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CALIBER-98

The fifth National Convention of CALIBER-98 was held at the Department of Library and Information Science of the Utkal University, Bhubaneshwar, in collaboration with INFLIBNET, Ahmedabad, during 4th and 5th of March 1998. The main theme of the convention was on "Information Management in Academic and Research Libraries." Prof. G.K.Das, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University extended a warm welcome to all the dignitaries, distinguished academicians, professionals of library, computer, information sciences and others. Shri Pramod Kumar, Director INFLIBNET, enlightened the gathering with the genesis and the progress made by the INFLIBNET. Later Prof. M.Mahapatra of Department of Library Science, spelled out briefly the theme of the convention. Prof. Yash Pal, National Research Professor and Chief guest, formally inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp and emphasized the enthusiastic plans of INFLIBNET which envisages use of VSAT technology in a big way to linkup whole academic community in the years ahead. Dr. A. Lahiri, Adviser NISSAT/ DSIR, Govt. of India gave the keynote address and touched upon various aspects of relevance of library networks and the information technologies in providing effective information services. The inaugural function ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. B.Parida, Organising Secretary CALIBER -98. There were altogether, Seventy-one technical papers received from different parts of the country and most of them were published in one volume titled **"Information Management in Academic and Research Libraries"** which was also released in the inaugural programme by Prof. Yash Pal. For convenience, all these papers were classified in to following six logical sessions.

1. Information Management in Academic and Research Libraries: An overview.

2. Tools and Techniques for Information Management.

3. Collection Development in the Context of Library Networks.

4. Database and Information Services in Regional Languages.

5. Automation and Network Services in Specific Libraries: Problems and Issues.

6. Emergence of Digital Libraries and Information Society.

The presentation and deliberation took place under the able Chairmanship of distinguished professionals, and assisted by competent Rapporteurs Dr. T.A.V. Murthy of IGNCA, New Delhi, the Rapporteur General of the convention gave a thrilling, scintillating, and comprehensive roundup of the entire papers and their recommendations. The concluding session was held under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.K.R. Naidu of M.S. University, Baroda. A few valuable recommendations emerged from the convention.

UGC-INFLIBNET Review Meeting

A review of status of automation of university libraries funded under the program was held on 3rd March 1998 at Bhubaneshwar during CALIBER - 98. Like previous years, the questionnaire requesting to universities to provide the information about the progress made in the respective university was sent to all. Out of these, six universities did not respond to the questionnaire and 45 librarians attended the meeting. The status as on March 1998 is presented below.

Recruitment of Information Scientist

Sr. No.	Status	No. Univ.
1.	Recruited	13
2.	Under Process	10
3.	No action taken	40

Book Database

Sr. No.	No. of Records	No. Univ.
1.	More than 30,000	20
2.	15,000 to 30,000	7
3.	5,000 to 15,000	11
4.	Less then 5,000	10

Networking Facilities

Sr. No.	Networking	No. Univ.
1.	Telephone available	50
2.	Subscription of Data Network	45

1. Dissertation Abstracts International: Humanities and Social Sciences.
2. LISA Plus.
3. ERIC.
4. EconoLit
5. Sociofile.
6. PsychLit.
7. Embase: Drugs and pharamacology.
8. Social Science Citation Index.
9. Inside Information.
10. National Union Catalogue of Scientific Serials in India.
*   (All bibliographic databases are being renewed for 1998)

Currently this service is available free of charge to the Academic community. To avail this service, please write at the following address:
Library & Inf. Services Division
INFLIBNET Centre (UGC)
Post Box No. 4116
Navrangpura
Ahmedabad - 380 009
kumbar@inflibnet.ernet.in

INFLIBNET On WEB

INFLIBNET Centre has setup its website recently. This can be accessed from **http://www.inflibnet.ernet.in.** All the necessary information relating to activities, services of INFLIBNET can be now viewed on the net. A search engine is also provided to access the union catalogue.

On-site Training

For smooth implementation of the computerization activities at the respective university, Centre deputes two staff members to train the staff of university libraries. This time three more universities, viz. Jadhavpur, Kalyani and Burdwan Universities have been offered the training. In all 21 universities have been offered the on-site training.

Database Activities

The Database activity is in full swing. Number of records in the union databases are growing. New initiatives and strategies are being worked out to collect the data from universities. During this year, focus will be on universities funded under the program. The highest priority is being given to Serial and Thesis databases. INFLIBNET appeals through this newsletter to all those universities

funded under this programme to provide the data on a regular basis.

Institutional Information System

INFLIBNET Centre is creating homepage for each university. This page is supposed to provide complete information about universities, particularly the courses conducted, eligibility criteria for admission, faculty members, research being carried out and admission procedures etc. Currently, we have acquired information from 14 Universities /Institutions. This information is being put in HTML format. A few university information has already been put on the Net and it can be accessed at http://www.inflibnet.ernet.in.

Contribution of Books Data from Universities

As of March 1998, the following universities have contributed more than 10,000 records to union database of books.

Sr. No.	Name of Unversity	No. Univ.
1.	Kurukshetra University	159917
2.	University of Hyderabad	73226
3.	Karnatak University	59000
4.	Pondichery University	51936
5.	Osmania University	45822
6.	Gulbarga University	25364
7.	Tamil University	20536
8.	University of Calicut	18977
9.	University of Bombay	18785
10.	Manipal Inst. of Tech.	18378
11.	Jawaharlal Nehru Uni.	18307
12.	Annamalai University	16009
13.	Andhra University	14107

Status of Databases

No. of Libraries Funded	Union Catalogue of Books	Union Catalogue of Theses	Union Catalogue of Serials
87	6,00,000	72,500	8,000

Project Database	Expert Database	Institution Database
2,500	3,200	4

FID

The 49th FID Conference and Congress will be held during 11-17 October, 1998 at New Delhi. INSDOC is the national host of this conference. To have more information, you may write at the following address.

Secretary General -49th FID Congress
INSDOC, 14
Satsang Vihar Marg
New Delhi - 110 067.
Email : fid98@sirnet.ernet.in
http://www.concltd.com/fid98.

ADINET Seminar

Librarian's day 1998 and Seminar on "Changing Role of Library, Information Professional and Centre in Context to Information Technology."will be held at Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Hall, Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad - 380 053. The seminar is organised by Ahmedabad Library Network (ADINET) in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre and Space Applications Centre. For more details contact:

**Hon.Director
ADINET,
P.B.4116, Opp. University Guest House
Navrangpura, Ahmedabad - 380 009**

University Profile

Indira Gandhi Memorial Library
University of Hyderabad

The University of Hyderabad, a premier institution of post-graduate teaching and research in the country, was established by an act of Parliament in the year 1974 as a Central University. The campus of the University is spread over about 2300 acres of land and is situated 20 kms away from the Hyderabad city on the old Hyderabad - Bombay road.

University Library

Library started functioning from the "Golden Threshold" soon after the university was established in the year 1974 and it started full fledged library services to the users from the year 1976. The new library building on the main campus was named after Smt. Indira Gandhi and was inaugurated by Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma, the former President of India. Library has been successfully catering the needs of School of Science, Social Science and Humanities under the able guidance of Prof. E. Rama Reddy, the University Librarian.

The Library has rich collection of over 2.38 lakhs of volumes comprising monographs, reference works, and back volumes of research periodicals. The library is subscribing to over 650 current periodicals and 50 popular magazines. It has over 1900 theses and dissertations accepted for award of M.Phil/Ph.D. degrees by the University. The library is an institutional member of British Library, American Centre, NIRD and ASRC etc.

Library Automation

The library has started its automation activity in the year 1989 by procuring a PC-AT Intel 80286 with 4MB RAM, 80 MB hard disk. And MS- DOS and Xenix Operating System. Later in 1994 it received special one time grant from UGC under modernisation of library facility. The number of upgraded PCs has been increased with sixteen 80386, 4 multimedia systems, printers, 7 drive CD-ROM Net, Flatbed and handheld scanners etc. It has retrospective converted the entire book records i.e. 2,35,000 volumes in to machine-readable form by February 1995. Library has been connected to Campus Network through a thick Ethernet, which enables all the users to access the library catalogue. The introduction of barcode has strengthened circulation counter. For the OPAC service Six PCs have been placed in the entrance lobby, where users can search the library database. This is one of the few libraries who have computersied the entire in-house operation.

Access to Internet

University is nodal site for ERNET, and library has been using the E-mail for the past four years. With the installation of VSAT dish antenna in the university, the communication became reliable and efficient. Library has been browsing the INTERNET service to the users. Library has the access to the Institute of Physics Electronic journal online, Elsevier journal contents, World Book

literature etc. Library has INET connectivity to access INFLIBNET databases. Library is participating member of INFLIBNET and successfully organised the second CALIBER -95 on "Information Access Through Network " in February 1995.

Post Graduate Diploma in Library Automation and Networking

The library under the Centre of Distance Education, University of Hyderabad, has started P.G Diploma in Library Automation and Networking for one year duration (two semesters) from 1998 . Having set an example to the rest of the universities, the staff of this library are quite confident to enter the Twenty First Century using state -of- the -art information technology.

New Staff

INFLIBNET community welcomes two new colleagues:
1. Dr.T.S.Kumbar has joined as Scientist-D (Lib.Sc.) in December 1997. He has a Doctorate in Library Science (Library Networking & Resource Sharing), and is ALA/ USIA Fellow. He brings with him rich experience of having worked in one of the most modern libraries. i.e. IIT Bombay. At INFLIBNET he will be co-ordinating with university libraries, for automation, training, database creation and related areas.

2. Mr. S. K. Hasan has also joined as Scientist- D (Comp.Sc.) in January 1998. He has degree in Computer Science and is Fellow Broadcast Engineering Society, New Delhi. He has wide experience in computer networking, Internet technologies and related areas. He has worked in different organisations and brings with him valuable experience in the area of Wide Area Networking. Prior to joining this Centre, he was with one of the prestigious Management Institutions, IIM, Lucknow.

Publications

Following proceedings of CALIBER in hardbound are available for purchase.

1. Information Technology Application in Academic Libraries: Proceedings of the CALIBER-1997, Price Rs. 300+Postage

2. Information Management in Academic & Research Libraries : Proceeding of the CALIBER-1998 Price Rs. 350+Postage
   For ordering your copy write to:
   Administrative Officer-I (P & S)
   INFLIBNET Centre (UGC)
   P.B.No. 4116, Navrangpura
   Ahmedabad-380 009. Gujarat.

New Additions

INFLIBNET library adds following new professional journals in Library Science and Computer Science.
1. ACM Communication
2. Australian Academic and Research Library Journal
3. Computers Today
4. Computers in Libraries
5. Database
6. Electronic Information and Planning
7. Electronics Today
8. IEEE Communication Magazine
9. IEEE Internet Computing Magazine
10. IEEE Network
11. IEEE Software
12. IETE Technical Review
13. International Journal of Electronic Library Research
14. Journal of Inter Library Loan, Document Delivery and Information Supply
15. Journal of Internet Cataloguing
16. Managing Information
17. New Review of Information Networking
18. Resource Sharing and Information Network
19. Serials
20. Telecommunication

Web sites of Librarian's Interest

http://www.loc.gov

http://www.ukoln.ac.uk

http://www.rlg.org

http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla

http://www.ala.org

http://www.aslib.co.uk

http://www.ietf.org

http://www.bubl.ac.uk

http://www.carl.org

http://memex.ncsi.iisc.ernet.in