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From Director's Desk



Knowledge has become a key element in ensuring the success of an organization. There is, therefore, an increasing need for institutions to become more intentional and systematic about making knowledge. In recognition of this need, we are fortunate to have the structured Academic, Research & Technical guidance from highly reputed personalities like Dr. Arun Nigavekar, Prof. V N Rajasekharan Pillai, and Dr. S Ramani respectively. All my colleagues at the Centre both Scientific & Administrative have been endeavoring along with me a meeting the needs of the users in the changing information paradigm among the universities, colleges of our country. We also have a host of coordinating Government, Private agencies, Publishers, Aggregators etc. who keep us dynamic all the time and make us effective navigation on all the fronts of content and knowledge management circles in helping millions of users in their searches drawn from different information repositories. The E-journals program under UGC-Infonet provides full text access to scholarly literature in all areas of learning in an electronic mode. The driver behind the decision to implement such a gigantic taxonomy was the need to enable knowledge sharing on a global scale. The key challenge to date has been to envelope our young minds, others and motivating them to move in this direction as envisaged by the UGC. A host of academics, computer, library professionals have been helping us in this challenge and the seminal contributions made by Prof. Ajit Kumbhavi of IUCAA Pune are epoch making in nature. We are also glad to see a dramatic increase of visitors to our website. We have also endeavored to concentrate our energies to bring a rapid change in the North-Eastern Region through our first Convention - PLANNER - 2003 at NEHU, Shillong and the response is overwhelming. Further, our continued efforts of promotion and R&D of software SOUL are steadily moving. As our preparations for the second International CALIBER at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi are on and the content can be enriched with your valuable inputs. The ICAR - NATP request in training the library and information science manpower has been successfully met by us in a short span of time.

I wish you a very happy Diwali

Dr T A V Murthy



Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chairman, UGC during his visit to INFLIBNET. Dr T A V Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET also seen.



Prof. Ajit Kembhavi, Convenor, National Negotiation Committee addressing the participants. Also seen are Prof. Ashok Raina, Prof. Santosh Kar, Prof. D. G. Kanehere.



Dr Edward Proctor, Electronic Resources Librarian, Southwest Missouri University, USA, addressing the participants. Also on the dias are Dr. T A V Murthy, Director, Ms. Swathi Bhattacharya, Librarian, IIM Kolkata.



Participants of the Third batch ICAR-INFLIBNET Training Programme for Agriculture Librarians on "Networking and E-Resources Management".



Dr. R P S Ahlawat, Vice Chancellor, Guj. Agriculture University, lighting the lamp. Also seen are Dr. T A V Murthy, Director, Shri S M Salgar, Scientist-G.



Participants of the Fifth batch ICAR-INFLIBNET Training Programme for Agriculture Librarians on "Networking and E-Resources Management".

UGC-Vice Chairman visits INFLIBNET

Prof. V N Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission visited INFLIBNET Centre on 16th July, 2003. Director, INFLIBNET Centre welcomed the Vice Chairman and highlighted the activities of the Centre. Prof. Pillai had a meeting with all the staff members. All the group heads of the Centre gave a small presentation on different activities of each group and the discussion was very interactive and fruitful. Vice-chairman expressed his happiness about the number of new initiatives and responsibilities taken up by the Centre and also listened to the difficulties of the Centre and its staff members. He emphasized the role of INFLIBNET in executing two of the important projects of UGC viz. UGC-Infonet connecting the universities and e-journals consortium under UGC-Infonet.

INTERNATIONAL CALIBER-2004 Announcement

INFLIBNET Centre has been organizing CALIBER [Convention on Automation of Libraries in Education and Research Institutions] every year in different parts of the country in collaboration with different universities, since 1993. This is a premier convention in India which provides a unique forum to the library and information professionals, teachers, IT professionals, consultants and users involved in automation and networking of libraries as well as information providers to come together and interact on the subjects of mutual interest. The eleventh CALIBER in the series, for the year 2004, has been themed as **“Road Map to New Generation of Libraries using Emerging Technologies”** and will be hosted by Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi during February 11-13, 2004. The official language of the convention will be English.

DELIBERATIONS

- Visions/Policies for Strategic Planning and Catalysts (Social Issues, User Requirements) for New Generation of Libraries.
- Infrastructure, Standards, Archiving for Digital/Virtual/E-Libraries.
- Emerging Technologies like Wireless LAN, Digital Services, Distributed databases, E-education and WBT.
- Web content mapping, classification, management, Data warehousing, security aspects.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Programme committee solicits high quality technical papers related to the themes and sub-themes listed below.

Main Theme: Road Map to New Generation of Libraries using Emerging Technologies

Sub theme 1 : Strategic Planning and Catalysts for New Generation of Libraries

Visions/Policies, Social Issues, Intellectual Property Rights, User Requirements and Satisfaction, Models and framework for change management, Consortia: Success and Reality, Free and equal access to digital information

Sub theme 2 : Digital/Virtual/E-Libraries

Infrastructure, Standards and Protocols, E-Publishing, Digital Archiving, Personalization, New Type Resources, Open Digital Libraries and Interoperability

Sub theme 3 : Emerging Technologies

Networking (including WLAN), Digital Services, E-Education / WBT: Reality and Myths, Distributed database access and management – mirror sites, Online Reference

Sub theme 4 : Web content Management Cataloguing and Classification, Metadata / XML, Searching and Retrieval, Web content mapping, Data warehousing/hosting, Managing access to Web Content, Security Issues, Reliability and QA of Web content, Reference Linking, Ontology and Semantic Web.

Papers typed in MS-Word can be sent as attachment to INFLIBNET directly through E-Mail or in a floppy by post. The length of the paper should normally be within 5000 words. Papers should contain full name and affiliations with e-mail of author(s), an abstract, author biography and references properly cited in the text of article. The paper should neither be published anywhere nor should have been kept under consideration for publication elsewhere and the author should agree to transfer the copyright to the conference organisers. A passport size photograph(s) of author(s) has to be submitted with the paper.

Detailed Guidelines and Editorial Policy for CALIBER 2004 is available in the conference website.

IMPORTANT DATES

Receipt of full papers	December 15, 2003
Intimation to Author(s)	January 1, 2004
Last date for Registration	January 15, 2004
Convention Dates	February 11-13, 2004

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PLANNER - 2003

PLANNER stands for Promotion of Library Automation and Networking in North Eastern Region (PLANNER). INFLIBNET has made an attempt to organize this event in collaboration with universities and other academic institutions located in North East. This Convention will provide a unique forum to the library professionals, information providers and

users involved in automation and networking of libraries to come together and interact on the subjects of mutual interest in the region. First PLANNER is being organized for the professionals in the North Eastern region at North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya during November 6-7, 2003. In future, this special event would regularly be held at *other parts of the North Eastern universities/institutions on rotation basis.*

Planner has received an excellent response with more than 45 papers received which and will be deliberated in two days in the convention. There is also a good number of participation from Bangladesh and other nearby countries. Two parallel tutorials are also planned from 0930-1230 hrs on 6th November, 2003.

The Venue of the convention is North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya.

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IT@ AGRILIBNET-2003 Report

“ICAR-INFLIBNET Training Programme for Agriculture Librarians on Networking and E-Resources Management “[IT@ AGRILIBNET-2003]” is a series of training Programmes of two weeks duration, specially designed for Agriculture Library professionals from Institutes

and Universities under Indian Council of Agriculture Research, through its NATP project with the support of World Bank. It was proposed to train 140 LIS professionals selected from 70 Institutions across the country, through 7 such Programmes under this series, at INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad.

The first training Programme in this series was held at INFLIBNET during June 16-28, 2003. The inaugural function was held on June 16, 2003 in conjunction with the inauguration of “Workshop on Website Designing and Hosting”. Dr Edward Proctor, Electronic Resources Librarian & Asst Professor, Southwest Missouri University, USA, inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp and delivering the keynote address. He reminded the library professionals to accept the challenges and make face shift of their libraries by adopting the latest technologies. He appreciated the efforts taken by INFLIBNET to train the working librarians in this direction. Dr T A V Murthy [Director, INFLIBNET], Dr S P Jain [Librarian, GB Pant Agricultural University, Pantnagar] and Ms Swathi Bhattacharya [Librarian, IIM, Kolkatta] also spoke on the occasion. Around 100 professionals including invited professionals from Ahmedabad city attended the inaugural function.

16 participants drawn from 10 Institutions attended the Programme. There were 28 lectures handled by 8 external invited faculties and 14 INFLIBNET faculties, supported by sufficient exposure to practical environment. Participants were highly enthusiastic to learn new things and took active interest in both the lectures and practical sessions. The whole Programme emerged out as very interactive one. Participants were taken to Gujarat Agricultural University, Anand for a one-day study tour. Feedbacks were taken from the

participants from time to time, to improve the quality of the course, wherever needed.

In the concluding session held on June 28, 2003, all participants were requested to present their project reports about their library, services, what they have learnt and future plans. Prof W A Alvi of Kashmir University distributed the certificates to the participants and delivered the concluding remarks. Shri S M Salgar, Scientist-G of INFLIBNET also spoke on the occasion.

Second and subsequent Programmes were conducted during the following period. INFLIBNET has successfully conducted all seven Programmes by September, 2003. Few participants could not participate in their respective schedule due to one or other reasons, and few more Programme are being planned during November – December to complete the series. IT@AGRILIBNET series of Programmes were successful with help of well designed course content and the active support from all the staff members of the Centre. Seven Programmes were held as per the dates given below.

Batch I	16-28 June, 2003
Batch II	1-14 July, 2003
Batch III	18-31 July, 2003
Batch IV	4-17 August, 2003
Batch V	19-30 August, 2003
Batch VI	1-12 September, 2003
Batch VII	15-26 September, 2003

Shri K Prakash and Shri J K Vijayakumar Scientific / Technical Officers worked as the course coordinators for these Programmes.

Workshop for Senior Agriculture Librarians

ICAR-INFLIBNET workshop for Senior Agricultural Librarians on IT-Management was organized by INFLIBNET, on 4-8 August, 2003

under NATP Programme funded by World Bank. Dr SL Mehta, Director, ICAR, along with his team was the source of inspiration. It was inaugurated by Dr RPS Ahlawat, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Agriculture University, in the presence of Dr TAV Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET Centre and Shri SM Salgar, Scientist-G, at Ahmedabad Management Association Auditorium. Shri HG Hosamani, Shri SS Kushwah and Smt Nalini Kaku coordinated the workshop. There were 18 Senior Librarians, who participated from various ICAR Universities and Research Institutes. Faculty from INFLIBNET and popular institutes conducted various sessions. Few commercial presentations by E-journal Publishers and Portals were also arranged during the workshop. The workshop concluded with drafting of proposals by the committee formed by the participants.

E-subscription under UGC-Infonet-Consortium - Update

Several meetings on e-journals subscriptions were held during this period. A meeting was held with the Chairman, UGC on April 30, 2003 to discuss the matter related to Internet connectivity and E-subscriptions to universities as a part of the UGC Infonet programme.

Next meeting was held on May 12, 2003 at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR). Prof. Ashok Raina, TIFR organized the meeting and discussed about the number of journals and databases to be subscribed under the consortia. Several other issues were also discussed including the selection of gateway portal to provide effective customized access to the journals and databases subscribed under the programme. The University librarians were requested to evaluate the available gateway portals for universities and to provide the feedback on the same.

Committee met on May 16 along with Chairman, Dr. Arun Nigavekar. Chairman expressed his happiness over the progress and asked to ensure the coverage of all areas of learning and the committee took a note of it. Dr. V S Cholin and Sh. D P Negi visited Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mumbai, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, National Aeronautical Laboratory (NAL) and University of Hyderabad and met Dr. Jagadish Arora, Dr. Vekadeshn, Sh. I R N Goudar, and Dr. E-Rama Reddy respectively to discuss various issues concerning to subscriptions. The experiences of other consortia viz. INDEST, DAE Consortium, and CSIR consortium were taken into account.

The committee placed the recommendations to the INFLIBNET Finance Committee, Governing Board, Governing Council for clearance. Accordingly these recommendations were cleared by FC/GB/GC of INFLIBNET and directed for further course of action. The letters of intent were sent to publishers being considered and agreements were to be signed on 6th October, 2003 at UGC.

First Training Programme of E-Resource Management (UGC-Infonet)

ERNET India has been conducting a series of Programmes for professionals from universities covered under UGC-Infonet for the successful implementation of networking aspect of UGC-Infonet. It has been decided to conduct similar training courses for the persons from library science background on "E-Resource Management under the Networked Environment". These Programmes will be conducted at INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad.

The first training course on "E-resource Management in Networked Environment" was conducted during 26-30 May, 2003. The

Programme was inaugurated by Prof. A U Patel, Vice Chancellor, Guajrat University, Ahmedabad. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Patel, appreciated the effort of INFLIBNET in providing various facilities for research and academic community, and expressed his support in the activities of the centre. Dr. T A V Murthy, presided over the function and highlighted the important initiative of UGC through INFLIBNET. The lectures and practicals covered topics viz. UGC-Infonet, Network applications, setting up LAN, Web server, Mail Server, Designing of Web OPAC, Security aspects, E-journals subscription initiatives, Resource sharing, e-publications etc. Demonstrations were arranged to access various databases viz. chemical abstracts, gateway portals, subject specific journals etc.

In the concluding session, the members of the National Negotiation Committee met the participants and highlighted the latest information on e-journal subscriptions. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Ajit Kembhavi, Convener, National Negotiation Committee expressed happiness about the activities of the centre and informed that soon the research and academic community will get electronic access to full text journals and databases under the e-journals consortium activity. 16 persons participated in the Programme.

UGC-Infonet Update

University Grants Commission has launched the major initiative for setting up nation wide communication network for Indian universities using state-of-the-art communication technologies. Under this project, ERNET/INFLIBNET will conduct series of training Programmes for technical staff of each participating universities for managing and maintaining the network at their premises. In this series, the 3rd training programmes on

“Basics of networking, UGC-Infonet and its Management” was successfully conducted at ERNET India, New Delhi from 31st March to 5th April, 2003. 15 participants from fifteen universities attended this Programme. 4th and 5th such programmes were conducted at ERNET India, New Delhi, from 21st April to 26th April, 2003 and 28th July to 2nd August, 2003. 16 participants from sixteen universities and 13 participants from thirteen universities attended 4th and 5th training Programme respectively. Total 73 participants from 65 universities have been trained till the end of July, 2003.

IRTPLA Reports

Andhra Pradesh

IRTPLA for the state of Andhra Pradesh was held at College of Fishery Science ANGR Agricultural University, Muthukur, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, from 2-8 June, 2003. It was co-ordinated by the Assistant Librarian, Dr. K Veeranjanyulu. Shri B. Ramesh from INFLIBNET Centre was the resource person apart from other invited speakers.

Orissa

IRTPLA for the state of Orissa was held at Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Orissa, from 25-29 August, 2003. 31 participants participated in the programme. It was co-ordinated by Shri Prahald Panda. Shri Rajesh Chandraker from INFLIBNET Centre was the resource person apart from other invited speakers.

Haryana

IRTPLA for the state of Haryana was held at Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana, from 10-19 September, 2003. 25 participants participated in the programme. It was co-ordinated by Dr Ajit Singh Siwach. Shri HG Hosamani and Shri RJ Patil from INFLIBNET served as resource persons apart from other invited speakers.

Forthcoming IRTPLA

Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, 27-31 October, 2003

Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, 27-31 October, 2003

University of Burdwan, Burdwan, West Bengal, 10-14 November, 2003

Manglore University, Mangalore, Karnataka, 1-6 December, 2003

SOUL News

The 9th Training Programme was conducted during 21-25, April, 2003. 22 Participants attended the Programme.

The 10th Training Programme was conducted during 02-07 June, 2003. 23 Participants attended the Programme.

The 11th Training Programme was conducted at Kerala Agricultural University, Trichur during 09-14, June, 2003. 20 Participants attended the Programme.

The 12th Training Programme was conducted during 14-18, July, 2003. 17 Participants attended the Programme.

The 13th Training Programme was conducted at Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad during 28-31, July, 2003. 20 Participants attended the Programme.

The 14th Training Programme was conducted during 04-08, August, 2003. 20 Participants attended the Programme.

Forthcoming SOUL Training Programme:-

15th Training Programme will be held during 17-21 November, 2003 at INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad

16th Training Programme will be held during 24-28 November, 2003 at INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad.

Training Programme on SOUL at Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

Dr Y S Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni (Solan) organized a "Training Programme on SOUL for the working librarians of Himachal Pradesh Education Department" during 6-10 January, 2003. 18 working librarians selected from public and college libraries of Himachal Pradesh attended the Programme.

SOUL updated version

The SOUL software released in the year 2000 during the CALIBER at Chennai has become very popular during the short span of 3 years. It has been supplied to more than 250 universities/Institutions across the country. The SOUL software package has been brought out in latest version incorporating features like; search engines, Bar-coding technology etc. The initial bugs in the software and the suggestions, modification received from institutions from time to time have been incorporated. After strenuous efforts, INFLIBNET has come out with new version of SOUL. After the rigorous testing, copies of the new version were sent to more than 125 user libraries free of cost, to who had purchased the software. INFLIBNET is now flooded with demands and requests from many more Universities, colleges, government institutions and other institutions for the supply of the software.

SOUL Service Centres

Keeping in a view the growing demand of SOUL software, a proposal was mooted through Governing Board of INFLIBNET to establish SOUL Service Centres at different places and clearance was received from UGC

for setting of regional co-ordinators and the SOUL service centres at Mumbai, Patiala, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Ahmedabad and Delhi. Other regions are picking up and coverage will be expanded into different states as well from time to time.

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Indira Gandhi National Open University has identified the SOUL software for all its co-ordinating Centres for teaching in the courses of IGNOU.

One Day - User Awareness Programme

One day orientation training Programme for faculty and research scholars was arranged at the Centre on 10th June, 2003 from 0930-1800 hrs. 21 participants from Gujarat University and Gujarat Vidyapith participated in the Programme. Inaugurating the Programme Mr. S M Salgar senior scientist of the Centre informed the participants that the series of orientation Programmes are planned by the Director, INFLIBNET across the country and urged the participants to be ambassadors of INFLIBNET and work as spokespersons of INFLIBNET to spread the message of UGC-Infonet and its benefits. Mr. V S Cholin, Scientist-B coordinated the Programme.

The Programme had few sessions on INFLIBNET and its activities, UGC-Infonet, E-subscription to scholarly journals and databases. The participants worked extensively on the use of gateway portals, databases and full text access to journals and were impressed about the facilities being offered UGC-INFLIBNET. INFLIBNET will organize series of user awareness Programmes at different universities very soon for the benefit of research and academic community.

Training Program for EMRC Staff

After taking over the charge of Hon. Director, Education Media Research Centre, by the

director INFLIBNET the staff members of EMRC were trained at INFLIBNET in the use of IT related applications. The staff took advantage of the computer lab facility and learnt a great deal.

Ranganathan's Day Celebrated

Dr SR Ranganathan's birthday was celebrated by ADINET in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre and Ahmedabad Management Association(AMA) by conducting one-day seminar for LIS professionals and students of Gujarat on 23rd August 2003. Shri PC Shah (Hon. Director, ADINET), welcomed and talked about activities of the ADINET.

Dr TAV Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, gave the keynote address. He talked about the Guru-Shishya Parampara in ancient India. How the knowledge was preserved and disseminated then, and what is the changing scenario today.

Shri Chandrakant Mehta, Principal, Hiramani School, called Dr Ranganathan, as a Maharishi. In his thought provoking address he raised the issue of number of channels and expressed the importance and the role of another channel i.e. R-net or 'Readers-net'. He said that librarianship is not a profession but a mission.

The Guest of Honor, Prof N V Vasani, Adviser, Nirma Education Research Foundation said, "The modern librarians have become information navigators from information dispensers." The inauguration session was Followed by the technical sessions.

Dr VS Cholin, Scientist-B INFLIBNET Centre, presented a theme paper on "Consortia for libraries and information centres". Electronic resource sharing can be done very effectively through consortia. He talked about consortia initiatives in India like FORSA, CSIR-Consortium, INDEST, UGC-Infonet, etc. More

emphasis was given on how the UGC-Infonet will help the research and academic community to have access to scholarly journals and databases.

Ms Swadha Majumdar (NID) and Ms Shreyashi Parikh (NIFT), presented a paper on "Digitization of Library Collection". The actual process of digitization needs skilled manpower, special software and hardware. Digitization solves the problem of preserving rare archival material and security.

The post lunch session started with a very refreshing Quiz Programme for the students of MLIS from different universities in Gujarat. This programme was unique in its kind and was most attractive programme. Ms Nishtha Anilkumar (PRL) and Mr Shailesh Yagnik (MICA) organized it for the first time, with the assistance of Mr. Saroj Das (IPR), Ms. Renuka Dave (CHETNA) and Mr. Ram Patel (ADINET). There were six participating Universities represented by two MLISc students, with four textual rounds and one visual round. The students of Gujarat University bagged the first prize and MS-University bagged the Second Prize in the Quiz Programme.

Shri SR Deshpande (British Library), presented a paper on "Human Resource Development in Library and Information Centres". HRD requires careful planning, analysis, development and attention in preparing new LIS professionals and refreshing existing ones.

Dr CN Rawal (SP University, Vallabh Vidyanagar), presented a paper on "Training Institutions for manpower developments in library and information science". He talked about the objectives of Xth Plan and present scenario of LIS education. He also talked about important Continuing Education Programmes, conducted by NISCAIR, DRTC, NISSAT, DESIDOC, INFLIBNET Centre, etc.

Shri SR Yagnik (MICA), presented a paper on "Funding agencies for professional upliftment". He talked about various types of funding available for training, research project, presenting paper in seminar / conference, writing books, scholarships, fellowships, etc. The sources to keep updated on such funding are – Newspapers, Newsletters, Directories, Journals, Websites, Personal contact, etc.

The day concluded with the report presentation by Shri KM Bhavsar and Prize distribution done by Dr Daksha Surti, Gujarat University.

UGC - Infonet Orientation Programme

UGC has initiated UGC-Infonet Orientation Programmes in Information Technology applications. These training Programmes were conducted at five places viz. Chennai, Amritsar, Goa, Kolkatta and New Delhi during September, 2003. INFLIBNET had its presentation on UGC Infonet connectivity issues and E-journals consortia. Sh. K Prakash, Scientific Officer visited Chennai and Goa for presentation. Dr. T A V Murthy, Director INFLIBNET delivered Lecture on UGC-Infonet at Jadavpur University, Kolkatta. Dr. V S Cholin visited Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Gurunanak Dev University, Amritsar for presentation. The presentation was quite interactive and most interesting among the participants. The participants also had demonstration on INFLIBNET services.

Independence Day Celebrated

The 57th Independence Day of the nation was celebrated in the Centre on 15 August, 2003. Sh. S M Salgar, Scientist-G of the Centre hoisted the national flag in the campus of the Centre. INFLIBNET Staff, their families and children, attended the flag hoisting ceremony. Professors and other staff members of the Gujarat University with their families, who are

residing in the staff quarters in INFLIBNET Campus, also attended the function. Sh. Salgar addressed the gathering and said that this is time when we should think about what we have been able to do during the last one year and what we plan for future. On this occasion cultural and sporting events were organized for the staff and family members and Sh. Salgar distributed prizes to the winners

Staff News

Dr. T A V Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET centre, has been given additional charge of Hon. Director of Education Media Research Centre, located at Gujarat University Campus by the Vice Chancellor of Gujarat University.

Prestigious Satkal Award for Dr. TAV Murthy

Dr. T A V Murthy has been awarded with the prestigious Satkal award for the year 2003 instituted by the "Satinder Kaur Ramdev Memorial Trust for the Advancement of Librarianship". He has been given "Punjab National Librarian Award". He will be presented with a memento, a shawl and the citation in a function to be organized very soon.

Hindi Award for Dr. T A V Murthy

Dr T A V Murthy, Director, has been identified for award by "Akila Bhartiya Rastra Bhasha Vikash Sangathan" and "U S M Patrika" for his contribution in Hindi implementation at the centre. He has initiated number of activities such as "Pustakalaya Swachalan Par Hindi Main Rastriya Karyashala" by providing Library automation training in Hindi, many of his correspondences with the ministries etc. These programmes are initiated for the overall development of automation activities in the Hindi speaking regions. He has also taken initiative to bring out the soul software manual in Hindi which will soon be released.

Dr. T A V Murthy has attended workshop on INDO-US workshop on "Open Digital Libraries and Interoperability" held at Hotel Holiday Inn, Arlington, Ballston, VA USA during 23-25 June 2003. Dr. Murthy has presented a position paper on "Interoperability among Multi-Lingual Digital Libraries through UNICODE based Metadata: A Model for India. This workshop was coordinated by Dr. Edward Fox.

There was also another significant contribution from the Indian side, particularly by Prof. V N Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission, who has focused on the Indian scenario of digitization efforts taken up by the University Grants Commission at different levels.

Another thought provoking and noteworthy event to be on "Digital Libraries for Colleges" by Dr. S Ramani, Chairman Governing Board, INFLIBNET who has attracted the attention of the entire seminar in all the technical aspects of Indian Education System.

Prof. Shalini R Urs, member Governing Board INFLIBNET from University of Mysore was the coordinator from India.

Dr. T A V Murthy has been appointed as Adjunct Professor by the Vice-chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia University in the Dr. Zakir Hussain Library to coordinate the different activities of the Library, for the period of one year.

National Award for INFLIBNET Staff

Sh. V. S. Cholin, Scientist-B and **Shri Yatrik Patel**, Scientist-B of INFLIBNET Centre have received the "Second Best Professional Article Award" in Best Professional Article Competition-2002 of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkatta for their article titled, "Model Strategic Plan for Public Library and Information System in India: Role

of *INFLIBNET*". The prize distribution ceremony was held at Ahmedabad on 22nd May, 2003 and was presented by Dr. Vallabhbai Kathiria, Hon'ble Minister of State for Human Resources Development. They were also honored later in the day by Mayor of Ahmedabad. Their article will be published in the prestigious "Grantha" journal of RRRLF. Sh. V S Cholin has been working with the Centre for the last 10 years and Shri Yatrik Patel holds B E in Computer Science from MS University of Baroda and has been working with INFLIBNET since 1998.

Ph. D Award to INFLIBNET Staff.

Sh. V S Cholin, Scientist-B has been awarded Ph. D degree in Library and Information Science from Karnatak University, Dharwad during June, 2003. He has worked for his thesis under the guidance of Prof. C R Karisiddappa, the president of Indian Library Association (ILA) and the Chairman, Department of Library and Information Science, Karnatak University. Dr. TAV Murthy, Director and all the staff members congratulate him for this new height in his career.

Dr. V S Cholin attended IFLA-2003

Dr. V S Cholin, Scientist-B, attended the world library and Information Congress – 69th IFLA General Conference and Council held in Berlin (Germany), during 1-9, August, 2003. The conference was attended by more than 4500 participants from 133 countries. There 1/3rd of the participants were the first time attendees and could get an opportunity to interact with many people and understand the developments in their countries. Dr. Cholin could attend the IFLA – Standing committee on "Acquisition and collection Development" and with his active participation he was invited by the chairman of the committee Ms. Nancy Davenport, to become corresponding

member of the IFLA standing committee on Acquisition and Collection Development. He has also attended the brain storming session which including Ms. Ann Ockerson and other committee members of PRAC (Publisher Relations Advisory Committee) and discussed various issues relating to pricing modules for developing countries.

He was supported by grant from the Max Mueller Bhavan, a branch of Goethe Institute and INFLIBNET Centre for his visit.

Fulbright Professional Fellowship Award to Dr. V S Cholin, Scientist-B

Dr. V S Cholin, Scientist-B, has been awarded Fulbright Professional Fellowship for the year 2004-05. This fellowship will provide an opportunity to study the successful consortia initiatives in USA for a period of six months. INFLIBNET has taken up new initiative of providing e-access to scholarly journals and databases through its E-journals consortium activity. The study would enable him to understand thoroughly the issues relating to successful implementation of consortium activities for its effective implementation at INFLIBNET on his return. Director Dr. T A V Murthy and all the staff of INFLIBNET congratulate him on his success.

International Award to INFLIBNET Staff

Shri J.K.Vijayakumar, Scientific Technical Officer of INFLIBNET has received the prestigious "InfoShare Award 2003-04" from India. The award is constituted by American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T), USA and sponsored by ASIS&T SIG-International Information Issues which includes one-year membership to ASIS&T and free access to its publications. Shri Vijayakumar has been with INFLIBNET for the last 5 years and holding MLISc with First Rank from Annamalai University. Last year he was selected as IFLA/OCLC International Fellow-

2002 by IFLA and attended one month training programme based at OCLC.

Forthcoming Events

1. ISMIR 2003: 4th International Conference on Music Information Retrieval, 26-30 October, 2003 <http://ismir2002.ircam.fr/mailling-list.html>
2. 8th IFLA Interlending and Document Supply International Conference, Canberra, 28 - 31 October, 2003, ildsconference@nla.gov.au
3. 12th International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management Louisiana, 2-8 November, 2003 web: <http://bit.csc.lsu.edu/~cikm2003/index.html>
4. Internet Librarian, Monterey, CA, 3-5 November, 2003, Information Today Inc., 143, Old Marlton Pike, Medford, NJ 08055; Phone: 609/654-6266 or 800/300-9868; Fax: 609/654-4309; E-mail: custserv@infotoday.com; Web: www.infotoday.com
5. Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums Conference (PIALA) 2003, Pohnpei, 3-8 November, 2003. The theme for this year's conference is: "Voyaging from the past, to the present, and into the future: knowing your heritage." Contact Mrs. Carmihna Lihpai (ppl@mail.fm) for registration information. <http://www.uog.edu/rfk/piala/piala.html>
6. LIBCOM-2003 Seventh International Conference and Exhibition Information Technologies, Computer Systems and Publications for Libraries, Moscow, 17-21 November, 2003, <http://www.gpntb.ru/libcom3/eng/>
7. 6th International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries (ICADL 2003) Digital Libraries: Technology and Management of Indigenous Knowledge for Global Access, Kuala Lumpur, 8-11 December, 2003, <http://www.ftsm.ukm.my/ICADL2003/>
8. Library and Information Science Education in Asia (LISEA) Seminar 2003, Kuala Lumpur, 11-12 December, 2003, Contact: Diljit Singh, Faculty of Computer Science & Information Technology, University of Malaya, 50603 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, diljit@um.edu.my.
9. SIS-2004 22nd Annual Convention and Conference of Society for Information Science will be held at Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai during 21-23 January, 2004. Theme of the convention will be "Digital Information Exchange: Pathways to Build Global Information Society". For more details visit the site <http://www.cenlib.iitm.ac.in/sis2004/index.html> (or) <http://sis-india.netfirms.com> Contact address Dr. Harish Chandra, Organising Secretary (SIS 2004) and Librarian, Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology Madras IIT Campus, Chennai-600036, Tamil Nadu. E-mail: hchandra@iitm.ac.in Tel: 044-22578740 (Office) 044-22579740 (Residence) Mobile : 9840336854.

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SOUL SOFTWARE (SOFTWARE FOR UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES)

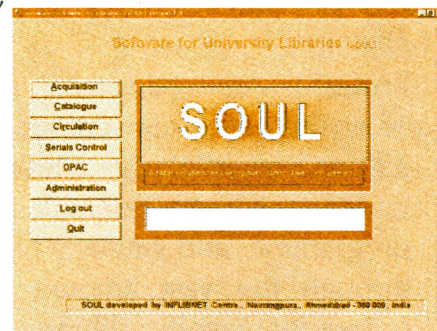
The SOUL, a state-of-the-art library automation software is designed and developed by the INFLIBNET. It is user friendly software and works under client-server for any library including university and college libraries. It has six modules viz. Acquisition, Cataloguing, circulation, serials control, OPAC and Administration.

STRONG FEATURES OF SOUL

- Window based user friendly software
- Well-designed screens
- Logically arrange functions with extensive help messages
- Based on client server architecture
- Allows scalability to the users
- Does not need extensive training
- Multi-user and multi language facilities
- No limit on simultaneous access
- Supports internationally known standards such as CCF, AACR II, MARC-21.
- OPAC is very user friendly and accessible over the web using any GUI based browser.
- Available at affordable cost.

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UGC-INFONET - The E-Journals Programme for Universities

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Highlights

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has initiated a programme to provide electronic access over the Internet to scholarly literature in all areas of learning to the university sector in India. The programme is wholly funded by the UGC. All universities which come under UGC's purview will be members of the programme, and it will gradually be extended to colleges as well. The programme will be executed by Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, Ahmedabad which is an autonomous institution under the UGC. Access to various E-Journals will formally begin on January 1, 2004. Trials are already in progress.

The programme will increase in a very fundamental way the resources available to the universities for research and teaching. It will provide the best current and archival periodical literature, from all over the world, to the university community. The programme will go a long way in mitigating the severe shortage of periodicals faced by university libraries for many years, due to the ever widening gap between the growing demand for literature, and the limits of available resources.

The E-Journals programme is a cornerstone of the UGC-INFONET effort, which aims at addressing the teaching, learning, research, connectivity and governance requirements of the Universities. The effort was announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the network was activated by the Hon'ble Minister for Human Resources Development, Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, at the inauguration of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the UGC on December 28, 2002 at New Delhi. The E-Journals programme demonstrates how communication networks and computers can be used to stretch and leverage available funds in furthering these aims. The programme has been made possible due to the close and understanding cooperation between the UGC, ERNET, the Inter-University Centres IUCAA, INFLIBNET and CEC, and national and international publishers.

History

Professor Arun Nigavekar, Chairman, UGC set up a committee to study the possibility of setting up a consortium of universities, to obtain access over the Internet electronic editions of scholarly journals in all areas of learning of interest to Universities. Journals covering current research, reviews and literature databases would be included in the programme, and gateway portals would be provided for users to easily access and navigate through the vast amount of literature. The committee had detailed discussions with university faculty, library science professionals, publishers and other experts, and considered data gathered by INFLIBNET from various sources. The committee then made recommendations to the Chairman, UGC as to how the programme could be structured and executed. The Chairman, UGC then set up an expert committee to identify specific publications, interact on terms and conditions with publishers, and to make final

recommendations. It was also decided that INFLIBNET would be the nodal agency to execute the programme and to administer and monitor it as per the guidelines set by the expert committee from time to time. Following the recommendations of the expert committee, the Chairman, UGC has authorised INFLIBNET to enter into agreements with various publishers and to begin subscriptions.

The Consortium

The consortium will cover all the universities in India which come under the purview of the UGC, and will gradually be extended to the colleges as well. The first phase of the programme covers more than 50 universities and additional universities will join the programme as soon as they have access to the Internet, which is separately being provided by the UGC. It is expected that the entire university system will be covered by June 2004. Universities will become members of the consortium after signing a MOU with the UGC and INFLIBNET. The UGC will provide funds for the programme, which will be cost free for the universities.

Coverage

The E-Journals programme aims at covering all fields of learning of relevance to various universities including:

- Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Physical and Chemical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistics

The literature made available will include journals covering research articles, reviews and abstracting databases. Access will be provided to current and archival literature. Portals will be provided which will enable users to navigate easily through all the literature that is made available.

Operation

INFLIBNET will administer and monitor the programme and will have independent electronic access to all the publications to help with the process. It will be provided one free print copy of each journal, subscribed under the consortium, by each publisher for archival purpose. A web site will be created to provide all needed information to consortium members about the status of the programme. INFLIBNET will carry out training programmes in various places to spread awareness and to develop expertise in the university community in the use of E-Resources. Special training programmes will be conducted on different University campuses by publishers of complex databases.

Current status

As of October 6, 2003 agreements have been reached with the following publishers:

1. Project Muse (John Hopkins University): More than **220 journals** in social sciences, humanities and mathematics.
2. American Chemical Society: **31 journals** in chemistry.

3. Chemical Abstract Service (CAS): Chemical abstract databases
4. Royal Society of Chemistry: **27 journals** in chemistry.
5. Institute of Physics: **34 journals** in physics.
6. Cambridge University Press: **68 journals** from different scientific disciplines.
7. BIOSIS: Biological abstract databases.
8. Nature Publications: Nature.

Discussions are in progress with several other publishers and their publications are expected to become available in stages.

Future plans

Resources will be made available to the universities through a continuous process which will bring in literature covering an ever increasing number of fields from a wide range of publishers all over the world. Programmes will be initiated to digitise and make electronically accessible literature which is present only in the print form, often unpublished, in various institutes and universities in India. Appropriate packages of the literature will be developed for use by students and teachers in various colleges. The community of teachers, library professionals and students from the university system will be consulted on a continuing basis in the development of the programme so that it remains up to date and useful.

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