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Programme

Monday 31 October 2005

0845 hours	Registration
0900	Opening Ceremony
0930	REFRESHMENTS

0945   **An overview of present developments in University libraries and future prospects**

by Deepali Talagala
President / Sri Lanka Library Association

1015   **Open Source Library Management Systems and ISURu**

by Nimal Hettiarachchi
Senior Assistant Librarian / University of Ruhuna

1055   **71st IFLA in Norway 2005 : New Ports for University Libraries through a Voyage of Discovery**

by Anusha Wijayaratne
Assistant Librarian / Open University of Sri Lanka
and
Thushari Seneviratne
Assistant Librarian / University of Moratuwa

1135 hours	**Libsys : Experience of Library University of Moratuwa** by Ruvini Kodikara Librarian / University of Moratuwa
12.15	**Access to Global Knowledge Resources: Lessons for Small Countries** by Dr. Sujata Gamage Co-ordinator / Pathfinder Foundation
1245	**Information Management in Universities and Libraries : An Active Training Environment 4 (STIMULATE 4)** by K.P.N. Damayanthi Assistant Librarian / University of Peradeniya
1325	LUNCH
1400	**Licensing and Negotiation Skills for Librarians** by Sumana Jayasuriya Librarian / University of Colombo
1440	**Enhancing Module based self-learning of the UCFM undergraduate: Promotion of student learning through improvement of UCFM library facilities** by Chandrani Kuruppu Senior Assistant Librarian / University of Colombo
1510	Wrap up
1530	Vote of Thanks
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ABSTRACTS

An Overview of recent developments in University Libraries and future prospects
by
Deepali Talagala

During last two decades the increase in number of university libraries and rapid expansion in student numbers along with price inflation of materials has created new challenges for the university library professionals. The paper tries to examine these developments and provides suggestions for the future considerations. It also provides some input from other countries and the strategies used in facing similar challenges in the new millennium.

Open Source Library Management Systems and *ISURu*
by
Nimal Hettiarachchi

Presently almost all the Libraries in Sri Lankan Universities are in the process of automating their Library activities. The University of Moratuwa has already bought a Library system (Libsys) for about 2 million rupees. Also they have to sign a maintain contract for every year which is more than one hundred thousand rupees per year. However they are only able to use that system to input English and Sinhala books by using English fonts. Even though some of the other universities have acquired library systems for lesser amount (around 1 million rupees) all of them are now facing processing problems. None of the universities except the Open University was able to develop the web based catalogue system (OPAC) still, which is an essential for a library. Several universities have now decided to abandon their existing systems and go for Libsys.

With my experience and knowledge in the filed of Computer Science, I was able to develop a fully computerized Library System (ISURu-Information System of the University of Ruhuna) which has already been implemented in the Main Library, University of Ruhuna. Further, the Libraries of the Faculties of Engineering and Agriculture are already linked to this system and all the other branch libraries can also be linked through my system without much cost. I am proud to inform you that all the deficiencies encountered in the other systems have been overcome by ISURu. The main advantage of the ISURu is the facility to use Sinhala fonts for insertion, search and retrieval of Sinhala books that is not available in any other systems. Also this can be extended easily to use Tamil fonts if necessary. Since this system is developed in

web based any one in the world can access our library records and do their searching in Sinhala or English through the Internet. Also ISURu is able to send overdue notices to the users automatically by using their E-mail addresses. The ISURu system is a full catalogue, OPAC, circulation, member management, serial controlling and acquisitions package.

71st IFLA Conference in Norway 2005: New Ports for University Libraries through Voyage of Discovery
by
Anusha Wijayaratne and Thushari Seneviratne

Norway proudly held the 71st World Library and Information Congress of IFLA (The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) with the participation of over 4000 members from 14 to 18 August 2005. The theme "Libraries: a Voyage of Discovery" was covered by approximately 150 papers presented by 47 IFLA sections, 17 satellite meetings, poster session consisted with 79 posters and local tours to area libraries together with an exhibition participated by leading international organizations dealing with libraries and information business. This paper provides an overview of the main conference sessions, seminars and round table discussions attended by the authors and regarding the outcomes gained. The authors paid special attention to the electronic content management relevant service aspects in the context of university librarianship. In addition applicability of appropriate ICTs and systems in library automation and electronic resource management in Sri Lankan university libraries will also be discussed in the paper.

Licensing and Negotiation Skills for Librarians
by
Sumana Jayasuriya

Increase in the production of scholarly publishing in digital format, migration of print to on-line environment, Information Providers turning the publishing industry into more profitable commercial ventures thereby controlling the digital publishing market, is making a great impact on the libraries acquisition policy and processes. As a result the librarians are expected to bear the responsibility of negotiating with the Information Providers, and enter into contracts in order to make the digital resources accessible to their users. This paper gives an overview of the global trends in the publishing industry, scholarly publishing, types of licensing & sales models, and the skills to be acquired by librarians to conduct successful negotiations with the Information Providers.