

## **PROF K A ISAAC COMMEMORATION LECTURE 2015, 9 OCTOBER 2015, 4PM**

Kerala Library Association held the 10th Prof K A Isaac Commemoration Lecture 2015, at DLIS Hall, Thiruvananthapuram, on 9 October 2015, in a befitting manner. Prof. Isaac's wife, Mrs Chechamma Isaac & son, Prof Kurien Isaac were present on the occasion.

Dr K P Vijayakumar, President, KLA, welcomed the gathering. In his presidential speech, Dr P Jayarajan, Library Advisor, Thunchath Ezhuthacchan Malayalam University and Former Country Head, British Council Libraries (India), briefly touched upon the significance of the function and fondly recalled his long association with Prof Isaac.

Dr Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET, delivered the commemoration lecture on the 10 Technologies librarians should know to improve and enhance their institutions. In the course of his talk, Dr Arora emphasized that yesterday's tools are no longer relevant to tackle today's technology if we have our eyes on the tomorrow. The very comprehensive list included those for Content Management System (eg. Drupal, Jumla); Reference Management System (Zotero, Mendeley); E-learning Management System (Moodle, e-Acharya); MOOC (edX); Research Information Management System (VIVO, Profiles, VIDWAN); Standards & Protocols (CASRAI, Z39.50, SCORM); Altmetrics (Plumx, PLOS) and E-resource Management Tool (CORAL). He reiterated that nevertheless we should honor the past to create the future.

Dr T K Subramoni's personal reminiscences followed. The former Manager of the British Library painted a vivid picture of Prof Isaac and through many anecdotes, established that the latter was very dynamic while performing the twin duties of University Librarian and also that of the Department Head. The very humane and down-to-earth nature of Prof Isaac was highlighted throughout the speech.

Mementos were presented to the speakers and Dr Lalitha M, General Secretary, KLA proposed the vote of thanks. The memorable event was well-attended and came to an end at 6 pm.