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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALIBER-97

Fourth National Convention on
IT Applications in Academic Libraries
in India : With Emphasis on Network
Services & Information Sharing

at

Thapar Instt. of Engineering & Technology,
Patiala

on

27-28 February & 1st March, 1997

Jointly organised by
INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad &
Thapar Instt. of Engineering & Technology
Patiala (Punjab)

Last date for sending papers : 15-12-1996

Last date for registration : 31-12-1996

OTHER CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

National Convention of Medical Library
Association of India (MLAI-96), Hyderabad
Date : November 1996

XVII National IASLIC Seminar, Calcutta
Date : December 9-12, 1996

XLII All India Library Conference, Calicut
Date : December 21-24, 1996

1. INFLIBNET becomes an IUC

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi, accorded permission for setting up Information and Library Network Centre as an Inter University Centre under University Grants Commission under Section 12(CCC) of UGC Act. Accordingly, INFLIBNET Centre has been registered as an autonomous society at Ahmedabad in May, 1996 with country wide jurisdiction.

2. Status of Computerisation and Automation of University Libraries

Till date 54 universities have been provided grants for computerisation and networking of their libraries. The status of utilisation of grants and progress of work is summarised in the table enclosed.

3. New Members of INFLIBNET

During October, 1996, for the automation of libraries programme, the UGC sanctioned Rs.6.50 lakhs each to following 15 universities viz. Arunachal (Itanagar), Barkatullah (Bhopal), Calicut (Kozhikode), Goa, Gujarat Vidyapith (Ahmedabad), H.N. Bahuguna Garhwal (Garhwal, UP), Gurunanak Dev (Amritsar), Kuvempu (Shimoga), Madurai Kamraj (Madurai), North Bengal (Darjeeling), Nagarjuna (Guntur), Sambalpur (Orissa), Punjabi (Patiala), Tripura (Agartala), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Mumbai). The sanction is valid in the current financial year 1996-97.

4. Establishment of Core Facilities in University Libraries

Fifty four universities were funded by the UGC under INFLIBNET Programme till the end of FY 1995-96 for computerisation and automation of their libraries. Fifteen more universities are being funded in the current financial year. Beside this, the UGC has decided to provide a special grant of Rs.1 lakh to all those universities who would not be getting normal grant under INFLIBNET Programme by the end of FY 1996-97. This grant is meant for establishing core facilities for information access so that all the universities can participate in information access/exchange. To receive this grant the

universities have to give an undertaking that they will bear the expenses towards providing a telephone in library, subscribe to data networks and take care of recurring expenditure. Undertakings have since been received from more than forty universities. Necessary sanction has been issued by UGC.

5. Training Programmes

13th training programme on Application of Computers to Library and Information Services was conducted by INFLIBNET from July 22 to August 17, 1996. 19 participants from different universities/institutions participated in the programme. As in past, main emphasis was on practicals to provide hands-on experience to the participants. Participants were also exposed to modern information technology viz. E-Mail, remote access, CD-ROM, multimedia, etc.

14th INFLIBNET training course is scheduled to be conducted from 30th December 1996 to 25th January 1997.

6. Visit of INFLIBNET Staff to Universities for On-site Training

INFLIBNET provides on-site training to staff of university libraries where computer systems have been installed and networking facilities are established. This helps in initiating the computerisation process in libraries. INFLIBNET teams have visited Nagpur University and Andhra University libraries for providing on-site training in June and July 1996 respectively. On-site training to SV University Library at Tirupati is planned in November, 1996.

7. ADINET-INFLIBNET Seminar

INFLIBNET jointly with ADINET (Ahmedabad Library Network) organised a seminar on "Libraries and Socio-economic Development of the Society" on August 17, 1996 to commemorate the birthday of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. Over 200 delegates participated in the seminar. Prof. A. Neelameghan, formerly Director, DRTC and UNESCO expert, delivered the key-note address. His talk on "Libraries and Development Communication" touched the important aspects of providing information to people at the grass roots.

8. Staff Participation in Conference/Workshop, etc.

Shri Pramod Kumar, Director, attended the Vice Chancellor's (South Zone) Conference held at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam on 29th and 30th August, 1996 and gave a talk on INFLIBNET Programme.

Shri Pramod Kumar was invited to give Prof. M.R. Kumbhar Memorial Lecture held at the Karnatak University, Dharwad on 4th October, 1996.

Staff of INFLIBNET participated in a seminar on Library Services, Resource Sharing and New Information Technology at Junagadh organised jointly by Gujarat Agricultural University and University Library Professional Association of Gujarat during Sept 16-17, 1996. Demonstrations were also arranged to access databases at INFLIBNET.

Shri S.M. Salgar, Shri V.S. Cholin and Shri Kunjan Trivedi have been invited by Manipal Academy of Higher Education as resource persons for the state level library workshop scheduled to be held in the first week of November, 1996.

9. INFLIBNET Activities

Development of Software for Library Management :

All modifications desired by universities have been carried out in the ILMS library management software development jointly by DESIDOC and INFLIBNET. The software has all necessary provisions for cataloguing, search and circulation. The software is being used by the universities who have procured computers under INFLIBNET. It is available free of cost to all the universities.

Acquisition module has now been added to the ILMS and provided to Bombay and SNDT Universities for field trial and feed back.

Status of Databases :

In the process of creating union catalogue of serials, books, theses/dissertations, INFLIBNET has made considerable progress. Presently our database of serial holds 28000 records of serials with 8194 unique titles from 64 universities. The database of theses has grown to about 60000 records, whereas the union database of book contains 6.5 lakhs records. Out of these 1.32 lakh have been authenticated till date.

The database of expert at INFLIBNET is steadily growing. At present the database is available for 'on-line' access with information about 2000 experts in various disciplines.

10. Access to INFLIBNET Databases

INFLIBNET's host computer is connected to I-NET through X.25 pad on a leased line. One can access INFLIBNET database on-line using I-NET as follows :

I-NET Access :

- Execute communication S/W to connect to exchange.
- Check by entering 'AT' and look for 'OK'.
- Dial local I-NET pad.
- On '*' prompt enter I-NET code as follows.
- N (your code), (A/c No.) - 32720203402
OR 32720203403

e.g. N50AB32,419596-32720203402

Access through STD :

- Use communication software and dial 079-6425972
- Your machine will get connected to INFLIBNET host. Enter 'union' on 'LOGIN:' prompt. Menu will appear for different databases.

Off-line access :

Querries can be sent on following E-Mail address :

1. root@infahd.ernet.in
2. inflibhq@shakti.ncst.ernet.in
3. inflibnt@giasbm01.vsnl.net.in

Replies will be promptly sent by E-Mail.

11. Important Visitors to INFLIBNET Centre

1. Prof. Yash Pal, National Research Professor, visited on 18th March, 1996.
2. Dr. Santosh Panda, Director (Research), Association of Indian Universities on 18th July, 1996.
3. Prof. A. Neelmeghan, Expert, UNESCO on August 17, 1996.
4. Prof. N. Balakrishnan, Chairman, NCSI, Bangalore, on 13th August, 1996.

**TABLE SHOWING STATUS OF COMPUTERISATION OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
AS ON 31ST OCTOBER, 1996**

Name of the University	Status of Computerisation	Manpower Trained at INFLIBNET	Name of the University	Status of Computerisation	Manpower Trained at INFLIBNET
Allahabad	NA	2	Kerala	CONFIG	3
Aligarh	CONFIG	2	Kurukshetra	COMM	3
Andhra	COMM	4	Lucknow	CONFIG	3
Anna	COMM	3	Madras	CONFIG	2
Annamalai	CONFIG	3	Manipur	COMM	4
BRA, Agra	COMM	Nil	Mysore	COMM	3
BBA Bihar	CONFIG	2	Marathwada	CONFIG	2
BHU, Varanasi	COMM	3	M.S.U. Baroda	CONFIG	2
Bombay	COMM	2	Nagpur	COMM	2
Burdwan	CONFIG	3	North Bengal	CONFIG	3
Calcutta	CONFIG	3	Osmania	COMM	4
Delhi	NA	Nil	Patna	CONFIG	3
Harsingh Gour	COMM	3	Poona	CONFIG	3
Gauhati	COMM	3	Pondicherry	CONFIG	3
Gorakhpur	CONFIG	1	Pt.Ravishankar	COMM	3
Gujarat	CONFIG	3	Panjab	CONFIG	3
Gulbarga	COMM	4	Ranchi	CONFIG	4
H.P.U., Shimla	CONFIG	3	Rajasthan	COMM	4
Hyderabad	COMM	3	Roorkee	CONFIG	3
Jadavpur	COMM	3	RaniDurgavati	COMM	3
JNV, Jodhpur	COMM	3	Sardar Patel	CONFIG	2
Jamia Millia	COMM	2	S.N.D.T	COMM	1
Jammu	CONFIG	4	S.Venketeswara	COMM	3
JNU, New Delhi	CONFIG	3	T.Bhagalpur	NA	Nil
Kalyani	COMM	2	Utkal	CONFIG	1
Kashmir	COMM	3	Vikram	CONFIG	3
Karnataka	CONFIG	4	Visva Bharati	COMM	3

Note : All the above 54 universities are funded by UGC for computerisation and networking.

LEGEND : CONFIG = System Configuration Finalised/Order Placed
 PROC = Computer Procured
 COMM = System Installed & Commissioned
 NA = Information Not Available