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## From Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

**CALIBER**, the **C**onvention on **A**utomation of **L**ibraries, **E**ducation and **R**esearch institutions is an annual event of INFLIBNET initiated in 1994. It is held in different parts of the country in collaboration with different universities. The main purpose of holding this convention is to provide a unique forum to the library professionals, information providers and user involved in automation and networking of libraries to come together and interact on subject of mutual interest. I am very happy to mention here that this convention has not only become popular among the library professionals, but has also made a place for itself as an important event in the library and information field.

This convention, Seventh in the series, is proposed to be held in collaboration with University of Madras at Chennai during 16-18<sup>th</sup> February, 2000. The Programme Committee consisting of experts from the library and information field have chosen "**Information Services in a Networked Environment in India**" as a main theme. I am sure, this contemporary theme will generate great interest among the library community and help understand the changing delivery modes of information in the context of networked environment. Besides the convention, the tutorials on "**How to set up a Local Area Network**" and "**Web Page Design**" will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2000. With the enthusiastic support from the host-University of Madras and active participation of colleagues in universities and other institutions, I am sure CALIBER-2000 will be yet another success.

I, on behalf of the Organiser - University of Madras and INFLIBNET Centre, extend invitation to all of you to attend this convention and make it success.

*Pramod Kumar*  
*Director*

INTERNET edition : <http://www.inlibnet.ernet.in/newsletter.html>

## INFLIBNET AND NASSDOC (ICSSR) COLLABORATION

Spiralling cost of information sources, huge investments required in creating infrastructure facilities for providing information services and increasing demand for information from the academic and research community are the major factors which have been forcing library, information centres and library networks to come together to make best use of existing resources and at the same time provide an effective and efficient information service. With these factors in mind, Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET) and National Social Science Documentation Centre, (NASSDOC) who's major goal is to enhance the academic and research activity by providing quality information service, have taken an initiative to provide a collaborative service to the social science community in the country. Directors of INFLIBNET and NASSDOC recently held a preliminary meeting at New Delhi and identified the following areas of mutual interest for establishing collaboration between both the institutions, which ultimately facilitate resource sharing.

1. Enrolling NASSDOC and other ICSSR funded institutions as members of INFLIBNET.
2. Providing technical know-how and software support in automating information services of ICSSR institutions.
3. Providing information services.
4. Development of union catalogue for different types of materials.
5. Hosting different databases developed by NASSDOC on INFLIBNET servers.
6. Creation of websites for ICSSR and NASSDOC.
7. Training programme.

Further modalities for executing the work in each of the areas identified above are being worked out and a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed after due approval of the respective authorities of both the institutions. INFLIBNET and

NASSDOC strongly believe that this collaboration will go a long way in supporting the academia and researchers in the country.

To begin with INFLIBNET is hosting a four day training workshop on 'INTERNET and Social Science Information' from 13-16 Dec. 1999, jointly with NASSDOC, at Ahmedabad.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

### 18 More Universities get the Financial Support from UGC under INFLIBNET Programme.

The University Grants Commission has funded another set of 18 universities under INFLIBNET Programme during 1999-2000 raising the total number of universities covered to 123. These universities are:

1. Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu
2. Banasthali Vidyapeeth, PO Banasthali Vidyapeeth, Rajasthan
3. Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, Rajasthan
4. Central Institute of English & Foreign Languages, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
5. Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune, Maharashtra
6. Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam
7. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Awadh University, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh
8. Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu
9. Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune, Maharashtra

10. Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh, Madhya Pradesh
11. Jamia Hamdard University, Hamdard Nagar, New Delhi
12. Jiwaji University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
13. Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
14. Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, West Bengal
15. Saurashtra University, Rajkot, Gujarat
16. South Gujarat University, Surat, Gujarat
17. Sri. Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu
18. Sri. Krishnadevaraya University, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh

To have a better understanding of the total responsibility for implementation of the programme and develop required management skills to handle automation activities, INFLIBNET Centre proposes to organise a separate workshop at Ahmedabad from January 17-23, 2000 for the Heads of University Libraries of these participating universities.

### HOME PAGES OF UNIVERSITIES

Currently there are more than 240 universities in the country including IITs, IIMs, Agricultural Universities, Deemed Institutions and others engaged in teaching and research activities at higher level. These higher education institutions are offering number of academic and research programmes at various levels. Information relating to the same is not easily available at one place. Even if it is available, it is not accessible over the

Internet in digital form. To provide an easy access to such an invaluable information to every one, who are interested in pursuing their higher studies and to faculty members in establishing communication among their peers working in these institutions, INFLIBNET has been creating home pages covering the following information.

- General information
- Level of studies
- Courses offered
- Admission procedures
- Facilities
- Financial assistance
- Academic departments
- Research activities
- International co-operation
- Distance education courses
- Other information

This effort, initiated recently is becoming popular among the students community who have been frequently accessing the Internet. The above information has been supplied by the respective university authorities from time to time. Universities who have positively responded with the information and who's web pages are mounted on our server for on-line access over the Internet have been given below.

1. Arunachal Pradesh University, Itanagar.
2. Avinashlingam Institute for Home Science & Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore.
3. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.
4. Bharatiar University, Coimbatore
5. Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar.
6. Deccan College of Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune.
7. Gauhati University, Guwahati
8. Goa University, Goa
9. Gokhle Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune.
10. Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.
11. Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad.
12. Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.

13. Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai
14. International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai
15. Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University , Hyderabad.
16. Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam
17. Manipur University, Impal.
18. National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal
19. Punjabi University, Patiala.
20. Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanager
21. South Gujarat University, Surat
22. Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology, Tiruvananthapuram
23. Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai
24. Tezpur University, Tezpur.
25. Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala

The process of collecting, organising and converting the information into HTML and giving cosmetic touches to make the information presentable is a lengthy one. INFLIBNET with limited number of staff members has been able to consolidate its efforts and place webpages of 25 universities (as mentioned above) on-line. Some of the universities who's work is under process are as follows:

1. Assam University, Silchar
2. Barkatullah University, Bhopal
3. Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune
4. Birla Institute of Technology, Pilani,
5. Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad
6. University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

In next few months, we hope to mount the information collected from these above universities. This kind of effort jointly done both by INFLIBNET and the universities will definitely benefit the students community in identifying the right courses and the institution for pursuing their studies. We appreciate the university authorities for positively responding to our requests and contributing the

information. We would be happy, if other universities also come forward and provide such academic information. To access the webpages of the first set of 25 universities, you may reach our website at <http://www.inflibnet.ernet.in> and click on Activities appearing on the front page and further click on University Information System. Here you can get the list and further details.

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**TRAINING COURSE**

**18<sup>th</sup> Training Course on Application of Computers to Library and Information Services**

INFLIBNET Centre has successfully conducted 18<sup>th</sup> training programme on **Application of Computers to Library and Information Services** from 12<sup>th</sup> July 1999 to 7<sup>th</sup> August 1999. There were 19 participants from 17 different universities, who attended this training programme. These participants were from the universities funded under INFLIBNET programme during the financial year 1998-99.

Participants visited Indian Institute of Management Library, interacted with library staff and got acquainted with the library automation activity. They were also taken on sight seeing visit to

Akshardham at Gandhinagar. Weekly feedback from the participants were collected with a view to improve future training courses.

INFLIBNET Centre has been conducting such basic training courses on computer application to libraries for university library staff. So far, the Centre has conducted 18 such training courses including this course and has trained more than 400 professionals from all over the country. Apart from the training programme, INFLIBNET Centre is also conducting workshops for University Librarians from time to time.

### ON-LINE VERSION OF USER MANUAL

“The Guidelines for Data Capturing : a user manual” brought out by INFLIBNET in 1992 is now available on-line on the INFLIBNET website at URL <http://www.inflibnet.ernet.in>. This is a 100 page document prepared by a Task Group appointed by INFLIBNET, which facilitates the libraries in creating machine readable databases of Books, Serials and Theses. It is developed based on Common Communication Format (CCF) brought out by UNESCO. The print version (and also on floppy) of this manual has already been provided to all the funded universities, the participants of training courses and workshops and also others on request. This being a standard recommended by INFLIBNET, we urge upon the libraries to meticulously follow the same while creating databases.

### CALIBER 2000

With increasing popularity of Internet and other networking efforts in the country, information seeking behavior is going through a change. The application of information technology, particularly the networking of libraries has brought about major

changes in the way the information services are to be delivered to the end users. During the last few years, more and more information, both bibliographic and full text is being made available in electronic form. Libraries and information centres are making their resources including OPACs accessible over the network. The library networks are creating union databases and hosting a number of databases to promote the sharing of resources of the participating libraries as well as acquire databases through the external sources. INFLIBNET, being the national network of academic and research libraries in the country is contemplating to provide information services at the national level to all the participating libraries using the proposed VSAT based network as a major vehicle. This raises a number of issues relating to providing the services in the networked environment, which need to be addressed by library networks like INFLIBNET as well as participating libraries through deliberations and discussions in the professional forum like CALIBER.

Keeping in view the above factors, the theme “**Information Services in a Networked Environment in India**” has been aptly selected for the CALIBER-2000 which will be held at Chennai during 16-18 February 2000

#### OBJECTIVES OF CALIBER-2000

- To understand various information services that can be provided in a networked environment
- To study the basic infrastructural requirements for providing effective information services
- To identify and organise the useful information resources required for providing services using networks
- To evolve suitable guidelines, policies etc. for providing services

- To study various issues involved in providing the networked information services
- To find out the feasibility of providing networked information services by INFLIBNET to the participating universities and other institutions.

### **THEME OF THE CONVENTION**

The main theme of this Convention is “**Information Services in a Networked Environment in India.**”

The sub-themes and the topics to be covered under each sub-theme are given below. :

#### **Network Based Information Services**

- Resource sharing
- Virtual Libraries
- Computer mediated communication
- Web publishing
- Other Services

#### **Infrastructure Requirements**

- Hardware
- Software
- Humanware
- Technologies for networking
- Network architecture etc.

#### **Organization of Information Resources**

- Digital resources
- Non-print media
- Content creation
- Metadata tools etc.
- Research networks
- Institution networks etc.

#### **Network Policy and Governance**

- Participation in INFLIBNET
- Legal and copyright issues
- Economics of centralized database services
- Institutional policies etc.

### **CONVENTION DATES AND VENUE**

The CALIBER-2000 is spread over three days from February 16-18, 2000. First day is kept for registration and inaugural session. Four technical sessions will be held on second and third days followed by panel discussion. The Convention will be held at **University of Madras, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005, Tamil Nadu.**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Delegates interested in presenting papers should send the abstract of the papers to the Organising Secretary by **November 15, 1999**. Communication relating to acceptance of abstract will be sent separately. Text of full paper not more than 10 pages(A4 size double-spaced) should be sent by December 31, 1999. Copies of the full text paper(s) may be sent in a floppy as Wordstar or MS-Word file along with a print copy. Intimation relating to acceptance of paper will be communicated. Only accepted papers will be invited for the presentation in the Convention and selected papers will be printed in proceedings volume. For the rest, abstracts will be printed in Souvenir. Papers should focus on the theme of the Convention. The decision of the Editorial Committee in this regard will be final and no correspondence regarding the inclusion of papers in the convention volume or otherwise will be entertained.

All correspondence regarding papers should be addressed to Dr. R. Vengan,  
Organising Secretary, CALIBER-2000 (full address is given elsewhere)

### **LOCATION OF THE CONVENTION**

#### **Chennai City**

Once a fishing village, is now a sprawling metropolis and the capital of Tamil Nadu State. The city is having 5 universities and several higher institutions and colleges. The city played very important role in the development of our nation.

The city of Chennai is well connected to all major cities in India by air, road and rail. It is also a major sea port. The places in and around Chennai like Mahabalipuram, Valluvar Kottam, VGP Golden Beach are centres of attraction for tourists. Tirupathi is placed west of Chennai about 170 kms.

### **University of Madras - The Host**

The University of Madras was founded in 1857 and organised on the model of London University by an Act of Legislative Council of India. The University of Madras progressed and expanded throughout 19th century to span whole of South India and subsequently gave birth to and nourished most of the Universities (about 17) starting from Mysore University (1916) to latest Periyar University (1997). There are about 70 departments and 250 affiliated colleges and approved institutions. The main campus of the University of Madras is located on the Marina in Kamaraj Salai. The stately and historic Senate House, the Library building with its commanding clock tower, the spacious Centenary Auditorium, the massive Centenary buildings are some of the architectural delights of the University campus at Chepauk. In the Guindy Campus, Science departments are located. The campus at Taramani houses the Institute of Basic Medical Sciences. The Guindy and Taramani campuses are about 8 kms. from the main campus.

### **Library**

The Madras University Library (MUL) was established in 1907 under the distinguished stewardship of the then Vice-Chancellor, Mr. R.S. Sillery Benson. Dr. S.R. Ranganathan took charge as first University Librarian on 3rd January, 1924. The new library building was opened on 3rd September, 1936. This is built in the Indo-British style with the pointed arches in granite, the domes with octagonal base. The Library has built up strong collections of about 6. lakh books and bound volumes of periodicals, 18,000 theses, 1000 current titles of periodicals. It has branched out to

3 campus libraries and an extension centre. LAN has been established in the library and the library has started creating several databases such as books, periodical holdings, theses etc. Over a period of time library has acquired several CD-ROM Databases. Weekly Video films show is an added service to the existing conventional library services.

### **PARTICIPATION**

This Convention provides an unique opportunity to the following delegates :

- Academicians looking for information access facilities to enhance the 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.

They are invited to participate in this Convention.

### **REGISTRATION**

#### **Main Convention**

The delegate registration fee is Rs.500/-. 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. Please send your completed registration form along with the registration fee through Demand draft/cheque drawn in favour of "Organising Secretary, CALIBER-2000" payable at Chennai to the Organising Secretary not later than 15th January, 2000. For outstation cheque please add Rs.30/- as bank

collection/service charges. DD/cheque should be drawn on nationalised bank only.

## Tutorials

In view of the increasing demand from the professional colleagues, for the first time INFLIBNET will be holding following two tutorials.

1. How to set up a Local Area Network
2. Web page Design

These will be conducted by experts in the respective fields and will be held on **15th February, 2000**. The focus will be on practical aspects and problem solving. Each tutorial will be of a half day duration i.e. the first one will be from 9.30 – 13.00 hrs and second one will be from 14.00 – 17.30 hrs. The charges per tutorial are Rs.500/- and to be paid in advance by DD to the Organising Secretary, CALIBER-2000 on or before **15th January, 2000**. Please note that very limited seats are available for tutorials and the admission will be on first come first served basis. The fee covers tutorial materials and tea. Persons desirous to attend one or both tutorials may write to the Organising Secretary along with payment.

## ACCOMMODATION

Arrangements are being made to accommodate limited number of delegates in the Guest Houses/ hostels which are spacious and furnished with minimum amenities. Delegates may indicate the request for accommodation in the registration form. This will be done on first come first served basis.

Person desirous of staying in Hotel may kindly contact Organising Secretary. Arrangements are also being made to accommodate delegates in nearby Hotels at reasonable rates.

## SIGHT SEEING VISIT

*Visit to Tirupati will be arranged for a day on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2000*

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## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY PROFILE

### Andhra University Library : A Profile

Andhra University Library was established in 1927 along with the university (1926) at Vijayawada with a nucleus collection of 5,400 books donated by Rao Bahadur Sri.D.Lakshminarayana, an Andhra industrialist of Nagpur. In 1936 a new building was constructed specially designed for this purpose at the cost of Rs.1/- lakh at its permanent headquarter, Waltair.

A steady progress was made in the collection of documents during 1926 – 1942. This library was shifted to Guntur along with the university as a safety measure during the World War II. In 1946, it came back to its headquarters and occupied its permanent building with a collection of 40,000. As the book collection grew, the problem of accommodating expanding collection arose. Then the UGC came to the rescue and sanctioned Rs.6.5 lakhs for the construction of a new building. Library was shifted to this new building in 1962. Since then, the library has maintained a commendable growth of not only books and periodicals, but also in service aspects to meet the growing information needs of the academic community of the Andhra University.

A remarkable event in the history of this library was to rename it 'Dr. V.S. Krishna' who served as Vice-Chancellor of this University for about 12 years (1949-1961). He was an ardent lover of books and used to spend considerable time in the library every day. Thus the library was renamed after him, a token of efforts made by him for the growth of this library.

Andhra University is a Residential-cum-affiliating one and the membership of the library is open to teachers, scholars, students, officers of the university. A registered graduate of this university can also become a 'Deposit Borrower' by paying prescribed fees. There are at present 2500 teachers, 5000 Scholars, 6000 Students working in 52 departments belonging to four residential colleges of Arts, Science, Law and Engineering.

As regards to the book collection, the library has 4.20 lakh volumes including back sets of periodicals. Over 500 periodicals are being subscribed every year. Besides, the gift collection of the several eminent people is adding to the strength of document collection on several subjects.

Library also has a collection of some 2700 rare

manuscripts and most of them are in Sanskrit. In addition, there are about 2200 palm-leaves and paper manuscripts and nearly 1,000 impressions of rock cut inscriptions taken from some of the temple pillars of Andhra Pradesh. There is a multimedia kit for learning foreign languages, besides micro-film and microcard collection. Books are being classified as per DDC and catalogued as per AACR II and the entries are arranged in the dictionary catalogue form. The library has 45 professionals and 79 non-professionals working in three shifts from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm in the night.

### **Library Automation:**

The University Grants Commission provided Rs. 6.50 lakhs as part of its special grant of Rs. 50.00 lakhs for automation and networking under INFLIBNET programme. With this grant a Computer lab was started with 9 computers in May 1997. I-Net connectivity was also established on 20-2-1997 from DOT, Govt. of India. UNESCO software CDS/ISIS Ver 3.07 with manual has been acquired from NISSAT. INFLIBNET has supplied the following for the above purpose:

1. ILMS Software
2. Database Structure for Books, Theses and Serials
3. CDS/ISIS Unix Version
4. VGLB Programme for Database Global Change

With the help of INFLIBNET, a training programme and a 5-day workshop were conducted for the library staff to make them aware of various aspects of Database creation. The Database creation work is in progress and is planned to complete it within the next 6-months period. At present library is using PC's with level of 286,386,486. Hence, there is every need to upgrade the systems i.e Pentium II and Pentium III levels in order to cope up with the increasing demand from user community. Some more additional systems are required to provide E-mail and INTERNET services to user community without interruption. Once the Database creation

work is completed, library plans to take up automation of the house-keeping activities such as Book ordering, Cataloguing, Circulation, and Serial control using SOUL developed by INFLIBNET.

### Future Plans

After completion of the database creation work, library will provide Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) facility for the user community. This library has an ambitious plan to set up a Campus-Wide LAN with all departments working in the campus and purchase full-text and bibliographic databases on CD-ROMs for providing the e-mail services to the faculty and scholars free of cost using I-Net and Internet connection via VSNL, Madras

discussions and demonstrations with a focus on hands on experiments. Target group of this work is Social Scientists, Research Scholars, University teachers, Social Science information users, information intermediaries and Library and Information professionals Registration fee per participants is Rs. 1500/- .

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## 2. Automation and Networking of University Libraries Under INFLIBNET Programme

The Sixth workshop on 'Automation and Networking of University Libraries under INFLIBNET Programme' will be held from 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> January 2000 at INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad. This is being held as a part of the series of Manpower Development Programmes conducted by the INFLIBNET for the funded universities. This particular workshop is meant for only the heads of libraries of 18 universities funded under the INFLIBNET Programme during 1999-2000. The focus will be on managing information technology, particularly implementation of INFLIBNET programme at the respective universities. The emphasis will be on interactive learning, through lectures group discussions, individual presentations, demonstration and hands -on - experience

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF INFLIBNET WORKSHOPS

### 1. Internet and Social Science Information

A Workshop on 'Internet and Social Science Information' will be held from December 13-16, 1999 at INFLIBNET, Ahmedabad. This workshop is being organised in collaboration with National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC), New Delhi. The Workshop will focus on the following topics:

- Social Science Information
- Information Centres and Library Networks (NASSDOC, INFLIBNET)
- Introduction to Internet
- Internet and Social Science Information
- Internet Information Search Technique
- Major Website.

The objective of this workshop is to provide participants sufficient exposure to the information available on the Internet and how to access it. This will be achieved through lectures, presentations,

## ARTICLE ALERT

1. William Diering. Y2K for Librarians: Exactly what you need to do. *Computers in Libraries*. Vol. 19, No. 7, July-August, 1999, pp 18-24.
2. Marshall Breeding. A new look at large-scale

## MAJOR WEBSITES

### Major Websites of Discussion Groups, Listserves, Newsgroups, and Fora

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- Catalist: Catalogue of listserv Lists  
<http://www.lsoft.com/catalist.html>
- Search list of Discussion Forums  
<http://alabanza.com/kabacoff/Inter-links/listserv.html>
- Finding Electronic Discussion Forums and Newgroups  
<http://cci09.baylor.edu/Library/BeyondLib/lists.html>
- Discussion Groups and Lists  
<http://www.webcom.com/impulse/list.html>
- Scholarly Electronic Conferences, Directory  
<http://n2h2.com/KOVACS>
- LWGate : Mailing List Gateways  
<http://www.netscap.org/cgi-bin/wgate>
- AUTOCAT: electronic discussion on cataloging and authority control; information and archives  
<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/cts/autocat/>
- LIBCAL: International discussion list about conferences, workshops, seminars, and meetings  
[Gopher://ash.palni.edu:70/1m/PALNI/News/libca1.news](http://ash.palni.edu:70/1m/PALNI/News/libca1.news)

11. Liblicense-L: Moderated list for the discussion of issues related to the licensing of digital information by academic and research libraries  
<http://www.library.yale.edu/~llicense/ListArchives/>
12. Libsoft: Software for Librarians List  
<http://www.orst.edu/groups/libsoft/>
13. The MICROFORMS Discussion List  
<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/govdocs/micrlist.htm>
14. SERIALST: Archives Serials in Libraries Discussion Forum WAIS Index  
<Gopher://moose.uvm.edu:70/77/.index/wais-indexes/serilst>
15. Listserv for Acquisition  
[Listserv@listserv.appstate.edu](mailto:Listserv@listserv.appstate.edu)
16. LIBJOBS Library & Information Science Jobs Mailing List, from IFLA, with searcher  
<http://www.ifla.org/ll/lists/libjobs.htm>

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. Forty Fifth All India Library Conference of Indian Library Association (ILA) will be held from December 23-26 1999 at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agriculture University, Hisar. Theme of conference is **Indian Libraries and Librarianship in Retrospective and Prospect**. Further details can be obtained by writing to Mr. Prem Singh, University Librarian, Chaudhary Charan Singh, Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Harayana, 125004  
Ph No: 74098 (O), 75887 (R)  
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2. The Twenty Second All India Conference of IASLIC from Dec.28-31, 1999 will be hosted

by the Library Science and Manuscriptology Department, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra. The main theme of the conference is **Information Management in the context of fast emerging Information Society**. For details write to General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No.6M, Kankurgachi, Calcutta – 700 054  
email : [sadatta@indiax.com](mailto:sadatta@indiax.com)

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