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MEETINGS ON DRAFT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ACT

The National Library and Documentation Services Board organised two meetings to discuss the new **Intellectual Property Draft Act** on the 8th and 16th August, 2002. Librarians, publishers, booksellers, authors and lyric writers participated at the meetings.

LITERARY MONTH - 2002

A book exhibition and a seminar series were organised by the NLDSB to commemorate the literary month of 2002 from 3 to 8 September 2002.

The seminars were for young writers, school children and for publishers respectively on creative writing, improvement of reading habits, International Standard Numbering Systems and on Cataloguing -in-Publication.

Professor Tissa Kariyawasam, Messrs Somaweera Senanayaka, Sarath Wijesuriya, Padma Bandaranayaka, U P Alahakoon and Varuni Gangabadaarachchi served as resource persons.

SEMINAR ON NATIONAL UNION CATALOGUE

A seminar on National Union Catalogue (NUC) was held at the National Library and Documentation Centre on 12 September 2002.

The objective of the seminar was to improve the participation and contribution to the NUC project by the member libraries.



National Union Catalogue Seminar

Problems encountered in transmitting data to the NUC using different software was also discussed. 23 librarians participated at the seminar. Messrs NU Yapa and Janaki Fernando served as resource persons.

DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION SERVICES IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority (SLSDA) organised a discussion with the National Library and Documentation Services Board on 2nd October, 2002 at the SLSDA office Nupe, Matara on Southern Region Library Development.

The main objective of the discussion was to find out the steps that could be taken for the development of Library and Documentation Services in the area covered by SLSDA.

Professor Tissa Kariyawasam Chairman, Mr. M S U Amarasiri Director General and Head of the Library Development Division of the NLDSB, Mr. Kapila Sirisena Librarian, University of Ruhuna, Dr. P A Nandasena Additional Director General, Mr. Ruwan de Silva Casiwatte Director (Policy Planning), Mr. Bevan Wijesiriwardena Divisional Manager (Plantation and Education) of SLSDA and officers of provincial Education Ministry, librarians of local authorities in the area participated at the discussion.

SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY DAY

The NLDSB conducted two seminars (Sinhala and Tamil) on 28th October, 2002 (4th Monday of October) to commemorate the International School Library Day.

Seminar in Sinhala medium was conducted for librarians of the National Schools of Gampaha District and the seminar in Tamil medium was conducted for librarians of selected schools in the provinces of Western and Central. 57 participants attended both seminars.

The main ceremony to celebrate the International School Library Day was held at the Madhya Maha Vidyalaya, Anuradhapura. Minister of School Development Hon. Suranimala Rajapaksha was the Chief Guest at the ceremony. Mr. Upali Amarasiri, Director General, NLDSB and Mr. W Dharmadasa, Director, SLDU also participated at the seminar.

SCHOOL LIBRARY WEEK

The week immediately after the International School Library Day (4th Monday in October) was declared as the School Library Week by the Hon. Minister of School Development, Suranimala Rajapaksha at International School Library Day celebrations held at Anuradhapura Central College on 28th October 2002.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR MALDIVIAN LIBRARIANS

A one day training programme was conducted by the National Library and Documentation Centre on the 27th of August, 2002 for the Maldivian Librarians following the Sri Lanka Library Association Distance Education Programme. Six Maldivian Librarians participated at the training.



Maldivian Librarians at the NLDC

WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

To create an awareness on library activities among Community Development officers of the Western Province, two workshops were held on 29th and 31st of October 2002 at the NLDSB.

The programme was organised by the Education and Training Division of the NLDSB with the collaboration of the Western Province Local Government Department. 36 Community Development Officers participated.

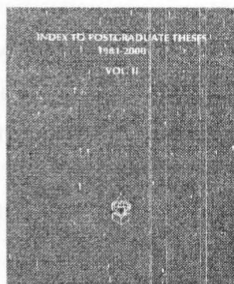
DONATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

The following valuable donations have been received by the National Library and Documentation Centre during the period July - December 2002.

- Simon Casiechetty Collection
88 books and a rare collection of gazettes
- W.P. Wattedgama Collection
48 rare books and 26 Journals

INDEX TO POSTGRADUATE THESES 1981-2002(VOLUME II)

Index to Postgraduate Theses 1981-2002 (Volume II) is a listing of holdings of theses in the libraries of research institutions, postgraduate institutes, universities and special libraries which have not been covered in volume I of this index. Information on Theses submitted for higher degrees eg. M.A, M.B.A, M.Com, M.D, M.Ed, M.Eng, M.L.S, M.Law, M.Lib, M.Phil, M.S, M.Sc, Ph.D of the universities of Sri Lanka and for foreign universities by Sri Lankans are included in this index. The Volume I of the index was published in 2002 with 1,359 entries. Vol.II consists of information on 951 theses and will be released shortly.



Index to Postgraduate Theses

TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND WORKSHOPS ON CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION

The following Training Programmes and Workshops were conducted by the Education and Training Division of the NLDSB.

- Training Programme on Conservation of Library Material and Book Binding for officers of Public Libraries was held from 19 to 21 July 2002 at the NLDSB. 18 participants from 18 Public Libraries attended the training.
- Workshop on Conservation of Library Material and Book Binding for officers of the National Conservation Centres was held from 23 to 26 August 2002. Participants from twelve National Conservation Centres participated at the workshop.

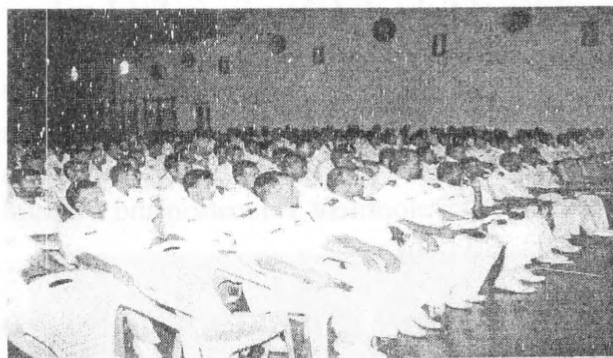
- Workshop on Conservation of Library Material and Book Binding for officers of the National Conservation Centres was held from 27 to 29 November 2002. Twelve participants from 12 National Conservation Centres participated at the workshop.



Workshop on Conservation and Preservation

SEMINAR FOR NAVY OFFICERS

A seminar was held on 6th and 7th December 2002 at the Naval and Maritime Academy, Naval Base Trincomalee for officers of the Sri Lanka Navy with the aim of creating an awareness on Library Management.



Navy Officers at the Seminar

The seminar was organised by the Education and Training Division of the NLDSB with the collaboration of the Naval and Maritime Academy. 100 Officers and 200 Sailors participated at the seminar. Messrs Janaki Fernando, G D Amarasiri and Padma Bandaranayake of the NLDSB served as resource persons at the seminar.

SEMINAR ON RESEARCH METHODS

A one day seminar on Social Science Research Methods was held at the National Library and Documentation Services Board on 11 December 2002.

The objective of the workshop was to discuss various aspects of modern research methodology in social sciences and familiarise researchers with library resources and bibliographic tools available at the National Library and Documentation Centre.

Professors Tissa Kariyawasam, K.A.P.Siddhisena, Dr. H W Karunaratna, Messrs J.A.Amaraweera, Janaki Fernando and Senani Bandara served as resource persons at the seminar.

MASTERS DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Mr. W Sunil, Assistant Librarian NLDSB obtained his Masters Degree in Library and Information Science recently.

Mr. Sunil read his Masters Degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from March 2001-August 2002. His research project for the degree was *Collection Development of School Libraries in Sri Lanka*.

The fellowship was granted under the World Bank sponsored General Education Project 2 (GEP2) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Education and Cultural Affairs, Sri Lanka.

TRAINING ON CONSERVATION AND REPROGRAPHY

Ms. Menaka Kumari Perera of the Conservation and Preservation Division of NLDSB followed a course on Conservation and Reprography at the National Archives of Malaysia from 2nd September to 31st October 2002.

The course was conducted under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) and organised by the National Archives of Malaysia.



Training at National Archives Malaysia

NEW CHAIRMAN FOR NLDSB

Professor Tissa Kariyawasam has been appointed as the 11th Chairman of the National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) in June 2002. He is a well-known author and a reputed academic on Folklore, Buddhism and Communication. He has served as the Dean of Faculty of Arts, University of Sri Jayawardhanapura, Head of the Department of Sinhala and Communication and as Acting Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayawardhanapura. He also served as the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation.

PERI WORKSHOPS

Two workshops were conducted on 5th and 11th October, 2002 at the University of Colombo for library professionals, under the aegis of INASP (International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications), to introduce PERI resources and their usefulness to Sri Lankan libraries. Similar workshop was held at the National Library on 20th November 2002 to create an awareness on Peri among the officers of the National Library and Documentation Centre.



Workshop on Electronic Journals and Electronic Resources Library Management

INASP has provided free islandwide access to the following three databases.

- **Blackwells** - 608 full text periodicals collection on Social Science and Humanities.
- **EBSCO Host** - Over 6000 full text periodicals available covering all disciplines.
- **Cochrane Library** - Covers 08 full text online databases, mostly on health related information.

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NILIS WORKSHOPS

National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS) held two workshops for its visiting lecturers on Curriculum Development in Library and Information Science and Teaching Strategies from 16 to 26 September 2002. Professor G E Gorman and Mr. Philip Calvert of Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand conducted the workshops.

SEMINAR AND MEETING ON UNESCO OBSERVATORY OF THE INFORMATION SOCIETY IN ASIA

A seminar and meeting on UNESCO Observatory of the Information Society in Asia was held in Bandung, Indonesia from 18 to 20 November 2002. Representatives from Cambodia, China, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam attended the seminar.

One of the principal aims of the observatory is to help policy-makers in developing countries to formulate ICT policies for the benefit of its citizens.

The National Science Foundation will be the National focal point of the National Observatory for Information Society for Sri Lanka.

COLOMBO INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR 2002

Fourth Colombo International Book Fair, organised by the Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association was held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall from 10 to 15 September, 2002.

There were 183 stalls at the fair. Publishers from India, United Kingdom, United States of America, Singapore together with over 100 local publishers and booksellers participated at the fair.

FELICITATION CEREMONY

A felicitation ceremony for Professor Jayasiri Lankage, former Librarian, University of Kelaniya and founder teacher of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya and for Professor WB Dorakumbura, former Librarian of the University of Sri Jayawardenapura was held at the University of Kelaniya on 27th October, 2002.



Felicitation to Professors

The ceremony was organised by the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya.

Vice Chancellor of the University of Kelaniya, Professor Tillakaratna Kapugamage was the Chief Guest at the ceremony and the felicitation lecture was delivered by the Chairman, World Heritage Commission Task Force, Professor Senaka Bandaranayaka.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

LIBER WORKSHOP : MICROFILMING AND DIGITISATION FOR PRESERVATION

Duration : 4-15 April, 2003
Venue : Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB)
The Hague. The Netherlands
Website : <http://www.kb.nl/coop/liber>

(Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche (LIBER) Preservation Division)

COFHE CONFERENCE : ACCESS FOR ALL : EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

Duration : 14-17 April, 2003
Venue : Heriot - Watt University,
Edinburgh
Website : <http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/cofhe/conference.html>.

(COFHE- Colleges of Further Higher Education Group)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Coding and Computing

Duration : 28-30 April, 2003
Venue : The Orleans, Las Vegas,
Nevada, USA

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SHOW 2003

Duration : 30th April - 1st May 2003
Venue : London
E-mail : lis@resourcex.co.uk
website : <http://www.lishow.co.uk>

INFO TO DAY 2003 THE GLOBAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION ON ELECTRONIC INFORMATION, DIGITAL RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Theme : WAY Beyond Cool: Information for The Real World
Duration : 6-8 May 2003
Venue : New York Hilton & Towers
Website : <http://www.infoday.com>

(Featuring the following three core conferences for Information Professionals, Librarians, Researchers and Knowledge Managers.

National Online 2003
Knowledge Nets 2003
E-Libraries 2003)

ELIT 2003 : THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION & IT LITERACY

Duration : 11-13 June 2003
Venue : Glasgow, Scotland
Website : <http://www.elit/2003.com>

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANSHIP (IASL) 2003 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme : School Libraries: Breaking Down Barriers
Duration : 7-11 July 2003
Venue : Durban, South Africa
Website : <http://www.iasl-slo.org/2003-gen.html>.

LIBRARIES WITHOUT WALLS 5th CONFERENCE : THE DISTRIBUTED DELIVERY OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Duration : 19-23 September 2003
Venue : Aegean Island of Levos, Greece

**8th IFLA INTER-LENDING AND
DOCUMENT SUPPLY
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Theme : "Breaking Barriers: reaching
users in a digital world"
Duration : 28-31 October 2003
Venue : National Library of Australia
Canberra, Australia
E-mail : ildsconference@nla.gov.au
Website : [http://www.nla.gov.au/ilds/
papers.html](http://www.nla.gov.au/ilds/papers.html)

69th IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE

Duration : 1-8 August 2003
Venue : Berlin, Germany
Theme : "Access Point Library : Media -
Information - Culture."
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URL : <http://www.ifla.org/IV/iflaE69/>.

Future Conferences of IFLA

70th IFLA General Conference
Buenos Aires 2004

71st IFLA General Conference
Oslo 2005

72nd IFLA General Conference
Seoul 2006

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