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THE MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF PAC REGIONAL CENTRES IN ASIA

The meeting of Directors of PAC Regional Centres in Asia and the open seminar on the damage caused by the Indian Ocean Tsunami on 26 December was held from 05 to 08 December 2005 in Tokyo, Japan. Mr. M S U Amarasiri, Director General of the National Library and Documentation Services Board participated this meeting and the open seminar.

NATIONAL READING MONTH 2005

The inauguration ceremony of the National Reading Month 2005 was held on 12.10.2005 at the NLDSB. The chief guest on the occasion was Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage. A media conference was also held with the participation of Hon. Minister to make aware the public about the National Reading Month. The award of prizes and certificates to those institutions which implemented reading promotion programmes in regional level took place on 23.04.2005. A newspaper supplement was published on Dinamina, Lankadeepa, Veerakesari and Daily News on 01.10.2005. The award of prizes to the winners of poster and photograph competition took place on 27.10.2005.

WORKSHOP ON PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIAL

The workshop on preservation and conservation of library and information material was held at

the National Library of Thailand in Bangkok from 03-05 July 2005. Mrs. Nalini Mallawarachchi, Deputy Director of the NLDSB participated this workshop.



Some of the Participants of the Workshop

CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA

The Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania and the Conference on the Leadership Development of Directors of National Libraries was held from 24 to 27.05.2005 in Malaysia. Mr. M S U Amarasiri, Director General of the National Library and Documentation Services Board participated the conferences.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN KNOWLEDGE BASED SOCIETY

The International Conference on the role of National Libraries in Knowledge based Society was held from 06 to 08 July 2005 at the Century

Park Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. Mr G D Amarasinghe Deputy Director of the National Library and Documentation Services Board participated the conference.



A Session of the Conference

THE WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS : 71ST IFLA CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL

The world library and information congress ; 71st IFLA conference and Council was held in Oslo, Norway from 14th to 18th August 2005. Mr. M S U Amarasinghe, Director General, Mrs. Dushyanthi Daniel, Librarian and Mrs. Padma Bandaranayake, Librarian of the NLDSB participated this conference Mr. M S U Amarasinghe was invited by IFLA to deliver the first lecture of preliminary lectures on the opening day of the conference. Mrs. Dushyanthi Daniel presented a poster in the poster session titled "Tsunami affected libraries and rebuilding effort".

TSUNAMI NEWS

TSUNAMI LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Sri Lanka Disaster Management Committee for Library and Information Science and Archives (SLDMC for LISA) appointed in January continued its activities. The committee consists of members from National Library and Documentation Services Board, Sri Lanka Library Association, National Science Foundation, Department of National Archives and Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya. The project management unit has been set up in the Library

Development Division of the NLDSB. In October this year NLDSB signed an aid agreement with UNESCO. In addition, repairing the damaged buildings, providing books and library furniture, training of librarians in damaged libraries and publicity activities on damaged libraries through internet have been carried out

The Book Aid International of United Kingdom has donated English books for distribution among the tsunami affected libraries and cash donation has been provided to purchase Sinhala and Tamil books to be distributed among tsunami affected libraries.

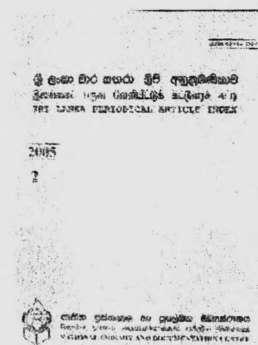
The Sri Lankan librarians group in New Zealand has also donated books to be distributed among tsunami affected libraries.

NATIONAL LIBRARY DIGITIZATION PROJECT

The National Library has started its digitization project. A committee has been appointed to advise and assist in this project. A digitization policy has already been prepared and the necessary equipments are to be obtained soon. As the first step old and rare books of the national library collection are to be digitized.

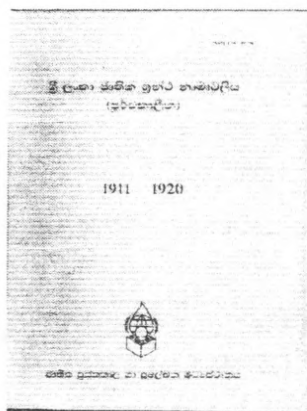
SRI LANKA PERIODICAL ARTICLE INDEX - 2005 - 2

This issue of the Sri Lanka Periodical Article Index covers the period from April to June 2005. This quarterly publication covers periodicals published in Sinhala, Tamil and English. The index contains bibliographic information on 1333 articles.



RETROSPECTIVE NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY 1911-1920

This bibliography contains information on publications published from 1737, in which the printing industry was started, to 1962 in which the publication of Sri Lanka National Bibliography was started. The Retrospective National Bibliographies 1911-1920 and 1962 have already been published.



WORKSHOP ON USING STORY SACKS

The Sri Lanka Library Association conducted three workshops on using story sacks in school and public libraries.

The first workshop was held on 05.12.2005 at the Kandy Public Library. Second workshop was held for school libraries and children. The third seminar was held for SLLA members on 29.11.2006 at the Sri Lanka Sumithrayo.

AGRINET

AGRINET USER SEMINARS

Two user seminars were held at the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, Peradeniya on 10th and 20th October 2005. The objective of these seminars was to make the scientists aware of the information resources available in the country and to promote electronic access to information. A total of sixty participants participated this seminar.

INFORM TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR EFFECTIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

To develop an effective research management program, it is very essential to use MIS. MIS is a formalized procedure to provide research managers with appropriate information, based on data from internal and if desired also from external sources, to enable them to make timely and effective decisions for planning, directing, and controlling the activities for which they are responsible. INFORM 2005 training programme was held in December 2005 by the CARP for all the NARS coordinators.

CARP AGRICULTURAL DATABASE SYSTEM

The agriculture database system provides information and database products to meet the needs of the agricultural research community in Sri Lanka. The available databases include National Agricultural statistics, demographic data, climatic data, legislative data, digitable base maps, image data and agro ecological maps.

CD-ROM databases include CABHORT CD (Horticultural and plantation crops), CABPEST CD (crop protection and pest management) and CABCD (Agricultural and Allied fields)

SLS TINET

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR HELLIS MEMBERS

A four day training programme (18,19,25 June and 5 August 2005) was conducted by the National Science Information Resource Centre (NSIRC) for 10 members of the Health Information Network (HELLIS) to acquaint them with IT application in libraries. The programme covered all applications of WINISIS library management software starting from database creation, networking up to providing online access through the internet.

The Genesis software was used for the development of the web interface of WINISIS database.

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TRAINING PROGRAMM ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT - SWEDEN

Mrs. Sunethra Perera, Head of the NSIRC attended an international training programme on Information Technology Management conducted by the LIFE Academy, Sweden from 5 to 28 September 2005. This training Programme was sponsored by SIDA.

SEMINARS

The NSIRC organised two seminars for SLSTINET members on 20.07.2005 and 09.12.2005 respectively. The training programme covered the areas such as WINISIS (web based version of ISIS) open source software for digital depositories, bio information and information availability and library management software systems.

EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

Duration : 19-21 June 2006
Venue : Kunming, China
Organised by : Evergreen Education
Foundation, Beijing
E-mail : gliu@slis.sjsu.edu
URL : [www.evergreen
education.org/](http://www.evergreeneducation.org/)

ADIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON E-SOCIETY 2006

Duration : 13-16 July 2006
Venue : Dublin, Ireland
Organised by : International Association

E-mail : es-sec@iadis.org

URL : www.iadis.org/

5th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LITERACY

Duration : 28-30 June 2006
Venue : Loughborough, United
Kingdom
Tel : +44(0) 1509263171
URL : [www.iboro.ac.uk
library/elit2006](http://www.iboro.ac.uk
library/elit2006)

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Duration : 3-7 July 2006
Theme : The Multiple Faces of
Literacy, Reading,
Knowing, Doing
Venue : Lisbon, Portugal
Fax : +61736330750
E-mail : lasl@kb.com.au
URL : [www.lasl-slo.org
conference2006](http://www.lasl-slo.org
conference2006)

ATTACHMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME SAARC DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

Duration : 17 April - 14 July 2006
Venue : New Delhi, India
Tel : 91-11-26863609
Fax : 91-11-26862228
E-mail : sdc@niscair.res.in
URL : www.sdc.gov.in

**CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF
NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN ASIA AND
OCEANIA AND THE ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHEAST
ASIAN LIBRARIANS CONGRESS**

Duration : 26-30 March 2006
Venue : Manila, Philippines
Organised by : National Library of
Philippines
Tel : (632)735-60
11.loc.6135
Fax : (632)735-60-91
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**FIRST MONDAY 10TH ANNIVERSARY
CONFERENCE**

Duration : 15-17 May 2006
Venue : Chicago, USA
Organised by : University of
Illinois, Chicago
E-mail : Kein@uic.edu
URL : www.firstmonay.org/

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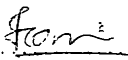
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