information skills, cataloguing, documentation and usage of IT at national level training
- Formulate guidelines for maintaining uniformity in data formats in developing databases and compiling bibliographies, directories etc
- Provide publications and full text documents at local rates for member countries and for producing CD-ROM databases

- Free access or subsidised rates to use online databases for member countries
- Identify published and unpublished materials available for exchange within SAARC countries
- Update directories of centres of excellence
- Compile a directory of experts (S&T) in the South Asia region

SLSTINET AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Sri Lanka Scientific and Technical Information Network (SLSTINET) for the year 2000 was held on 15 December 2000 at the National Science Foundation.

Subcommittee of the SLSTINET was appointed at the meeting. It includes representatives from AGRINET, HELLIS, ENLINET, National Library and Documentation Centre, University of Kelaniya, Industrial Technology Institute, International Water Management Institute and Centre for Industrial Technical Information Services of the Industrial Development Board.

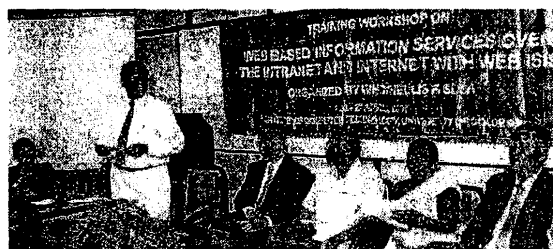
A seminar session was also held on this day and the undermentioned five presentations were made

- **Review of AGRINET activities** by Mr N U Yapa, Head Librarian, International Water Management Institute
- **Demonstration on Integrated Database Management System** by Ms Dilmini Warnasuriya, Manager, Information Services Centre, Industrial Technology Institute
- **TEEAL Database Demonstration** by Ms T I Pieris, Librarian/Documentation Officer, Council for Agricultural Research Policy

- **Demonstration on Science Citation Index-CD ROM version** by Ms Amara Nanayakkara, Librarian and Ms Senani Bandara, Assistant Librarian, National Library and Documentation Centre
- **Demonstration on DELNET** by Ms Deepali Talagala, Director Information, National Science Foundation

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON WEB BASED INFORMATION SYSTEMS OVER THE INTRANET AND INTERNET WITH WEB ISIS

A five day training workshop on "Web Based Information Over the Intranet and Internet with Web ISIS" was held at the Institute of Computer Technology, University of Colombo from 23-27 April 2001. The workshop was organised by the HELLIS Sri Lanka Network in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Library Association.



Training Workshop on Web Based Information Systems

20 Librarians of the HELLIS Sri Lanka Network member libraries and 25 librarians who are members of the Sri Lanka Library Association participated at the workshop.

The main objective of this training was to introduce a web based information system as a first step towards setting up a web based health information system in Sri Lanka, which would facilitate sharing information with regional and to the entire health information system of the World Health Organisation.

The software presented at the workshop was developed and modified by the chief resource person, Mr Maung Aung Myint and

was distributed among all workshop participants free of charge. This is the web version of the library software package CDS/ISIS. The software is also aimed at encouraging HELLIS member librarians to develop their own web pages and to start a web based information system leading to a maximised health information sharing network.

APINESS NATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP 2001

National Library and Documentation Centre which is the National Contact Point (NCP) of the Asia-Pacific Information Network in Social Sciences (APINESS) has appointed the following persons as members of its National Advisory Group for year 2001.

- **Mr P Vidanapathirana** (Chairman)
Librarian
University of Sri Jayawardenepura
- **Prof. Carlo Fonseka**
Secretary General
Sri Lanka National Commission
for UNESCO
- **Dr. H W Karunaratne**
Head
Department of Social Science
University of Kelaniya
- **Dr. Jayadeva Uyangoda**
Senior Lecturer
Department of History and
Political Science
University of Colombo
- **Mr Sugath Watagedara**
Deputy Director General
(Education Programmes)
Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation
- **Mr S M Kamaldeen**
Board Member
National Library and Documentation
Services Board

- **Ms Deepali Talagala**
Director / Information
National Science Foundation
- **Ms Daya Ratnayaka**
President
Sri Lanka Library Association
- **Ms Sunethra Perera**
Director / Documentation and Information
Sri Lanka Standards Bureau

RE-ORGANISATION OF THE ENLINET

A meeting of the Environmental Library Network (ENLINET) was held on 8 February 2001 at the Central Environmental Authority. 13 members of the network attended the meeting.

The main purpose of the meeting was to re-organise the Environmental Library Network, as it was not functioning properly for the past five years due to financial constraints.

The following decisions were taken at the meeting.

- University Libraries that are interested in environmental sciences should be invited to join the network and this has to be included in the ENLINET membership policy.
- To discontinue compilation of the Union Catalogue of Environmental Books (UNICEB) and Union List of Environmental Periodicals (UNILEP) as National Library and Documentation Centre compiles the National Union Catalogue (NUC) and National Science Foundation compiles the Union List of Scientific & Technical Periodicals (UNILIST)

- To revive the compilation of Current Contents on Environment
- To compile a Bibliography on Water Pollution with the co-operation of the member libraries of ENLINET

TEEAL AT CARP

Council for Agricultural Research Policy (CARP) which is the focal point of Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET) has acquired the CD-ROM **TEEAL** - The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library.

The TEEAL CD includes the scanned and digitized contents of 140 of the world's most important scientific journals in the field of Agriculture, as most essential to research and education in: Rural Development, Sustainable Agriculture, Natural Resources, Environment, Food Processing, Veterinary Medicine, Range Management, Agricultural Engineering, Crop Development, Animal Management, Pest Control, Economics, Soil Science, Nutrition and Forestry.

The following CDS are available at CARP Library 1993-1996 Base set (includes the complete text and images of 130 selected journals)

Updates for 1997 and 1998

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FIRST PURNA WORKSHOP

The first PURNA workshop was held on 11 February 2001 at the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS). The workshop was organised to train the library staff of DCS in using PURNA cataloguing module. 26 librarians from 18 PURNA user libraries attended the workshop. Mr N U Yapa, Head Librarian International Water Management Institute conducted the workshop.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES HELD IN SINGAPORE APRIL 2001

Two international conferences **e-tlas - Emerging Trends in Library & Archival Services** 23-24 April 2001, and **PAL Asia - Technology for the Next-Generation Publishers and Information Professionals** 25-26 April 2001 were held in Singapore, in conjunction with the Asia International Book Fair and the International Library Expo.

The Conferences were jointly organised by the National Library Board of Singapore, National Heritage Board of Singapore, Reed Exhibition Companies, National Book Development Council of Singapore and CONSAL Secretariat.

The objectives of the two conferences are as follows.

e-tlas - To train a critical mass of senior managers in new trends and strategies in managing knowledge-based organisations; to identify and share individual and institutional contacts as well as information sources and to build robust professional linkage amongst all participants in the programme and of continuing usefulness well beyond the conference.

Pal Asia - To provide a platform for leading publishers, book experts and information professionals to discuss emerging trends and issues that will make an impact in the publishing industry and information centres; to enable publishers and book industry professionals to understand the impact of technology on publishing and book selling and to present opportunities for networking with book professionals to explore business prospects.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES AND INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIRS

7th ANNUAL NETMEDIA CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ON THE MEDIA AND THE INTERNET

Duration : 4 - 6 July 2001
Venue : Workshop - 4th July 2001
City University
London
Conference - 5-6 July 2001
Institute of Civil Engineers
London
Contact : Edward Goldswain
E-mail edward.goldswain@courseleader.com
Full and Detailed information is available at: <http://www.net-media.co.uk/conference/>

ANNUAL SCHOLARLY SYMPOSIUM EEI21-MEMPHIS

THE ETHICS OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION IN THE 21st CENTURY (EEI21) SYMPOSIUM

Duration : 18 - 21 October, 2001
Venue : Fogelman Executive Centre
University of MEMPHIS
Campus, USA
URL: <http://www.memphis.edu/ethics21/0leei/>

ACM CIKM 2001

TENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Duration : 5 - 10 November 2001
Venue : Doubletree Hotel
Atlanta - Buckhead
Georgia
USA
Full and Detailed information is available at:
<http://cikm2001.cc.gatech.edu/>

The 9th BEIJING INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

Duration : 17 - 21 May 2002
Venue : Beijing, China
Contact : China National Publications Import & Export (Group) Corporation
P. O. Box 88
16 Gongti East Road
Chaoyang District
Beijing 100020

e-mail : bibf2002@cnpiec.com.cn

ASIA INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY EXPO 2002

Duration : 24 - 26 April 2002
Venue : Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre
Admission : Open to Trade Professionals
Entranc Fee : S\$ 15
URL : <http://www.consal.org.sg/>

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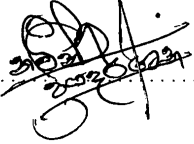
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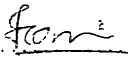
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