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Dear Professional Partners,

As General Secretary, Kerala Library Association, I have great pleasure in presenting before you the Annual Report of the Association for the year 2014–15.

The reported period, the first half of the tenure of the present Committee, was fruitful with many notable events, apart from the routine activities. The detailed report of the activities is given below.

## 1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

The present committee was elected for the period 2013-15 at the 42nd Annual General Body Meeting held on 25 August 2013. The new committee had Dr A Gopikuttan as President, Sri M Chandrakumaran Nair as Vice President, Dr M Lalitha as General Secretary and Sri V Sriram as the Treasurer. (See the Box for more details).

1.1   Resignation of Sri M Chandrakumaran Nair

Owing to health problems, Sri M Chandrakumaran Nair, Vice President, KLA, expressed his desire to step down from the post and, in the last AGM, KLA with great reluctance, had to accept the same. Sri G S Harikumar was nominated as the Vice President in his place and it was unanimously accepted. Sri A Abdunnasar has been elected as the Office Secretary and Smt G S Soudamini has been co-opted as a member of the EC.

1.2   Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

The EC met 9 times during this reporting period. In addition to the normal Executive Committee meetings, several informal meetings of Sub-Committees were also held to discuss various current issues such as CPD programmes, web site updation etc.

1.3   Representation to AICTE, PRC &KTU

KLA, as a professional organization, took up the cause of librarians with UGC and submitted suggestions regarding the status and post of librarian for incorporating in the draft regulations on technical and professional education in AICTE & Kerala Technological University. I am happy to inform you all that KLA's submission has been acknowledged by AICTE and KLA finds a mention in their final guidelines.

Similarly KLA could bring out the conspicuously missing links related to the posts and qualifications of librarians in all the sectors in the state and give a representation to the Pay Revision Commission (Kerala) 2015. Later KLA's representatives could meet the higher authorities concerned and hold a discussion in this regard.

1.4   Membership

As of date KLA has a membership of 1459. In 2014-15, 48 professionals had become members of the Association. This includes 47 Life Members and 1

Ordinary Member. It is notable that the Association is receiving good support from its Regional Committees by way of membership enrolment.

2   ACTIVITIES

- **Workshop on Influential Communication for Young LIS Professionals, 29 August 2014**

There is a constant need to check one's current practices in communication, be it on formal or informal grounds. Behavioral and functional training interventions to a large extent help an individual to acquire a set of best practices and enables one to re-assure self-worth, mutual value, trust and respect in an organization. Keeping this in view, KLA, in collaboration with the Dept of Library & Information Science, University of Kerala, organized a half-day workshop on Influential Communication for Young LIS Professionals on 29th August 2014 at the DLIS Hall, Thiruvananthapuram. The objective of this workshop was to enable students and young professionals to present themselves in public with confidence. The workshop covered topics like Interpersonal Relations, Effective speaking skills, Social and Personal etiquette and Personal grooming. There were about 30 participants and the session was handled by Mrs Sreekala Narendranath, a corporate trainer.

- **Publication of Seminar Proceedings of KLA National Seminar-2013, 17 October 2014**

KLA's new publication, "New Information Technology Interfaces in Libraries & Information Centres" was released by Prof (Dr) Ramesha of Bangalore University on 17 October 2014. The first copy was received by Dr T.M.Vasudevan, Head, DLIS, University of Calicut, who also introduced the book, which is a seminar volume, to the audience. The book has been priced at Rs.600 and KLA offers the same to its members @Rs.420/-.

- **Honoring of Professor M Parameswaran, 30 September 2014**

Kerala Library Association, in association with DLIS University of Kerala organised a function at the DLIS Hall, Kerala University Library building on 30 September 2014 to honour Prof. M. Parameswaran, former Head, Dept. of Library & Information Science, University of Calicut on being awarded the Kendra Sahithya Academy Award for the best Tamil-Malayalam Translation in 2013. Dr. N. Veeramanikandan, Pro- Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala inaugurated the function and honoured the chief guest Prof. M. Parameswaran. Dr M Lalitha, General Secretary, KLA, welcomed the gathering. In his presidential speech, Dr A Gopikuttan, President, KLA, briefly touched upon the literary contributions of Prof. M. Parameswaran. Dr K. P. Vijayakumar, Head, DLIS, University of Kerala and Sri N Sukumaran Nair, former State Librarian offered felicitations and Sri G.S. Harikumar, Vice President, KLA, proposed vote of thanks.

- **Prof K A Isaac Commemoration Lecture 2014, 17 October 2014**

Kerala Library Association held the 9th Prof K A Isaac Commemoration Lecture 2014, at DLIS Hall, Thiruvananthapuram, on 17 October 2014, in a befitting manner. Prof. Isaac's wife, Mrs Chechamma Isaac & son, Prof Kurien Isaac were present on the occasion. Dr M Lalitha, General Secretary, KLA, welcomed the gathering. In his presidential speech, Dr A Gopikuttan, President, KLA, briefly touched upon the significance of the function. Prof (Dr) Ramesha, Bangalore University, delivered the keynote address and started the lecture entitled "Google Generation" by paying as glowing tribute to Prof Isaac., explaining the latter's relevance in the google generation and his contributions to the library field by way of textbook literature. In the course of his talk, Prof (Dr) Ramesha traced the history of Google. He showed how much it has started influencing the new generation and how the Google generation is different from other generations and also its impact on library & information science. Sri N Sukumaran Nair, former State Librarian, Kerala, had many a vivid memory of Prof Isaac to share with the audience. The various facets of Prof Isaac as a professional, teacher and administrator were brought to life by his vivid portrayal and narration of many anecdotes. It was a fitting tribute paid to a great soul by his former colleague and associate. This was followed by the release of the book, "New Information Technology Interfaces in Libraries & Information Centres" by Prof (Dr) Ramesha. Dr K. P.

Vijayakumar, Head, DLIS, University of Kerala, offered felicitations and Sri G.S. Harikumar, Vice President, KLA, proposed vote of thanks

2.3 KLA-CPD

In a brainstorming conducted on 2 October 2013 on **KLA 2013-14: A Roadmap**, it was unanimously decided to organize training programmes for working librarians as part of continuous professional development. As a first step towards this a networked computer lab was set up at KLA HQ with Internet facilities, with a capacity to train 10-12 persons at a time. After much discussion a separate team was set up to implement the same. This intensive training centre with all IT facilities was named as KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD). KLA's CPD programmes are envisaged as monthly programmes/workshops of short duration, aimed at providing hands-on experience and making the librarians more techno savvy.

Out of the 6 workshops organized in the reporting year, 4 were on KOHA due to popular demand. All the participants were given hands-on training to install and use all the modules of latest version of Koha. Participants were given workshop kit (including software DVD), and a certificate. At the end of workshop feedback was obtained from all the participants in writing.

A total of 75 professionals benefitted from the programmes. Details of the programmes during 2014-15:

2.3.1 Workshops on Managing Literature for Scholarly Writing, 13 July 2014

KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD) organized two half –day workshops on Zotero, the most popular reference management software on 13th July 2014. Twenty three research scholars and library professionals from different parts of the state attended the workshop. All the participants were given hands-on training to install and use the latest version of Zotero. They were taught to systemically identify, capture, organize, and use the scholarly literature, and to use the bibliographical information to generate the references /citations and to insert them during the writing process in the required citation style. Participants were given workshop kit (including software CD), and a certificate. At the end of each workshop feedback was obtained from participants who opined that the event was highly beneficial and that it had increased their confidence in using Zotero for managing their references during scholarly writing. Shri V.Sriram, Chief Librarian, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram was the resource person for the workshops.

2.3.2 Workshop on Koha, 8 - 9 November 2014

Eleven library professionals and students from different parts of the state attended the workshop. Shri. Vimal Kumar, Technical Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University was the resource person for the event.

2.3.3 Workshop on Koha, 13-14 December 2014

The two –day workshop on Koha, the most popular open source integrated library management software was the seventh event under the aegis KLA – CPD. Ten library professionals and students from different parts of the state attended the workshop. Shri Arun V. R, KSCSTE Library, and Shri Ashkar K., Mathrubhumi News Library were the resource persons for the event.

KLA-CPD TEAM
Sri N Parameswaran
Sri N Sukumaran Nair
Sri Sriram V
Sri S L Faisal
Sri A Abdunnasar
Sri Binu K John
Sri Arun V R

2.3.4 Workshop on Koha, 10-11 January 2015

The two –day workshop on Koha under the aegis KLA – CPD had twelve library professionals and IT Professionals from different parts of the state as participants. Shri Arun V. R, KSCSTE Library, and Shri Ashkar K., Mathrubhumi News Library, were the resource persons for the event.

2.3.5 Workshop on WordPress, 14-15 February 2015

The two –day workshop on WordPress, the world's most popular open source blogging tool and content management system, organized from 14 -15 February 2015, was the 9th event under the aegis KLA – CPD. Eight library professionals from different parts of the country attended the workshop. All the participants were given hands-on training to login, create id, populate posts and design different types of websites /blogs in WordPress. The participants successfully created blogs and web-sites at the end on two day workshop. Participants were given workshop kit (including user manual), and a certificate. At the end of workshop feedback was obtained from all participants in writing, where they commented that all of them felt the event surpassed their expectations and they were confident about starting new services using WordPress in their institutions. Shri S. L. Faisal, Librarian, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram, Shri V. Sriram, Chief Librarian, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, and Shri Binu

K. John, Assistant Librarian, Mar Baselios College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram were the resource persons for the event.

2.3.6   Workshop on Koha, 9-10 May 2015

This was the 10th event under the aegis KLA – CPD. Eleven librarians and IT Professionals from different parts of the country attended the workshop. Shri Arun V. R, KSCSTE Library, and Shri Ashkar K., Mathrubhumi News Library were the resource persons for the event.

2.4   Library Modernization Projects: KSIDC Project

The Association successfully completed the Library Modernization Project work at the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) Library in Thiruvananthapuram in July 2014. A total of 8772 books were technically processed and the database was created. KSIDC's collection included books and reports as well and at any given point of time, a team of 3 professionals were at work.

2.5   KLA Website Updation

KLA's website was updated during this period.

2.6   KLA Newsletter

The Editorial team has been revamped with Dr K G Sudhier leading the team. KLA published the Newsletter, Vols.42 (1-4), 43 (1-4) & 44, Nos. 1&2, for the period, July 2012- December 2014 and the next issue is also ready for release. I am happy to inform you that we have applied for ISSN for the newsletter.

2.7   KLA on Social Media

The Kerala Library Association has a notable presence on all social media platforms through which many members are now communicating and following the Association activities.

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KLA on Social Media

- KLA Weblog (http://klaweblog.wordpress.com)
- Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/Kerala-Library-Association)
- Twitter (https://twitter.com/klaconnect),
- Curation: Scoop.it (http://www.scoop.it/t/library-cloud-what-s-up-in-lis/)
- Flickr (http://www.flickr.com/photos/73623627@N07/sets/)
- Seminar Blogs (http://klanationalseminar2013.wordpress.com)

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The social media interfaces increased the visibility and reach of the Association enormously, thus making it more web-friendly, accessible and modern.

3   REGIONAL COMMITTEES

The four Regional Committees functioning under able leaderships reported a surge in the activities in the respective geographical areas. A brief report is given below.

3.1   KOTTAYAM REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Report year has been an active year for the KLA Kottayam Region. A number of programmes were conducted during the year in association with the Mahatma Gandhi University and renowned colleges in and around Kottayam.

Following are the programmes organised by the Region during the reporting period:

KLA- Kottayam Region

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Sri. Unnikrishnan S.
Sri. J. Suku
Sri. Justin Thomas
Sri. Jasimudeen S.
Smt. Savithry T.K.
Special Invitees
Dr. K.P. Somanathan Nair
Smt. Laila T. Abraham
Smt. Annu George
Sri. Johny
John Nidhiri
Sr. Merciamma

3.1.1   *National Seminar on Academic Plagiarism and Bibliographic Reference Management Software, 13-14 August 2014*

KLA (Kottayam Region) in association with St. Stephen's College Uzhavoor organised a National Seminar on **Academic Plagiarism and Bibliographic Reference Management Software** from 13th to 14th August, 2014 at St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor. 141 participants including faculty members, research scholars and library professionals attended the seminar. Various reference management and plagiarism softwares were demonstrated during the seminar. Twenty selected scholarly papers were also presented at the seminar.

3.1.2   *Workshop on Managing Literature for Scholarly Writing, 23 & 30 August 2014*

Two successive workshops on Management of Literature in Scholarly Writing were conducted on 23 and 30 August 2014 at St. Berchmans College, Changanacherry and School of Tourism Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University respectively. School of Tourism Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, St. Berchmans College, Changanacherry and St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor were

the co-organizers of the workshop. The workshop mainly focused on hands-on training in bibliographic reference management using Zotero software.

Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel inaugurated the workshop at St. Berchmans College and Dr. Robinet Jacob, Director, School of Tourism Studies inaugurated the Workshop at Mahatma Gandhi University. A total of 50 participants including library professionals, research scholars and students from various institutions attended the workshop. Smt. Savithry T.K., Technical Assistant, Sri. Vimal Kumar V., Technical Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, and Sri. Jasimudeen S., Librarian, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor served as the resource persons for the workshop.

3.1.3 *'Reading by e-reading': Talk by V.K. Adarsh, 6 February 2015*

A talk on **'Reading by e-reading'** was organized in association with Mahatma Gandhi University Library at MG University Seminar Hall on 6 February 2015. Sri. V.K. Adarsh, popular technology writer, author, columnist and social media evangelist, delivered the talk. He has been writing columns in leading Malayalam dailies,and online media (ബ്ലോഗ് ഭൂമി). Sri. V.K. Adarsh explained various opportunities and challenges offered by new publishing outlets like e-books, blogs and social media to conventional publishers, authors and readers.

3.1.4 *Workshop on WordPress, 20-21 April 2015*

A hands-on training on WordPress Content Management System was also organized by the Region in association with Mahatma Gandhi University Library on 20-21 April 2015. In this workshop, participants received intensive training on development of custom website and blog with static and dynamic pages from scratch. Sri. S.L. Faisal, Librarian, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Pattom and Sri. Prajeesh Bhaskaran, Technical Assistant, MG University were the resource persons of the workshop.

3.1.5 *Seminar on Scholarly Communication and Best Practices in Research, 9 April 2015*

A one-day seminar on **Scholarly Communication and Best Practices in Research** was held at St. Berchmans College (Autonomous), Changanacherry on 9 April 2015. Dr. Tomy Joseph Padinjareveetil, Principal, St. Berchmans College inaugurated the seminar. Participants included research scholars, postgraduate students, faculty members and library professionals. Sessions handled by Dr. Job Joseph, Head, Dept. of Commerce, St. Berchmans College (**Principles of effective theses writing**), Smt. Savithry T.K., Mahatma Gandhi University Library(**Research evaluation indicators**), Sri. Jasimudeen S., Librarian, St. Stephens College, Uzhavoor (**How to**

avoid plagiarism), Sri. K.K. Murali, Assistant Librarian, Mahatma Gandhi University Library (**Plagiarism checking software**) and Sri. Vimal Kumar V., Technical Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University Library, Kottayam (**Reference management software**).

3.1.6 Workshop on Mendeley, 5 May 2015

On receiving a large number of requests from research scholars of the Mahatma Gandhi University, the KLA-Kottayam Region decided to organise a Workshop on Mendeley Reference Management. The workshop was held at St. Berchmans College, Changanacherry on 5 May 2015. Forty two participants including research scholars and faculty members attended the training. Smt. Savithry T.K., Technical Assistant, Sri Vimal Kumar V., Technical Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, and Sri Jasimudeen S., Librarian, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor served as resource persons for the workshop.

3.1.7 Book release

Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel, President, KLA Kottayam Region for three consecutive periods and a very active member of the Region retired from service as Librarian, St. Berchmans College on 31 May 2015. KLA Kottayam region published an e-book in honour of Fr. Jose Viruppel. Dr. Tomy Joseph Padinjareveetil, Principal, St. Berchmans College released the Festschrift volume, "**Paradigm Shift in Libraries**". Smt. Annu George, Deputy Librarian, Mahatma Gandhi University Library, Smt. Savithry T.K., Technical Assistant, Sri. Vimal Kumar V., Technical Assistant, both of Mahatma Gandhi University Library and Sri. Jasimudeen S., Librarian, St. Stephens College, Uzhavoor are the editors of the book. The book is licensed under Creative Commons and is available at the website of the Kerala Library Association.

3.2   ERNAKULAM REGIONAL COMMITTEE

3.2.1 Orientation Programme on National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (NLIST), 3 September 2014

An orientation programme on National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (NLIST) was conducted at CUSAT on 3rd September 2014. The programme was jointly organised by University Library, CUSAT, Kerala Library Association Ernakulam Region, and INFLIBNET. The Programme was inaugurated by Dr. Poulose Jacob, Pro Vice-chancellor, CUSAT. Dr. G Madhu, Syndicate Member and Principal, School of Engineering,

CUSAT felicitated the gathering. Altogether 46 participants from different colleges and other research Institutions in and around Ernakulam attended the programme. Mr.Jagadesh Arora delivered the key note address. Dr. K.P. Vijayakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala and representatives from different publishers handled the various sessions. Dr. C. Beena, University Librarian I/C welcomed the gathering and Mr. Joe Joseph, Secretary KLA Ernakulam Region delivered the vote of thanks.

3.2.2 National Workshop on "Building and Designing of Digital Libraries Using DSpace Open Source Software, 24-25 October 2014

Kerala Library Association Ernakulam Region and the Cochin College jointly organised two-day UGC sponsored national workshop on "Building and Designing of

Digital Libraries Using DSpace Open Source Software," at the Cochin College on 24 and 25 October 2014. 40 participants from different parts of the country attended the workshop. Dr. B Madhusoodana Kurup, Vice-chancellor of KUFOS inaugurated the workshop. Dr. Jose P Abraham, Principal, the Cochin College welcomed the gathering; Cochin Education Society Manager Mr. T Vidyasagar presided over the inaugural function. Mr. V S Kunjumohammed President, KLA Ernakulam region offered felicitations and Mrs. Jeena Jayan, Librarian, Cochin College, proposed the vote of thanks. Mrs. Liny Varghese, Information Scientist, CUSAT was the key resource person for the workshop.

KLA - Ernakulam Region

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Sr. Ashritha

Special Invitees
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Sri. Radhakrishnan S
Smt. Silaja T
Sri. Cherian George

3.2.3 National Seminar on Managing Innovation in New Generation Libraries, 16-17 December 2014

KLA Ernakulum Region in association with Rajagiri College of Social Sciences organized a two Day National Seminar on "Managing Innovation in new generation Libraries" during 16-17 December, 2014 at the Rajagiri Campus, Kalamassery, Kochi. Dr. M. D Baby, Head, School of Library and Information Sciences, Rajagiri welcomed the gathering and chaired the meeting. Pro-Vice Chancellor of CUSAT Dr. Poulose Jacob inaugurated the seminar. Dr. A Gopikuttan, Associate Professor, (Dept. of LIS), Kerala University and President, Kerala Library Association felicitated the occasion. Mr. V S Kunjumohammed, President of KLA Ernakulum Region delivered the vote of thanks. Dr. A Gopikuttan delivered the key-note address and chaired the first session. More than 40 participants from different parts of the country attended the seminar and 18 papers on relevant topics were presented. Dr A T Francis, KAU, Dr. Shibu Ray S., CUSAT, Dr. Susan Mathew K, CUSAT, and Mr.V S Kunjumohammed, KUFOS chaired

different technical sessions. Shri. Yogendra Singh, Librarian, IIT Roorkee, shared his experiences on the second day. Valedictory function was chaired by Dr. M D Baby. Dr Susan Mathew was the Rapporteur General, and Mr. Joe Joseph, the Seminar convener. KLA Regional Secretary delivered the vote of thanks.

3.2.4   National Workshop on Ensuring Quality in Scientific Research, 7-8 January 2015

Kerala Library Association, Ernakulam Region, in association with Centre for Information Literacy Studies, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, and School of Marine Sciences, Cochin University of Science and Technology, organized two-day national workshop on Ensuring Quality in Scientific Research on 7 - 8 January 2015 at Cochin University of Science and Technology Lakeside Campus. Prof.(Dr.) K. Sajan ,Dean Faculty of Marine Science Cochin University of Science and Technology, welcomed the gathering, which was followed by the presidential address by Dr Mohankumar, Director, School of Marine Sciences & Dean, Faculty of Environmental Studies Cochin University of Science and Technology. Dr. Gangan Prathap Outstanding Scientist, CSIR- NIIST & Former Vice Chancellor of Cochin University of Science and Technology inaugurated the workshop. Prof. N. Unnikrishnan Nair, Former Vice Chancellor of Cochin University of Science and Technology. Prof. K. T. Thomson, Director, School of Industrial Fisheries, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Dr. K P. Vijayakumar, Head, Department of Library and Information Sciences, University of Kerala & Hon. Director, Centre for Information Literacy Studies, Mr. V. S. Kunjumuhamed President Kerala Library Association, Ernakulam felicitated. Mr Manuel P J, Librarian, School of Marine Campus and executive member of KLA Ernakulam region proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was attended by 120 participants.

3.2.5   Consultancy Service

The region helped 3 libraries in their automation and also the development of digital libraries in MA college of Engineering, Kothamangalam, Illahia College of Arts and Sciences Muvattupuzha and Chinmaya Vidyapeedam, Ernakulam.

3.2.6   Forthcoming programmes

Book release titled Managing Innovations in New Generation Libraries in July 2015.

3.3   THRISSUR REGIONAL COMMITTEE

A brief report of the activities conducted by the KLA Thrissur Region during the period is given below.

3.3.1 Free Coaching for NET 4th batch in Thrissur

4th Batch of Free NET Coaching in Library and Information Science was jointly organised by KLA Thrissur Region, Academic Library Association (ALA) and St. Thomas' College, Thrissur during January – June 2015. The classes were conducted in St. Thomas' College, Thrissur during Sundays and public holidays. Twenty students from different parts of Kerala were attended. Support and guidance for NET was also provided by e-mail and also over telephone for more than 50 students all over the country. Dr. A.T. Francis, University Librarian i/c., Kerala Agricultural University & President KLA Thrissur Region was the master trainer who lead most of the classes of the coaching supported by other experts Sri. Abdul Razak, Smt. K.V. Alphonsa and Sri. P.L. Tomy. In the previous batch, out of the 20 students, 11 had cleared the UGC NET.

3.3.2 National Workshop in Digital Library Management using DSpace, 27-28 March 2015

The Kerala Agricultural University, in collaboration with ALA and KLA, has

organized a Two Day National Workshop in Digital Library Management using DSpace during 27-28 March 2015.

3.3.3 Advanced National Training in Digital Library Management using DSpace, 24-25 April 2015

The Kerala Agricultural University, in collaboration with ALA and KLA, organized a Two Day Advanced National Training in Digital Library Management using DSpace during 24-25 April 2015.

3.3.4 National Workshop on Open Source Library Management Software, KOHA, 29-30 May 2015

The Kerala Agricultural University, in collaboration with ALA and KLA, organized a two- day National Workshop on Open Source Library Management Software, KOHA during 29-30 May 2015.

KLA - Thrissur Region

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Sri. Sunny Joseph

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Sri. P.A. Pradeep
Sri. K.R. Nagarajan
Smt. Josephine J. Chungath
Sri. K.P. Sathian

3.3.5 Reading Week Celebrations 2015, 19-25 June 2015

The Reading Week 2015 was celebrated in the Kerala Agricultural University's Central Library and College of Horticulture, Vellanikkara in collaboration with the KLA and ALA from 19-25 June 2015. Reading Week Celebrations 2015 were inaugurated by Sri. Sippy Pallipuram, famous Malayalam writer on 19 June 2015 at the Kerala Agricultural University Central Library.

- *Seminar on Reading, Farming and Health, 19 June 2015*

  As part of the Reading Week Celebrations, KAU, in collaboration with the ALA and KLA Thrissur Region, organized a Seminar on Reading, Farming and Health on 19 June 2015 for students, teachers, farmers and public. 260 persons attended. The seminar was led by Dr. T.E. George, eminent scientist and Director (Academic & PG Studies), KAU.

  Former University Librarians of the Kerala Agricultural University, Dr. R. Raman Nair, Sri. Abdul Razak and Smt. M. C. Lalitha were also honoured on this occasion.

- *Seminar on Knowledge and Safe Food:* The College of Horticulture, KAU has organised the Reading Week Celebrations 2015, in collaboration with the ALA and KLA Thrissur Region. A Seminar on Knowledge and Safe Food was also organsied on 25 June 2015 as part of it. 250 students, teachers, farmers and public were attended. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. Madampu Kunjukuttan, eminent Malayalam Writer. The seminar was led by Dr. Jim Thomas, eminent scientist and Associate Director of Research, KAU.

- *Sri. P.N. Panicker Remembered:* The remembrance talk was delivered by Dr. A.T. Francis, University Librarian i/c, KAU, President ALA and Regional President KLA. Sri. Panicker was a great revolutionist who led the people to the world of knowledge and democratic values, Dr. Francis remembered. In order to sustain and strengthen the public Libraries, which are known as public universities, reading and use of library should be started from the early childhood, at least from the primary school level itself. He requested the government to establish good libraries in Grama Panchayaths, Municipal and City Corporations and strengthen libraries under the Kerala State Library Council for providing free public library service to all people in Kerala as a real honour to Sri. P.N. Panicker.

3.3.6   NET Guidance Workshop, 11 July 2015

The Kerala Agricultural University, in collaboration with ALA and KLA, organized a one-day UGC NET Guidance Workshop in all subjects on 11 July 2015 for students preparing for NET Examination of UGC, CSIR, and ICAR. 110 students from eight districts of Kerala attended the workshop.

3.3.7   5th Batch of Free Coaching for NET in LIS, July 2015-

The 5th Batch of Free NET Coaching in LIS for the December 2015 examination, jointly organised by the Kerala Agricultural University, KLA Thrissur Region and Academic Library Association (ALA), during holidays has started on 11 July at KAU Central Library. Students from eight districts are attending the coaching.

3.3.8 Advanced National Training on Open Source Library Management Software, KOHA and Technology Exhibition, 24-25 July 2015

The Kerala Agricultural University, in collaboration with ALA and KLA, organized a two-day Advanced National Training on Open Source Library Management Software, KOHA and Technology Exhibition from 24-25 July 2015.

3.3.9 Membership Campaign

The Regional Committee and members have taken strenuous efforts to enroll more library professionals as members of the association. During this period of January to July 2015, four professionals submitted application for KLA Life Membership from Thrissur region.

3.4 KOZHIKODE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

3.4.1 National Library Week 2014, 19-20 November 2014

Kerala Library Association (KLA) Kozhikode Region in association with the CHMK Library and the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut celebrated the National Library Week during 19-20 November 2014. Dr. N.P Hafiz Muhammed, Professor of Department of Sociology, University of Calicut gave on elegant talk on 'Reading-Challenges and Opportunities in the Digital Environment'. Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, Librarian of IIM Kozhikode presented the recent trends in Knowledge Management'.

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Special Invitees Dr. Jalaja V Dr. Vasudevan T.M. Dr. Abdul Azeez T.A Dr. M.G. Sreekumar Dr.Dineshan Koovakkai

3.4.2 National Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Management (NCKDM 2015) on 30-31 January 2015

The Department of Library and Information Science, CHMK Library, University of Calicut & Kerala Library Association (KLA) Kozikode Region jointly organized a two-day National Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Management (NCKDM 2015) on 30-31 January 2015 at E.M.S Seminar Complex, University of Calicut. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. (Colonel) M. Abdul Salam, Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut. Dr. Abdul Azeez T.A.,

University Librarian welcomed the gathering and Dr. Vasudevan T.M., Head, DLISc, University of Calicut presided the function. Prof. K.R. Srivathsan, former Pro Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, delivered keynote address on the theme entitled "A Knowledge Management Approach to Enhancing Quality of Education". It was followed by the release and handing over of the Conference Proceedings containing 44 conference papers by Dr. M. Bavakutty to Prof. M. Parameswaran, both former Professors and Heads, DLISc, University of Calicut. Dr. Vijayakumar K.P., Dr. Jalaja V., Dr. M.C.K. Veeran offered felicitaions. The inaugural function ended with vote of thanks by Mr. Abdul Latheef P.K., Assistant Librarian, CHMK Library, University of Calicut.

There were three technical sessions on the first day. The themes of technical sessions were 'Knowledge Management', 'E-resource Management' and 'Knowledge Management' respectively. Dr. A Gopikuttan, Associate Professor, DLISc, University of Kerala, Dr. Muhammadali N., Associate Professor & Head Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Calicut, Dr. Nasirudheen T.P.O, Associate Professor & Head DLISc, Farook College, Calicut were acted as chairman of the three sessions consecutively. Dr. Muraleedharan P., Assistant Librarian, CHMK Library, Dr Vinod V.M., Assistant librarian, CHMK Library, Mrs. Sangeetha, Professional Assistant, DLISc all from University of Calicut performed the role of rapporteur of the sessions in order. Dr. Vijyakumar K.P., Workshop Director, presented the theme paper entitled 'Library and Information Professionals as Knowledge Workers in the Emerging Society' in the first technical session. Dr. Vinod Kumar K.P., Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, MES College Mampad, presented the theme paper entitled 'Recent Trends in Knowledge Marketing' in the second technical session. Dr. Dinesan Koovakazhi, Assistant Librarian, University of Calicut presented the theme paper entitled 'Knowledge Management in the Cloud Environment' and Dr. Lajish V.L., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Calicut presented the theme paper entitled 'Big Data Analytics: Current Perspective' in the third technical session. There were 23 presentations spread over three sessions and 20 papers were presented.

Selected artists from the students' community of the Calicut University campus performed cultural programme for the delegates which was enjoyed by delegates.

On the second day, there were three technical sessions namely 'Web Based Knowledge Management', 'Knowledge Discovery and Information Security' and 'Innovative Approaches To Knowledge Management'. Dr. Humayoon Kabir S., Associate Professor, DLIS, University of Kerala, Dr. Harinarayana N.S., Associate Professor, DLISc., Mysore University and Dr. I.R.N. Goudar, Visiting Professor & Library Advisor, Bangalore University chaired the sessions respectively. Mr. Santhosh Kumar K.V., Mr. Jamsheer N.P and Mr Habeeb Koya Thangal, all from University of Calicut acted as rapporteurs of the sessions in sequence.

Mr. Nikesh Narayan, Discovery Service Engineer, EBSCO Discovery Services presented the theme paper entitled 'Evaluation of Knowledge Discovery Services' in the 4th session. Dr. I.R.N.

Goudar, Visiting Professor & Library Advisor, Bangalore University presented the theme paper entitled 'Technology Challenges for Librarianship in Knowledge Society' in the 5th technical session. Dr. Harinarayana N.S., Associate Professor, DLISc., Mysore University , Mysore, Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, Librarian, IIM Kozikode, presented theme papers entitled 'Approaches to Knowledge Management' and 'Knowledge Enterprises' respectively in the post lunch session. There were 22 papers in the three sessions on the second day, out of which 19 papers were presented.

A panel discussion on the central theme of 'Knowledge Discovery and Management' was chaired by Dr. Vijayakumar K.P. The panelists were Dr. Harinarayana N.S., Dr. I.R.N Gouder, Dr. M.G. Sreekumar and Dr. Mahabalashwara Rao.

Mr. Pradeep Kumar Singh for his paper 'Knowledge Acquisition and Management by Indian Corporate: A Case study of Infosys' and Ms. Syamili C for her paper 'Ontology for the Novel Pathummayude Aadu' shared the best paper award. At the end of the concluding session Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K, Coordinator, NCKDM 2015, expressed vote of thanks to all the participants, delegates and invited speakers.

3.4.3 Vayanadinam (Day of Reading), 23 June 2015

The Kerala Library Association Kozhikode Region in association with the Federation of Library and Information Science Students, Calicut University observed the Reading Day on 23 June 2015. Dr. Anil Chelmbra was the keynote speaker. More than eighty library professionals and students were participated in the programme. Dr. Vasudevan T.M., Associate Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science welcomed the gathering. Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K., Assistant Professor, DLISc., Mr. Simjith V., Mr. Sajith Chandran, and Ms. Anusha V chaired different programmes including Book Exchange, Quiz and Debate on Online Reading.

4   FINANCIAL MATTERS

KLA is financially on a solid ground now, thanks to the untiring efforts put in by all our previous committees. Sri V Sriram, Treasurer, KLA, will be presenting the accounts separately.

5   FUTURE PROGRAMMES

The Association has already initiated some major programmes for the future along with the regular activities such as
- **KLA-CPD:** The centre is proposed as a professional development institute run by utilizing the infrastructure facilities available with KLA to provide training to students

and working professionals on LIS skills and technologies (ILMS, Content Management, Networking, Web 2.0, etc).

- **Publications: i. KLA Journal:** Publication of a journal by KLA has been under discussion for the last many years and the present Committee could develop a prototype for the same. More work is required to realize the objective.**ii. Quiz Competition** for Students of Library Schools – first at respective Library Schools / Departments, with the finals at Thiruvananthapuram
- **Librarians' Day celebrations (12 August) & K A Isaac Memorial Lecture (12 Sep)**

6   CONCLUSION

At this point, I would like to express to all the Executive Committee Members and all the Four Regional Committees, my sincere thanks for their endless support, active involvement and cooperation in each and every activity carried out during the last one year. Also I extend my hearty thanks to all other people and institutions who directly or indirectly contributed for the smooth functioning of the system.

With these words, on behalf of the Executive Committee, I submit this Annual Report for detailed evaluation, discussion and approval.

Yours sincerely

s/d

Dr M Lalitha

General Secretary, KLA