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From Director's Desk

Dear Friends

In addition to the academic community of the country, INFLIBNET also interacts actively with other departments to promote library automation. One such step was holding of a workshop on "Library Management Using Computers" for librarians of All India Radio.

Our next national convention Caliber-2001, is being organized at Pune in February, 2001 in collaboration with University of Pune. The theme of the convention is on Creation and Management of Digital Resources. With the onset of digital libraries in near future, this theme is aptly chosen. Along with Caliber, two tutorials are planned to be held which will prove quite useful to the participants.

This has been a remarkable year for INFLIBNET. SOUL software was installed at a large number of university libraries. Two major projects viz. Retro-conversion and Document Delivery Service were started with suitable funding from the U.G.C. These are expected to help member libraries in database creation activities and in providing desired information to their clientele.

**Pramod Kumar
Director**

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AIR WORKSHOP

A five day workshop on "Library Management in the Age of Computers" was organised at INFLIBNET from 6th – 10th November, 2000. This workshop was organised by the Regional Training Institute (Prog), All India Radio in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad. This course was meant exclusively for the Librarians working in All India Radio Stations in four states viz. Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. It was attended by 18 participants. While inaugurating the workshop on 6th November, the Director, INFLIBNET spoke about the need for computerisation and networking of AIR libraries in order to effectively meet the requirements of the respective stations. He also highlighted the importance of this particular workshop and advised participants to take maximum benefit of this workshop. A brief account of the efforts made by INFLIBNET in computerising university libraries was also presented by him. Shri Paresh Mankad, Director, RTI, AIR, Ahmedabad gave an account of activities initiated by the RTI, Ahmedabad. He further emphasised that continuous training for the librarians working in the AIR is very much essential. Shri. Mankad also mentioned that this kind of workshop is very much appreciated by the Director General of AIR and also said that other RTIs are going to conduct similar courses covering other regions.

The main objective of this particular workshop was to provide an exposure to the librarians in the area of application of information technology in AIR libraries. This was an intensive workshop devoted for imparting practical training.

Document Delivery Service Announcement

Ever increasing subscription cost of learned journals, decreasing value of Indian Rupee against major foreign currencies and the stagnant library budgets during the last one decade or so are some of the major factors that have compelled our university and other libraries to reduce their collection of journals to very minimum level. This directly and indirectly has been affecting the academic and research work in the universities in our country. To overcome this situation and to make optimum use of the existing collection, the Document Delivery Service is being launched under the INFLIBNET Programme, with the help of some resourceful libraries.

The Document Delivery Service is a new service initiated by INFLIBNET in collaboration with the following six university libraries which are well known for their strong collection base and commitment to provide timely service.

- Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
- University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- Jawaharlal Nehru Univ., New Delhi
- Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Under this service, the six university libraries will serve as Document Delivery Centres and deliver, on demand, copies of papers from learned journals, conference proceedings and other materials available in their collection at nominal cost. This service is provided on No Profit – No Loss Basis and is expected to be prompt. The role of INFLIBNET here is mainly to act as a catalyst in promoting this service to the academic and research community in India by providing what is available where and encourage generate a 'shared library'.

For more details – Please contact Director, INFLIBNET Centre at the address given on the cover page.

CALIBER - 2001

CREATION AND MANAGEMENT OF DIGITAL RESOURCES

INFLIBNET Centre has been organising National Conventions every year in different parts of the country in collaboration with different universities. These Conventions 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.

It has been decided to hold the Eighth convention i.e. CALIBER-2001 at University of Pune, Pune during February 15-16, 2001.

THEME OF THE CONVENTION

The main theme of CALIBER – 2001 is **Creation and Management of Digital Resources**. The theme of the convention is divided into four sub-themes as follows:

- ☞ Digitisation
- ☞ Acquisition and Archiving of Digital Resources
- ☞ Services
- ☞ Strategic Management

OBJECTIVES OF THE CALIBER-2001

- ◆ To understand the process of creation of digital resources in varied formats involving different aspects.
- ◆ To identify different methods, approaches, technologies involved in acquisition and archiving of digital resources.
- ◆ To study the basic tools, techniques and other infrastructure required to develop and

deliver the services based on the digital resources.

- ◆ To evolve a future strategy to deal with digital resources at institutional, regional and national level covering all related aspects and issues.

PARTICIPATION

This Convention provides an unique opportunity to the following delegates:

- ◆ Academicians and researchers looking for information access facilities to enhance academic pursuits.
- ◆ University Librarians and their professional colleagues.
- ◆ Faculty members from library and information science departments. Information scientists and professionals engaged in library automation and networking.
- ◆ Professionals working in R&D libraries.
- ◆ Information providers, consultants and users.
- ◆ Professionals from other academic institutions.

Participation of all such delegates is solicited in the Convention to add the strength to this forum.

VENUE

The convention will be held at the University of Pune Campus, Pune.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Participants are welcome to contribute original papers on the above mentioned sub-themes and facets for presentation at the CALIBER 2001. Papers based on research, practical experience and survey will only be accepted

for presentation and inclusion in the pre-convention volume. Full paper as per the standard format should reach INFLIBNET Centre on or before 30th December, 2000.

Papers should be sent to :

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PARTICIPATION FEES

For Main Convention

The delegate registration fee is Rs.700/-. The delegates will be provided with convention kit, proceedings volume, lunch and tea. TA/DA and accommodation charges will have to be borne by sponsoring organisations/ participants.

For Tutorials

In view of the increasing demand from the professional colleagues, INFLIBNET is happy to hold following two tutorials in parallel. One may choose tutorial of his/her interest.

- Development of Databases in Indian Languages
- Metadata (Organising Internet based Resources)

These tutorials will be conducted by experts in the respective fields and will be held on 14th February, 2001 from 14.00 – 17.30 hrs. The focus will be on practical aspects and problem solving. The charges per tutorial are Rs.500/- .

and the admission will be on first come first served basis. The fee covers tutorial materials and tea. Persons desirous to attend the tutorials may write to the Organizing Secretary along with payment.

CONVENTION DATES

The CALIBER-2001 is spread over for two days from February 15-16, 2001. The inaugural session will be held on 15th morning at 10.00 am. The first technical session will begin at 11.30 am Parallel sessions will be held if necessary.

ACCOMMODATION

Arrangements are being made to accommodate limited number of delegates in the institutional Guest Houses/hostels furnished with minimum amenities. Delegates may indicate the request for accommodation in the registration form.

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**RECON Project at Madras
University Library**

The Madras University Library has launched the RECON project (Retrospective conversion

of catalogue) on 17th November, 2000 under INFLIBNET. Shri Pramod Kumar, Director, INFLIBNET launched the project and spoke on the occasion about the support extended by INFLIBNET through UGC to the university and said that necessary support will be extended for successful completion of the project in time. He commended the Librarian and Staff of the university for their involvement in implementing SOUL software for this task.



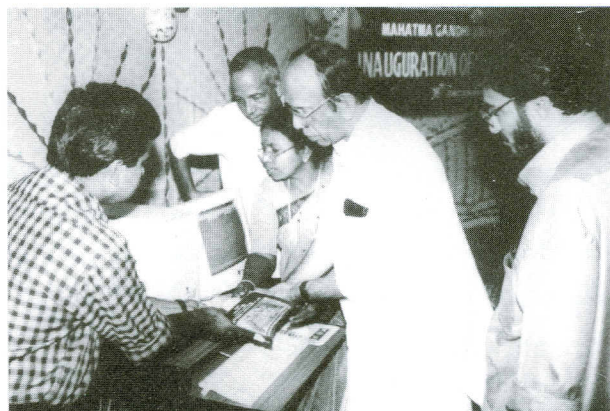
[Shri Pramod Kumar, Director, INFLIBNET Launching the RECON Project at University of Madras – from left Dr. R Vengan, Univ. Librarian, Mr. R Ganeshan, Member Syndicate and Library Committee, Mr. Pramod Kumar, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad]

Mr. R Ganeshan, Member Syndicate and Member Library Committee highlighted the importance of the information Technology applications and the support extended by both the Government of Tamil Nadu and INFLIBNET.

LIBRARY AUTOMATION : Mahatma Gandhi University

The comprehensive Automation of the Mahatma Gandhi University Library, Kottayam was inaugurated by the Hon. Vice Chancellor Dr. Cyriac Thomas on 18th December, 2000.

Hon. Vice Chancellor inaugurated the programme by issuing a book through computer software SOUL developed by INFLIBNET. This is the first university to complete the library automation using SOUL software of INFLIBNET. Speaking on the occasion Hon. Vice Chancellor said that, emerging modern technologies in the field of Science & Technology bring about changes in the life style of human beings as well as enhance better services in their working environment. He also pointed out that, such changes in the library were important which is nodal point of the university.



[Vice Chancellor Dr Cyriac Thomas Inaugurating the Library Autmation programme at M G University, Kottayam]

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the entire staff of the library who worked hard for this achievement. Mrs. K R Jayammal spoke about the services and motto of INFLIBNET and special reference was made about SOUL Software supplied to the university at nominal cost.

Demonstration of SOUL

1. Demonstration at NCST , Mumbai

Bombay service Library Association in collaboration with NCST, Mumbai organised seminar on Library Software packages on 29th

September 2000. Apart from the commercial software, organisers sent invitation to INFLIBNET for demonstration of SOUL. INFLIBNET Staff presented and demonstrated the new version of the SOUL to the participants. The features of the software were well appreciated by many participants .

2. Demonstration at Pondicherry

INFLIBNET organised half a day demonstration of SOUL at Pondicherry University. Around 25 participants from various academic institutions viz. Engineering, Medical, Dental, Law, Education and other Degree Colleges and Specialized Institutions like French Institute etc attended the demonstration.

3. Gujarat Vidyapith

A three-hour lecture-cum-demonstration was conducted for the refresher course participants on 18.11.2000 at Gujarat Vidyapith.

4. Saurashtra University

A three-hour lecture-cum-demonstration was conducted for the refresher course participants at Saurashtra University on 21.11.2000.

5. Software Evaluation

University of Mumbai and Bombay University College Librarian Association held one day seminar on Software evaluation on 24th October. The seminar was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor followed by lecture from faculty in the department, Mrs. Nialini Raja. She spoke on criteria for evaluation of softwares for libraries. INFLIBNET representative highlighted the activities of INFLIBNET and demonstrated the SOUL .

University Library Profile

Cochin University of Science & Technology

Cochin University of Science & Technology was

established on July 10, 1971 by the Cochin University Act, for promotion of higher education and research in the Greater Cochin area with emphasis on Science, Technology, Industry and Commerce. The Cochin University Act was later replaced by the Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) Act in 1986 extending the territorial jurisdiction to the whole of the state and converting it to full fledged university of Science and Technology. The university has twenty seven departments of study and research in different fields.

Library

The Cochin University Library was established in 1977 as a central agency for meeting the information requirements of the academic community of the Cochin University of Science and Technology. It is located in a separate building. Library being the information centre of the technological university in the state, has built up a balanced and rich collection on all branches of Science and Technology , Social Science , Humanities , Languages and Legal Studies. Library has more than 75000 books, theses and back volumes of periodicals. Library is subscribing to quite a number of foreign journals and CD ROMs. Library has special collection section which includes WHO , UNO documents , Census reports and Planning Board publication. The university library being a depository of Indian Patents, the 27570 odd patents, form an important part of the special collection. It is supplemented by patent databases on CD-INPAT brought out by INSDOC, New Delhi.

Library is kept open on all working days from 9 AM to 8 PM. Membership of the library is open to teachers, students, Research Scholars and Non-teaching staff of the university.

Library Automation

With the inauguration of Automated and Network Library system on March 10, 2000 by

the Counsel General of Netherlands, Mr. Hans W Knijnenburg, Cochin University library got the rare distinction of being one among the few university libraries in India to be fully automated. With the modernization and networking of library and Information system of the university library by the project LIBIS, the campus has become intelligently networked with fiber optic cable backbone running through the whole campus. Library holdings can now be accessed through this local network and internet. Library is using ADLIB software package, a product of Databasix Information System, Netherlands.

Library Service

Library is providing various services to users. It includes Inter-Library Loan, reference service, reprographic service, new addition service, patent information and bibliographic service. Library has internet connection with 15 terminals and one of existing reference hall has been partially converted into internet access room. The library has good collection of multimedia encyclopedias and dictionaries. The library is also subscribing to Chemical Abstract and Current Contents on Life science, Agriculture, Physics, Chemistry and Earth Science and Engineering Computing and Technology.

INFLIBNET Support

The library has been participating in the information and Library Network of UGC (INFLIBNET) by contributing data to their databases. With the financial assistance and technical support from INFLIBNET, the library has acquired several Pentium machines, printer and other computer accessories and accelerated the automation activities in the library.

Future Plans

With this infrastructure, library is leading towards the concept of Digital library. Library has big plans to establish e-publishing to help research scholars publish their work through

our support in electronic media. Library has decided to give more emphasis on electronic media.

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<http://www.simmons.edu/flc/flc.html>
5. Greater Cincinnati Library Consortium
<http://www.gclc-lib.org/>
6. Health Sciences Libraries Consortium
<http://www.hslc.org/>
7. HELIN Consortium
<http://library.uri.edu/>
8. Manitoba Library Consortium
http://www.umanitoba.ca/academic_support/libraries/mlci/whatis.html
9. Maryland Interlibrary Consortium
<http://144.175.2.169>
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<http://www.mvlc.org/>
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<http://www2.mlc.lib.mi.us/mlcnews/index.php>
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<http://www.nmt.edu/~nmtlib/nmcal/nmcal.html>
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<http://www.library.cmu.edu/OLC/>
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<http://www.usc.edu/isd/partners/orgs/scelc/index.html>
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<http://www.tblc.org/>
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<http://www.wrlc.org/>

Award and Honors

Dr. T S Kumbar received the Young Librarian award at a function held at Panjab University, Chandigarh in December 2000. The award is offered by Satinder Kaur Ramdev, Memorial Trust for advancement of Librarianship (SATKAL)

FEEDBACK

The Editorial Board requests the librarians, and others to contribute news items pertaining to important activities and events taking place in their universities. We also solicit your comments, suggestions in making this newsletter an effective media to communicate INFLIBNET activities.