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FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear friends,

I am happy to inform that we have started a new programme of creating database of experts in various academic disciplines in the country including science, technology, humanities, social sciences, art, etc. It is hoped that this will help in establishing new bridges among those having common area of interest and also in seeking best expert advice for government organisations/industries. Data sheets have been sent to all universities including their heads of the department and I am happy to find good response. We have received data from many individuals from all over the country. However the task of creating and then maintaining a comprehensive database of this nature is enormous. I request you to bring this to the notice of your colleagues with a request to send us duly completed data sheet on a copy of the sheet printed as part of this newsletter.

I also take this opportunity to invite you to participate and send contributions based on your experiences to our third national convention, CALIBER-96, being held at MS University of Baroda during February 15-17, 1996.

With good wishes.

Pramod Kumar

Announcement: CALIBER-96

Third National Convention on Library Database Management February 15-17, 1996 at Vadodara For information, please contact Shri S.M. Salgar, Convenor, CALIBER-96

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1 Creation of Database of Experts

Universities in this country are naving large number of intellectuals engaged in various research activities. Their valuable expertise is needed by various R&D organisations, industries and other institutions. INFLIBNET is creating a Database of Programme Experts in various academic fields elaborate information about their work and details for contacting them to take advantage of their expertise. We have initiated the process of collecting information from Professors, senior faculty members and experts from other academic and R&D institutions. Good amount of data has already been received. The data input sheet has been included in this news-letter. Experts are requested to spare a few minutes to provide the desired information and mail it to us at the address indicated. Additional copies can be made for the purpose.

2 E-Mail Access to INFLIBNET Databases

Various universities have started contacting us using E-Mail facility on UUNET, ICNET, SIRNET, NICNET, ERNET, etc. for accessing information from INFLIBNET databases. With more and more universities extending their cooperation, INFLIBNET database is growing steadily.

3 Computerisation of libraries

Our advisory services to university libraries in computerising their activities are continued with more vigour and are being very well utilised by various universities.

Several software packages have been developed to support various library applications and functions.

(a) Development of utility software package

A utility software for the book database on CDS/ISIS has been developed for getting the desired result with one key press, saving efforts and time in going through various steps. Following utilities are available.

- (a) Title index list.
- (b) Author index list irrespective of repeated entry.

- (c) Search with author sort without going through the steps of giving search expression, processing, saving the file and printing with sorting effect.
- (d) Search with title sort similar to (c) with title sorting effect.
- (e) Accession Register print out in prescribed format for the search expression as per the desired set of accession numbers. The format provides all the information in respect of entry date, language, class no., title, publisher name, place of publication, year of publication, vendor, bill number, date and price on a 132 column printer.

(b) Catalogue card generation

Application interface program has been developed for generation of catalogue cards on CDS/ISIS. The program generate the catalogue cards as per AACR-2 format from data in ISO-2709 format having standard tags from CCF. Various types of catalogue cards can be generated viz. main as well as those with added entries as per the requirements of various university libraries.

4 COPSAT Database software

A user friendly menu driven PASCAL interface program has been developed in CDS/ISIS for COPSAT users subscribing data in ISO-2709 format. This program can be used by the user without having knowledge of all the operations of CDS/ISIS. It has the facilities to search through the database by name of author, paper title, journal name, publication details or by Boolean Search. The search statement may be full statement or part of statement with right truncation. Facilities are available to display previous records or next records, to save the searched results in a file, and to take print out of the displayed record or a set of records.

5 Eleventh Training Course at INFLIBNET

INFLIBNET's eleventh training course on Applications of Computers to Library and Information Services was organised from September 18 to October 14, 1995. Sixteen participants from various universities and Regional Engineering Colleges attended the course.

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