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TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY NLDSB

- (1) Training programme for school librarians of Piliyandala Education Zone, Somaweera Chandrasiri Vidyalaya, Piliyandala 02-03.07.2007
- (2) Seminar on Library Usage for School children of the Gampaha Municipality area 10.07.2007
- (3) Seminar to make aware the Public Library Reader Circles of Kalutara District, Kalutara Municipal Council, 04.08.2007.
- (4) Training Programme for Public Librarians and Community Development Officers of Uva Province, Passara Training Centre, 09-10.08.2007
- (5) Training Programme for Pirivena Librarians of Polonnaruwa District, Sri Vidumina Maha Pirivena, Polonnaruwa, 23-25.09.2007
- (6) Training Programme for Teacher Librarians of Trincomale District, Ganthalawa Maha Vidyalaya, Kantale, 18-19.10.2007
- (7) Seminar for Librarians of National Schools, NLDSB, 04.12.2007
- (8) Seminar for Community Development Officers and Librarians of Kurunegala District, Kurunegala Janakala Kendraya 14.12.2007

NATIONAL READING MONTH

The National Reading Month programme was conducted this year by the NLDSB with the assistance of Bank of Ceylon and Room to Read Institute. A press conference was held on 21.09.2007 at the NLDSB auditorium to make aware the public about National Reading Month 2007. In addition, a wide publicity was given through electronic media. A poster and logo competitions on National Reading Month was also held. 12 seminars on reading promotion were held in 12 selected schools in district level. In addition, books were also donated to these 12 schools. The main ceremony of the National Reading Month was held on 30.10.2007 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute auditorium. The chief guest on the occasion was Hon. Rathnasiri Wickramanayake, the Prime Minister. The award of cash prizes, trophies and certificates to the winners of the poster competition and the presentation of awards to five institutions for their contribution for the reading promotion also took place in this ceremony.



Inauguration of the National Reading Month

SEMINAR ON NATIONAL UNION CATALOGUE

A seminar on National Union Catalogue (NUC) of Sri Lanka was held on 28.11.2007 at the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute auditorium. The seminar was organized by the Documentation Services Division of the NLDSB. The chief guest on the occasion was Mr. Ariyaratna Hewage, Secretary, Ministry of Education. The objective of the seminar was to plan the future development of the National Union Catalogue and to improve the knowledge on the National Union Catalogue among the librarians of participating libraries of the NUC. Mr G. D. Amarasiri, Mrs Sumana Jayasuriya, Dr Wathmanel Senaviratna, Mr P. Undugodage served as resource persons.

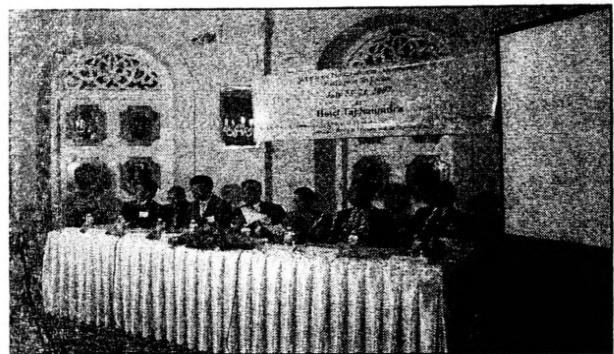


Inauguration of the seminar

SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP ON THE PRESERVATION OF DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE IN SRI LANKA

A seminar and workshop on the Preservation of Documentary Heritage in Sri Lanka was held from 23 to 25 July 2007 at Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo. The seminar and workshop was organized by the Korean National Commission for UNESCO, Memory of the World Sri Lanka Committee and National Library and Documentation Services Board. Chief guest on the occasion was Mr. H. E. Kwon Yung-dal, the Ambassador of Korea in Sri Lanka. Mr. KIM Kwi-bae, Head of Culture Team, Korean National Commission of UNESCO, Dr Saroja Wettasinghe, Director, Department of National Archives, Dr. SEO Yung-bun, Professor, Chungnam University, Korea, Mr. KIM Hong

Young, chief curator, cheongju Early Printing Museum, Korea Ms. HYUN Hea-won, Public Service Division, National Library of Korea, Dr. CHUNG Yong-Jae, Researcher, Conservation Science Division, National Research Institute of Cultural Heritage, Korea, Mr. Ray Edumonson, Chairman, Memory of the World Committee for Asia and Pacific and Dr. CHOI Chan-ho, Preservation Researcher, National Archives and Record Service, Korea served as resource persons of the seminar.



Inauguration of the seminar

WORKSHOP ON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR SENIOR EXECUTIVES OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - MALAYSIA

The workshop on Leadership Development for Senior Executives of National Libraries in Developing Countries was held in Malaysia from 06.08.2007 to 23.08.2007. Mrs. Nalini Mallawaarachchi, Deputy Director of the National Library and Documentation Services Board participated the workshop.

35th ISBN AGENCY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND 32nd MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF ISSN CENTRES, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

The 35th International Standard Book Numbering (ISBN) Agency Annual General Meeting and the 32nd Meeting of Directors of International Standard Serial Numbering (ISSN) Centres were held in Buenos Aires, Argentina

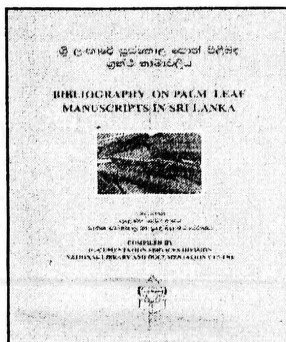
from 27-28 September and from 1-3 October 2007 respectively. Mr. M. S. U. Amarasiri, Director General of the National Library and Documentation Services Board Participated the two meetings.

BOOK DONATIONS

Donation of books to libraries is a main project maintained by the NLDSB. From July to December 2007, NLDSB has donated 39271 books to 109 public libraries, 403 schools libraries 11 pirivena libraries and 158 other libraries. The total value of book donation was Rs. 4055000.

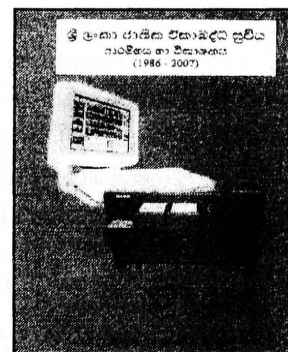
BIBLIOGRAPHY ON PALM LEAF MANUSCRIPTS IN SRI LANKA

The Documentation Services Division of the NLDSB has compiled a Bibliography on Palm Leaf Manuscripts in Sri Lanka. This bibliography contains information on bibliographies catalogues, books, periodical articles, reports and other documents both in Sinhala and English on palm leaf manuscript in Sri Lanka. Information for this bibliography has been obtained from various institutions such as Colombo National Museum, University of Peradeniya, Department of National Archives, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, Royal Asiatic Society, Department of Archaeology etc. This is a useful source for those who seek information on palm leaf manuscripts in Sri Lanka.



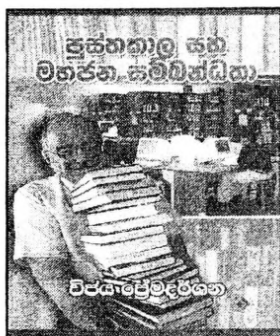
A COLLECTION OF ARTICLES ON NATIONAL UNION CATALOGUE OF SRI LANKA

A collection of articles on National Union Catalogue (NUC) of Sri Lanka (1986-2007) has been compiled by the Documentation Services Division of the National Library and Documentation Centre. This contains articles of senior librarians such as Mr. J. A. Amaraweera, Miss Janaki Fernando, Mrs. Amara Nanayakkara, Mr. G. D. Amarasiri, Mrs. Nalini Mallawaarachchi and Mrs. Sunethra Kariyawasam. Different aspects of the NUC of Sri Lanka such as its importance, historical background of NUC, National Union Catalogue and inter-library co-operation, technical problems of NUC have been discussed in these articles.



A BOOK ON 'LIBRARIES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS'

Mr. Wijaya Premadarshana, a Library Development Officer of the NLDSB has published a book on Libraries and Public Relations. This book contains information on different aspects of library public relation such as personality of librarians, children libraries and public relation, public libraries and public relation, motivation of library staff, user education, reader responsibility etc. This is a very useful book for all librarians, library science students, library users as well as others who are interested in public relation activities of library field.



AGRINET USER SEMINAR

AGRINET user seminar was held at the Wayamba University, Makandura on 10th October 2007. The participants of the seminar were academics and students of the Faculty of Agriculture and Plantation Management and Faculty of Livestock, Fisheries and Nutrition. The seminar was organised by the Staff Development Centre of Wayamba University. The main objective of the seminar was to create an awareness among academics on scientific information resources available in the country and to promote the use of electronic information media. 35 participants participated the seminar. The resource persons were Ms. T I I Pieris, Librarian/Information Officer, CARP, Ms. I Mudannayake Senior Assistant Librarian, PGIA, Mrs. P A S F Perera, Head, National Science Library and Resource Centre of NSF.

WORKSHOPS

A one day workshop was conducted to train AGRINET member librarians on "Development of Search Interface for WINISIS databases on CD medium" at the NSF computer training Centre. This workshop was held on 11th of December 2007 for a group of 10 members.

SLLA SEMINARS

Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) conducted three workshops to mark the National Reading Month. The first workshop

was conducted in Badulla Municipal Council on 29.10.2007. Second workshop was conducted in Kakirawa Urban Council on 28-30-09.2007 and the third workshop was conducted at Puttalam Urban Council on 23.10.2007



Inauguration of a workshop

SLSTINET WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

The following workshops and seminars were conducted at the National Science Foundation (NSF)

- (1) Workshops on WINISIS
(Basic applications)
20-21 July 2007 and 20th
November - 1st December 2007
- (2) Workshop on the Development of
Search interfaces for WINISIS data
bases on CD on 17th August 2007,
19th August 2007 and 11th
December 2007
- (3) Seminar for SLSTINET members
07th September 2007

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

IADIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ONE-SOCIETY

Duration : 9-10 April 2008

Venue : Algarve, Portugal

Organised by : IADIS

E-mail : secretariate@esociety-conf.org.

15th JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION RESOURCES IN THE MODERN WORLD OF SCIENCE, CULTURE, EDUCATION AND BUSINESS

Duration : 09-13 June 2008
 Venue : Ukrain
 Tel : +39065807216/17
 Fax : +39065807246
 E-mail : info@eifl.net
 URL : www.eif.net/cps

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON E-LEARNING IN THE WORKPLACE

Duration : 12 to 13 June 2008
 Venue : New York, United States
 Tel : 212-679-2683
 E-mail : info@incelw.org
 URL : www.icelw.org

10th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENTERPRISE INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Duration : 12-16 June 2008
 Venue : Baecelona, Spain
 E-mail : Secretariate@iceis.org
 URL : lceis.org/

3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ONE. LEARNING

Duration : 26-27 June 2008
 Venue : Cape Town, South Africa

Organised by : Academic Conference International

Tel : +44(0)1189724148
 Fax : +44(0)1189724691
 E-mail : inf@academic.conference.org

WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS

74th IFLA General Conference and Council

Theme : Libraries without borders : navigating towards global understanding

Duration : 10-15 August 2008
 Venue : Quebec, Canada
 Organised by : International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
 Tel : +31-70-3140884
 Fax : +31-70-3834827
 E-mail : Josche.ouwer@ifla.org
 URL : www.Ifla.org

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Duration : 05-07 November 2008
 Venue : Thailand
 Organised by : Faculty of Management and Information Science Naresuan University
 URL : www.icbmis.org/

**THIRD INTERNATIONAL COFERENCE
ON DIGITAL INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT**

Duration : 3-16 November 2008

Venue : London, United Kingdom

Organised by: Digital Information
Research Foundation,
U. K.

URL : www.icdim.org

**WORLD CONGRESS OF MUSLIM
LIBRARIANS AND INFORMATION
SCIENTISTS**

Duration : 25-27 November 2008

Venue : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Organised by : USIM, IIUM and
PNM Malaysia

URL : www.wcomlis.org

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