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NATIONAL READING MONTH INAUGURATION CEREMONY

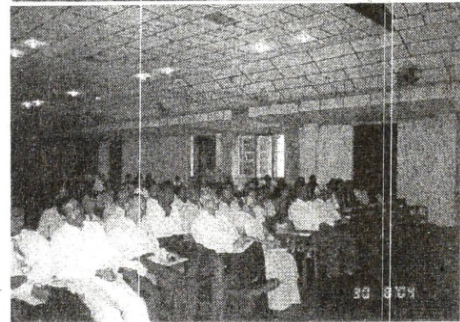
The inauguration ceremony of the National Reading Month was held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute on 01st October 2004. Hon. Mahinda Rajapakha the Prime Minister was the Chief Guest. Hon. Vijitha Herath, Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage and the Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage, Mr. A P A Gunasekara and other distinguished guests were also present on the occasion. The guest lecture was delivered by Prof. J B Disanayake. Certificates were awarded to the winners of the poster and photograph competition at the ceremony.



PROVINCIAL LEVEL SEMINARS ON NATIONAL READING MONTH

The National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) organized seminars at provincial level in October 2004, to mark the

National Reading Month. The objective of these seminars was to make aware the relevant officials in each province, about the importance of reading promotion. 07 seminars were conducted in Western, North Western, Northern, North Central, central, Sabaragamuwa, Uva and Southern provinces.



SOUTH AND SOUTH - EAST ASIAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INFOR- MATION SKILLS FOR LEARNING

A Regional workshop on information skills for learning, was held from 1-5 November 2004 at Hotel Galadari, Colombo. The workshop was organized by the National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS) and sponsored by international Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Participants represented Bangladesh, Indonesia, Singapore and some other Asian countries.

WORKSHOP ON READING PROMOTION

A two day workshop on Reading Promotion was held at the Sri Lanka Institute of International Relations on 28-29 October, 2004. The workshop was organized by the National Library and Documentation Services Board. The workshop consisted of four sessions namely, language and literacy, educational literacy, literacy and libraries and publishing and literacy.

Prof. J B Disanayake, Prof. Lal Perera, Prof. Kusuma Karunaratna, Prof. A V Suraweera, Prof. Sunanda Mahendra, Dr. Saroja Wetthasingha, Messrs Upali Amarasiri, Sybil Wetthasinghe, Gerald R Brown, Saumya Kodagoda, Wathmanel Seneviratne, Ruvini Kodikara and Nissanka Madurapperuma served as resource persons.



READING PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AT REGIONAL LEVEL

Various institutions like municipal councils, urban councils, pradesiya sabhas, technical collages, schools, cultural centres, organized reading promotion activities at provincial level to mark the National Reading Month. These activities included competitions, seminars, lectures, exhibitions, purchase of books for libraries, fund raising, library tours, automation of libraries, starting branch libraries, user education programmes, compilation of bibliographies, opening reading rooms etc.



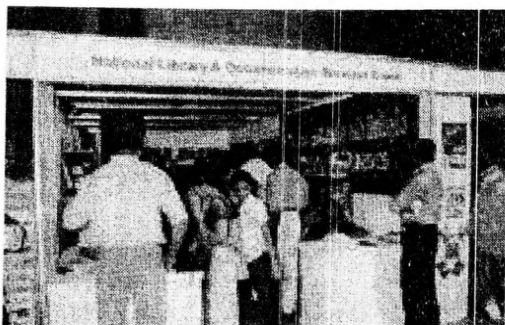
PHOTOGRAPH AND POSTER COMPETITION

The NLDSB conducted an islandwide photograph and poster competition to mark the National Reading Month. S.M. Wijesuriya, won the first place. Vajira Jayasanka Wickramage won both the second and third places of the photograph competition. W. Ranjith Dharmathilake, R.M.S. Bandara and Kolin Siribadahana won the first, second and third places of the poster competition respectively.



THE COLOMBO INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

The Colombo International Book Fair organised by the Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association was held at Sirimavo Bandaranayake Exhibition Centre and the Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) exhibition center from 06th to 12th September 2004. There were 298 stalls at the fair. 56 foreign publishers together with over 120 local Publishers and booksellers participated at the fair. About 350,000 people visited the exhibition. This is conducted annually and is the largest book exhibition in Sri Lanka.



SECOND SESSION OF ASIA PACIFIC INFORMATION NETWORK (APIN)

The second session of the Asia Pacific information Network (APIN) co-organised by UNESCO, New Delhi and the Institute of Science and Technology Information for China (ISTIC) was held from 21-23 October 2004 in China. 30 participants from 13 Asia and Pacific countries including Sri Lanka attended the meeting. The main objective of the meeting was to formulate a suitable vision and mission statement for APIN and to draw up a plan of action for next three years. Mrs Sunethra Perera, Head, Information Communication Division, National Science Foundation represented Sri Lanka. Mrs Dilmini Warnasuriya, Manager, Information Services Unit, ITI also participated.

SLSTINET-USER SEMINARS

The second user seminar of SLSTINET was conducted on 26th July 2004 at the NSF auditorium. The seminar consisted of three lectures: "Expert system" By Dr. Asoka Karunanayake, "Time management" by Mr. Theja Senaratne, "Total quality management" by Mrs. Sunethra Perera.

The Third user seminar was conducted on 23rd November 2004. The seminar consisted of four lectures: "Demonstration on ITI library system" by Mrs. Dilma Warnasuriya "Virtual libraries of IWMI" by Mrs. Ramya de Silva, "Occupational stress management" by Mrs. Kanthi Hettige and "SLSTINET information gateway" by Mrs. Sunethra Perera.

SLSTINET WORKSHOPS

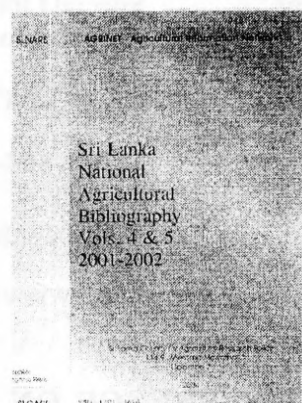
The following workshops were conducted by SLSTINET in 2004

- ◆ WINISIS basic application : 16.17 July 2004
- ◆ WINISIS advance application 4. 5 August 2004
- ◆ Three GENISIS workshops on 29.10.2004, 04.11.2004 and 20.11.2004 respectively

AGRINET ACTIVITIES

Compilation of the National Agricultural Bibliography vol.4 and 5 were completed. Compilation of Bibliography on Draught is in progress. Directory of scientific personnel database has been completed. On line access is expected to be provided through GENISIS.

AGRINET user seminar was conducted at the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, Peradeniya on 24.09.2004.



NLDC NEW PUBLICATIONS

The following are the new publications of the National Library and Documentation centre.

SRI LANKA NEWSPAPER ARTICLE INDEX 2000-1 (ENGLISH)

This issue of the Sri Lanka Newspaper Article Index covers the period from January to March 2000. Information on important articles appearing in Daily News, Island, Sunday Observer, Sunday Island and Sunday Times have been indeed. The index contains bibliographic information of 890 articles.

READING LIST ON READING HABIT

This reading list includes information on selected books, periodical articles, newspapers articles on reading habit published in Sinhala, Tamil and English. It includes 487 entries.

EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD**SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Duration : 5-8 June 2005
 Venue : Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 Organised by : Special Libraries Association
 Telephone : 41-703-647-4900
 Fax : 1-703-647-4901
 E-mail : sla@sla.org
 URL : <http://www.sla.org/>

JOINT CONFERENCE ON DIGITAL LIBRARIES 2005

Duration : 7-11 June 2005
 Venue : Novosibirsk, Russia
 Telephone : 14032881195
 Fax : 14032476851
 E-mail : calgrary@asted.org
 URL : <http://www.lasted.org>

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT - THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL MULTI CONFERENCE ON AUTOMATION, CONTROL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Duration : 20-24 June 2005
 Venue : Novosibirsk, Russia
 Organised by : International Association of Science and Technology for Development
 Telephone : 14032881195
 Fax : 14032476851
 E-mail : Calgary@asted.org
 URL : <http://www.iasted.org>

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE ENGINEERING - 2005

Duration : 20-23 June 2005
 Venue : Newada, USA
 Organised by : World Academy of Science, USA
 Fax : (206) 542-2966
 E-mail : hra@cs.uga.edu
 URL : <http://www.world-academyofscience.org>

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Duration : 23-29 June 2005
 Venue : Chicago
 Organised by : American Library Association
 Fax : (206) 542-2966
 E-mail : longinhelp@ala.org
 URL : <http://www.ala.org>

**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
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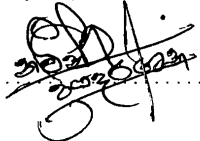
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