

Report of National Conference on

“Electronic Resources and Academic Libraries: Exploring New Trends, Technologies, Practices, Services and Management - (NCERAAL 2016)”

21st & 22nd October 2016

Day 1:

INAUGURAL FUNCTION

The Inaugural function of the “National Conference on Electronic Resources and Academic Libraries: Exploring New Trends, Technologies, Practices, Services and Management - (NCERAAL 2016)” was organized by the Fr. Utarid Library, St Xavier College of Education, Tirunelveli and the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS), Tirunelveli Chapter at St. Xavier’s College of Education, Palayamkottai on 21st October, 2016 at 10.00 a.m. Around 200 delegates from all the over India participated in the conference.

Rev. Dr. I. Jesudoss SJ, the Library Director, St. Xavier’s College of Education, Palayamkottai, extended a warm welcome and introduced the dignitaries to the participants, after the inaugural prayer song.

Dr. P. Panneer Selvam, Conference Director & Librarian B.S. Abdur Rahuman University, Chennai presented the dynamics of the conference and explained the objectives and sub-themes of the conference.

Dr. M. Mandhirasalam, General Secretary of SALIS and Librarian of Coimbatore Institute of Technology explained the organizational structure, chapters conducted and the activities of SALIS in promoting Library and Information Science (LIS) profession by conducting conferences, providing information through e-groups and presenting awards and scholarships to the members.

Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ Principal, St. Xavier’s College of Education (Autonomous) Palayamkottai felicitated and highlighted the importance and role of e-Resources in enhancing the academic growth of students and teachers.

Rev. Dr. J. Danis Ponniah, SJ, Rector, St. Xavier's Institutions Palayamkottai appreciated the activities of SALIS by conducting various programmes for the betterment of LIS Professionals in his presidential address.

Dr. A. John De Britto, the Registrar of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli and chief guest of the function released the 'Proceedings' and the 'Souvenir'. In his inaugural address, asserted the vital role of libraries in producing quality research. He also said that library is a knowledge island and the academicians should utilize libraries to the maximum. Saying that the mobile phones have become the sixth finger of the modern man, he appealed the delegates that the effective use of e-resources would be an added advantage in our professional advancement.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS:

The Technical Sessions were held under the guidance of Dr. P. Panneer Selvam, Conference Director & Librarian, B.S.Abdur Rahuman University, Chennai. Dr. A. M. Venkatachalam, Rapporteur, General & Librarian, K.S.Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode, Dr. S. Saravanan, Associate Rapporteur General & Librarian, V.V. College of Engineering, Tisayanvilai.

The first day proceedings of the conference began with an invited talk on 'E-Resources: Practices Services and Promotion' by Dr. S. Ravi, Professor, DLIS, D.D.E., Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar.

In the Second session, Dr. B. Ramesha, *Professor & Chairman, DLIS Bangalore University, Bangalore* delivered the invited talk on 'E-Resources: New Trends, Technologies and Management. The representatives of EDUTECH, Chennai demonstrated their Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) product that would be very much useful in digitalizing the traditional libraries.

In the afternoon session Dr. A.T. Francis Librarian, Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), Thrissur, Kerala delivered the invited talk on 'Copy Right issues in Electronic Information Delivery: An analysis in the context of Library Practices'.

PAPER PRESENTATION SESSIONS:

Three parallel technical sessions were arranged for the convenient presentation of papers.

26 papers were presented on the theme 'Migration from Traditional to Digital Library and Services'. Dr.P.Balasubramanian, Deputy Librarian, M.S. University, Tirunelveli acted as the chairperson. Dr. A. Senthamil Selvi, Librarian Saranathan Engineering College, Trichy and Mrs. G. Kanagamani, Librarian (S.G), St. Ignatius College of Education, Palayamkottai acted as the Rapporteurs.

27 papers were presented on the theme 'E-Resources: Management, Utilization and Analysis'. Dr. A. Thirumagal, Librarian, M.S. University, Tirunelveli was the chairperson. Mr. A. Joseph Anburaj, Librarian, KCG College of Technology, Chennai and Dr. P. Saravanan, Librarian, Lakshipuram College of Arts & Science, Neyyoor were the Rapporteurs.

25 papers were presented on the theme 'E-Resources in Academic Libraries: Trends,Techniques.

Dr. M. Surulinathi, Assistant Professor, DLIS, Bharathidasan University, Trichy was the chair-person. Mr. F. Manase Prabu, Librarian, KSR College of Arts and Science,Tiruchengode and Mrs. S. Gomathy, Librarian, Sri Sarada College for Women acted as the Rapporteurs.

Day 2:

TECHNICAL SESSIONS:

The Second day proceedings of the conference began with the invited talk on 'E-Resources for Teacher Education Arts Science & Humanities' by Dr. S. Swaminathan Librarian Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Education, Coimbatore.

Dr. M. Mandhirasalam Librarian, Coimbatore Institute of Technology (CIT) Coimbatore delivered the invited talk on ' E-Resources for Technical Institutions'.

PAPER PRESENTATION SESSIONS:

Three parallel technical sessions were organized on the second day.

25 papers were presented on the theme 'Open Access Resources / Software, Discovery Tools and Consortia'. It was chaired by Dr. S.Thanuskodi, Professor & Head DLIS, Alagappa University, Kariakudi. Mr. V. Radha Krishnan, SPI Global, Chennai and Mrs. S. Unnamalai, Govindammal Aditanar College for Women, Tiruchendur acted as the Rapporteurs.

16 papers were presented on the theme 'Digital Library, Institutional Repositories, Copy Right and Plagiarism'. The session was chaired by Dr K.Vinitha, St Mary's College, Tuticorin. Dr. R. Chellappa, Librarian, Arignar Anna College, Aralvaimozhi and Mr. J. Arumugam, Librarian, PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore acted as the Rapporteurs.

9 papers were presented on 'User Studies, Bibliometrics, Scientometrics and Altmetrics'. The session was chaired by Dr. M. Kannan, Librarian, V.O.C. College, Thoothukudi . Dr. S. Ramesh, M. S. University, Tirunelveli and N. Sudha Kumari, Assistant Professor, Annammal College of Education, acted as the Rapporteurs.

Out of 150 papers received, the editorial committee has rejected 22 papers and accepted 128 papers for publication in the conference proceedings, and those papers were presented in the technical sessions.

PANEL DISCUSSION

An Open Panel discussion was held on the theme 'Electronic Resources and Academic Libraries: Exploring New Trends, Technologies, Practices, Services and Management' and Dr. A. Hariharan, Founder President, SALIS was the Moderator. The topics discussed in the panel were as follows:

- Exploring New Trends, Technology and Practices by Dr.M.Leeladharan, Pondicherry University.
- E-Resources Services by Mr.Loga Babu, Tata Consultancy Services, Chennai

- E-Resources for Arts, Science and Education by Dr. R. R. Saravana Kumar, Sadakathullah Appa College, Palayamkotti
- E-Resources for Engineering and Technologies by Dr. L. Radha Chandar, Thiyagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai
- Open Access Sources by Dr.K.Sanjeevi, Annamalai University, Chidambaram
- Open Access Repositories by Mr.J.Arumugam, PSG College of Technology,Coimbatore
- Models, Licensing, Agreements and Copy Right by Dr. M. Tamizhchelvan, Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed University), Dindigul
- Promotion and Marketing of E-Resources by Dr. S. Kopperundevi, VCRI (TANUVAS), Tirunelveli

The questions raised by the participants were answered by the panelists. Indeed, it was fruitful and served as a enlightening forum to discuss various new trends and issues in the field of LIS.

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

The valedictory function of the conference was held on 22nd October, 2016 at 4.00 p.m. Dr. M. Mandhirasalam, General Secretary, SALIS and Librarian, Coimbatore Institute of Technology welcomed the gathering and introduced the dignitaries to the participants. Dr. A. M. Venkatachalam, Rapporteur General and Librarian, K. S. Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode, presented the report of the conference proceedings. Dr. S. Suriyanarayanan, Advisor to SALIS and Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ Principal, St. Xavier's College of Education (Autonomous) Palayamkottai delivered the felicitation address. Rev. Fr. G. John Gualbert, S.J. Secretary, St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai delivered the presidential Address and gave away 'The Best Paper Awards'. Dr. J. Dominic, President, SALIS & Librarian, Karunya University, Coimbatore delivered the valedictory address. Dr. T. Raja, Librarian, St. Xavier' College of Education, Palayamkottai proposed the vote of thanks. Valedictory function came to an end with the National Anthem.
