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WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODS

A one day workshop on Research Methods (Commerce & Management) was held at the National Library auditorium on 7 September 2001. The workshop was organised by the Reader Services Division of the NLDC.



Professor Geoffrey Lloyd at the Workshop

The objectives of the workshop were to discuss various aspects of modern research methodology in Commerce and Management and familiarise researchers with library resources and bibliographic tools available at the National Library and Documentation Centre. 34 researchers and officers in the fields of commerce and management attached to universities and research institutions participated at the workshop.

Professor Geoffrey Lloyd, Dr D P Wickramasinghe, Messrs Chandana Rathnasiri, T B Andarawewa and Dilmi Aluwihare served as resource persons. Professor W I Siriweera, Vice Chancellor, Rajarata University, Chairman National Library Advisory Committee of the NLDSB was the Chief Guest at the inauguration of the workshop.

DOCUMENTATION DIVISION DATA BASES

Databases developed and maintained by the Documentation Division of the National Library and Documentation Centre listed below, can be accessed for research purposes.

UCAT - National Union Catalogue

DEPEC - Devolution of Power and Ethnic Conflict

SLCI - Sri Lanka Conference Index

DISLID - Directory of Social Science Libraries, Information Centres and Databases

THESES - Index to theses (in progress)

SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY DAY

International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) has declared fourth Monday of October as the International School Library day.



Commemoration of the International School Library Day

The National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted a special seminar on 22 October 2001, for Librarians of National Schools, Training Colleges and Colleges of Education in the Western Province, to commemorate the day. 54 Participants attended the seminar.

The main national ceremony was held at the Dutugemunu Madhya Maha Vidyalaya, Pothuhera, Kurunegala. The Programme was organised by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in collaboration with the NLDSB and Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association.

WORKSHOPS ON MODERNISATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES IN THE PROVINCES OF SOUTHERN, NORTH - CENTRAL, NORTH - WESTERN AND UVA

A number of workshops on Modernisation and Development of Library and Information Services were held at provincial level during May–October 2001.

- The workshop in **Southern Province** was held on 18 May 2001 at Wakwella Training Centre, Galle. Chief Minister of the Southern Province, Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abewardana was the Chief Guest at the workshop. 47 participants including a Mayor, Chairmen and Secretaries of local authorities and librarians attached to major libraries attended the workshop.
- The workshop in the **North - Central Province** was held on 21 June 2001 at Management Development Training Centre, NCP Anuradhapura. Chief Minister of the North Central Province, Hon. Berty Premalal Disanayaka was the Chief Guest at the workshop. 66 participants including Chairmen and Secretaries of local authorities, librarians and principals of schools attended the workshop.
- The workshop on Modernisation and Development of Library and Information Services in the **North - Western Province** was held on 12 July 2001 at Education Training Institute North - Western Province, Wariyapola. Secretary to the Chief Minister of North Western Province, Mr Nimal Bandara, was the Chief Guest at the workshop. 65 participants attended the workshop.
- The workshop in **Uva Province** was held on 11 October 2001 at the Training Centre, Badulla. Chief Minister of the Uva Province, Hon. Samaraweera Weeravanni, was the Chief Guest at the workshop. 63 participants were in the workshop.

LITERARY MONTH - BOOK EXHIBITION & WORKSHOP

The National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) organised a book exhibition and a workshop to commemorate the Literary Month of 2001.

The book exhibition was held at the National Library exhibition centre from 25 – 29 September 2001.

A workshop for young writers was held during this period. The objective of the workshop was to discuss various aspects of creative writing.



A Session of the Young Writers Workshop

Dr D M Karunaratna, Messrs Henry Samaranayaka, K Jayatilaka, Sarath Wijesuriya, Cyril C Perera and Sarathchandra Wanniarachchi served as resource persons. Messrs Henry Samaranayaka, Upali Amarasiri and K Jayatilaka chaired the sessions.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ON EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES OF CONSERVATION CENTRES

Conservation Division of the National Library and Documentation Centre (NLDC) conducted a one day seminar on 30 August 2001 and a three day workshop from 28 – 30 September 2001 on conservation and preservation of library materials. The seminar and the workshop were held at the National Library.

The Objective of the seminar was to evaluate the activities of the 115 conservation centres, established by the NLDSB attached to Public, School & Departmental Libraries. Acquisition of material and equipment for conservation centres and techniques of conservation and preservation of library material were discussed at the seminar. Messrs H Thilakabandu, D A Dharmasena, A P Premaratna, P H Ranjith, D G B M Karunaratne and Menaka Kumari served as resource persons at the seminar.

The objective of the workshop was to create an awareness on conservation and preservation of ola leaf manuscripts. Various aspects of conservation and preservation of ola leaf manuscripts were discussed at the workshop. Officers-in-charge of 11 conservation centres attended the workshop. Messrs S M Aberatne, Panchibanda Hunupola, D A Dharmasena, A P Premaratne and D G B M Karunaratne served as resource persons at the workshop.

MASTERS DEGREES IN LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE

Ms. *Padma Bandaranayake* and Ms. *Dushyanthi Daniel*, Assistant Librarians of NLDSB obtained Master's Degrees in Library and Information Studies recently.

Ms. Bandaranayake read her Masters degree in Information Sciences at University of Technology Sydney, (UTS) in Australia from March 2000 – July 2001. Her research project is *School Libraries in New South Wales, Australia*. Ms Daniel followed her Masters programme in Library and Information Studies at the University College London from September 2000 – September 2001 and her research project was *Secondary School Libraries*. The fellowships were granted under the World Bank sponsored General Education Project – 2 (GEP – 2) of the Ministry of Education in Sri Lanka.

NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

Retrospective National Bibliography 1901 – 1910

Sri Lanka National Bibliography (Retrospective) covering English Publications, for the period 1901 – 1910 was published recently. Retrospective bibliographies covering the periods 1737 – 1884, and 1962 were already published.

MEETING OF SLSTINET AND ISIS USERS

A meeting of the Sri Lanka Scientific and Technical Information Network (SLSTINET) and ISIS users was held on 4 July 2001 at the National Science Foundation.

At the seminar session, following three presentations were made.

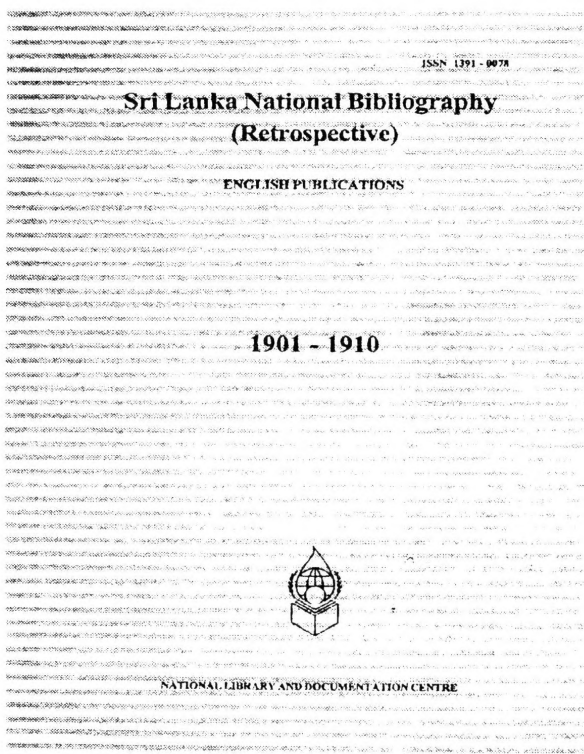
- Introduction to new features of CDS/ISIS 1.4 for windows (January 2001) by Ms Deepali Talagala, Director / Information, National Science Foundation.
- Access to PURNA through world wide web (www) by Mr N U Yapa, Head Librarian, International Water Management Institute.
- Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) on web by Ms Dilmani Warnasuriya, Manager, Information Services Centre, Industrial Technology Institute.

NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY ON PLANT PROTECTION

The National Committee on plant protection, established under the Council for Agricultural Research Policy (CARP) has compiled and published the National Bibliography on Plant Protection.

This bibliography comprised bibliographic information on Scientific Publications published in Sri Lanka during a period of 20 years, covering 1979 – 1999.

The objective of this bibliography was to fulfil a long felt need of a reference source on scientific work in plant protection.



Retrospective Bibliography 1901-1910

These publications are available at the National Library Book shop.

Retrospective Bibliography

1737 – 1884	Rs. 295.00
1901 – 1910	Rs. 125.00
1962	Rs. 150.00

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PUBLICATION OF SECONDARY SOURCES

The following secondary sources have been published by the Library and Information Division of the National Institute of Education.

- Accession List (Quarterly)
- Circulars Index on Education in Sri Lanka (from 1988 – 2000)
- Bibliography on Sri Lanka Collection (NIE Library)
- Authority File on Education, based on DDC scheme
- Selected Bibliography on D A Perera Collection (Special Collection of the NIE Library)
- Content Pages on Periodicals
- Selected Bibliography on Educational Reports in Sri Lanka

NSF RESEARCH GRANTS 2002

Applications are invited by the National Science Foundation (NSF) from Sri Lankans, working in universities, research institutes, other state and private sector organisations for the award of research grants. Under the Social Benefit Research Category, it focuses on research in the areas of social science, education, library and information science and information technology.

The Research Grant Scheme is intended to provide assistance to supplement the financial, physical and manpower resources

available for scientific research in the scientists own institutions.

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47/5, Vidya Mawatha
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ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON SOCIAL MOBILISATION

The Bibliography on Social Mobilisation published by Network of Social Mobilisation Practitioners in collaboration with Rural Development Training and Research Institute, is an attempt to compile a user-friendly secondary source on the basic writings of Social Mobilisation. Network of Social Mobilisation Practitioners initiated this task with the financial assistance of UNDP.

This bibliography was compiled by Ms Deepali Talagala, Director / Information, National Science Foundation. The bibliography consists of 135 entries covering English, Sinhala and Tamil Publications. It has intended to cover the areas of social mobilisation of the poor, social movements with a distinctive participatory methodology and understanding the reality of poor.

COLOMBO INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR 2001

Third Colombo International Book Fair, organised by the book publishers and book sellers in Sri Lanka was held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall from 1 – 5 September, 2001.

This book fair was organised by the Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association and the principal sponsor was M D Gunasena and Company Ltd. The media sponsors were The Island, Divayina and Channel Eye. Prime Minister Hon. Ratnasiri Wickramanayake was the Chief Guest and Hon. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Education,

Hon. Monty Gopallawa, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Hon. Reginold Cooray, Chief Minister, Western Province were Guests of Honour at the opening ceremony. There were 136 stalls at the fair. 19 Foreign Publishers and 66 Local Publishers and State Organisations participated at the book fair.

SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SESSIONS

The 41st Annual Sessions of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) were held on 29 June 2001 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, (BMICH) Colombo. The theme of the Annual Sessions was "Global Knowledge : the Role of Librarians and Information Specialists".

The Hon. Minister of Higher Education and Information Technology Development Mr Indika Gunawardena was the Chief Guest, while the Vice Chairman, National Education Commission, Professor K D Arulpragasam was the Guest of Honour.



41st Annual Sessions of the SLLA

The SLLA adopted the following resolutions :

- The Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government to enact a Public Libraries Act to provide for the Organisation and Promotion of the Public Library Services in Sri Lanka

- Request the UNESCO to declare a Universal Library Day in order to draw the attention of world governments to the importance of Library and Information Services.

SECOND PURNA WORKSHOP

The Second Workshop for PURNA users was held at the Labour Secretariat on 8 June 2001. Workers Education Division of the Labour Department organised the programme.

The workshop was mainly devoted to preparation of current awareness products such as current awareness bulletins using PURNA CAS (Current Awareness Services) module. 40 librarians from 28 PURNA user libraries attended the workshop. Mr N U Yapa, Head Librarian, International Water Management Institute conducted the workshop.

Ph.D IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Ms. T Kalaivani an Assistant Librarian of Jaffna University has obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Library and Information Science from the Institute of Library Science, Bangalore University, Bangalore. *Training and Development of Professional Staff in University Libraries in Karnataka : An Analysis is her thesis for the degree.*

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

IFIP WG 9.4 CONFERENCE

[International Federation for Information Processing Working Group 9.4]

Duration : 29 – 31 May 2002
 Venue : Bangalore, India
 Theme : ICTS and Development : New Opportunities, Perspectives and Challenges

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Indian Institute of Management
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URL : [http://is.lse.ac.uk/ifipwg9.4/
conference2002/](http://is.lse.ac.uk/ifipwg9.4/conference2002/)

**AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Duration : 13 –19 June 2002
Venue : Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Contact : American Library Association
50 E Huron, Chicago, IL 60611,
USA
E-mail : ala@ala.org
URL : www.ala.org.

68th IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE

Duration : 18 – 24 August 2002
Venue : Glasgow, Scotland
Theme : Libraries for Life :
Democracy, Diversity,
Delivery
Contact : Conference Department
Library Association Enterprises
The Library Association
7, Ridgemount Street,
London WC1E 7 1E
United Kingdom
E-mail : ifla@la-hq.org.uk.
URL : <http://www/ifla.org/iv/ifla68/>

**IFIP CONGRESS 2002 – 17th WORLD
COMPUTER CONGRESS**

Duration : 25 – 30 August 2002
Venue : Montreal, Canada
Theme : Information Technology for Our
Times : Ideas, Research and
Applications in an inclusive
world

Contact : George H. Boynton
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Organising Committee
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URL : www.wwc2002.org

28th IBBY CONGRESS

[International Board on Books for Young
People]

Duration : 29 September – 3 October 2002
Venue : Basel, Switzerland
E-mail : ibby@eye.ch
URL : [www.ibby.org/seiten/03-
news.htm-70k](http://www.ibby.org/seiten/03-news.htm-70k)

Future Congresses of IBBY

29th IBBY Congress Cape Town, South Africa
5-9 September 2004

30th IBBY Congress Beijing, China
20-24 September 2006

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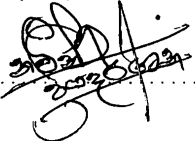
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