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From

Director's Desk



INFLIBNET's interdisciplinary resources are being phenomenal and its activities on R&D, and services are considered still substantial. Its pursuits continue to enjoy academic and professional goodwill especially due to the focus on quality. **INFLIBNET** has risen as a leading player within the Indian Library and Information Network and is frequently cited now a days as emblematic of the country's IT-domain. The success of the **INFLIBNET** has been attributed to the systematic development of professional management and strategic competencies. In the recent past **INFLIBNET** is sincerely moving towards excelling in revolutionizing its information services. Despite a bleak scenario against many odds, at some point of time, it would be naïve and presumptuous to rate its performance low. It has made quantum jump in upgrading the skills of library professionals, besides addressing several issues of semantic sports of library domain.

Further the comprehensive library software designed and developed suited to Indian academic libraries is an outstanding milestone in the annals of the **INFLIBNET**. It now takes a superhighway and maps many university and college libraries across the country despite facing the challenges of different softwares, which are of no match to its strength in terms of battery of scientific talent as a backup. This SOUL software is coming up with new version, compatible with MARC-21, with driven conceptual navigation. The response is encouraging from all parts of the country further outsourcing of the software after sale is being considered actively. We also plan to have the CALIBER-2003 in the North Eastern Region and the topic tentatively chosen is 'Mapping Technology on Libraries and People'. We look forward for your valued interaction.

Dr. T A V Murthy

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Shri Subash Mahariya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Rural Development, Govt. of India, inaugurating the CALIBER-2002 at Jaipur on 14th February, 2002. (L to R) Prof. Shabhir Hussain, Dr. Saksena, Dr. T A V Murthy, Prof. K L Kamal, Prof. N Balakrishnan, Prof. Ashwini Kumar are also seen.



Sh. Sahib Singh Verma, M.P. and Ex. Chief Minister Delhi at INFLIBNET Centre Database Laboratory during his visit.



Prof. B S Sonde, inaugurating the IRTPLA Programme at Goa University. (L to R) Dr. P V Konnur, Coordinator & University Librarian, Prof. L J Haravu, Distinguished faculty, Prof. P V Desai, Registrar, Sh. V S Cholin, INFLIBNET are also seen.



Dr. T A V Murthy giving valedictory address at Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded during the Seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights and Copyright Matters" held on 9th February, 2002.



Participants of the IRTPLA Programme at Pondicherry University along with the Coordinator Shri P Ramanathan and Shri J K Vijaykumar from INFLIBNET.



Participants of All India Radio Librarians workshop held at INFLIBNET during 7-11 January, 2002.

CALIBER-2002 Report

The ninth Convention on Automation of Libraries in Education and Research Institutes (**CALIBER**) was inaugurated on Feb 14, 2002 by Shri Subash Mahariya, the Minister of State for Rural Development, Govt., of India at the HCM Rajasthan Institute of Public Administration, Jaipur, Rajasthan. Two hundred and sixty two library and information professionals from all over the country attended the event, sponsored jointly by the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, Rajasthan University and the Directorate of College Education, Govt. of Rajasthan.

The Convention started off on Feb 14, 2002 with Saraswati Vandana rendered by the students of the Department of Music, University of Rajasthan, followed by an introduction to INFLIBNET and CALIBER by its Director Dr T.A.V. Murthy. This was followed by an inspiring Presidential address by the Vice-Chancellor Prof K.L.Kamal, who called upon the librarians to contribute their mite in the task of transforming educational scene in the country. He also released the conference volume. The Minister of the state made an appeal to the librarians to reach out to rural areas. He also announced a package for the upliftment of rural libraries. Shri Saksena, Joint Director of College Education, Govt., of Rajasthan released the Souvenir. Prof Shabir Hussain, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University, a senior professional, underlined how the absence of librarians in the top positions in university libraries was coming in the way of achieving the envisaged goals of INFLIBNET in modernizing the libraries. Prof Ashwini Kumar, Director, Rajasthan University Library and Organizing Secretary of CALIBER-2002 who earlier welcomed the delegates, proposed the vote of thanks.

On this occasion a very comprehensive and a thought provoking keynote address on "Digital Library Technology" was delivered by Padmashree Awardee Prof N. Balakrishnan of the Indian Institute of

Science, Bangalore, giving a panoramic view of the Knowledge Management of the future.

The inaugural function came to close with an invigorating folk music and dance performance by the artists of Rajasthan Culture Department with assistance from Prof. Maya Tank.

The deliberations of the Convention were spread over two days, Feb 15 and Feb 16, 2002 in four sessions devoted to themes of 'Internet Based Library Management', 'Content Management', 'Internet in the changing education scenario', 'e-publishing and e-documentary sources' respectively. Each session had invited theme papers by an experienced librarian, having specialized expertise in the field. Out of the 100 papers including 50 in abstract form, which were included in the conference volume, around 50 papers were actually presented by the authors there of, some of which invited detailed discussion by the participants.

Dr. A R Sethi acted as the Rapporteur General and Smt. Lucy Bendang acted as the Associate Rapporteur General. The different sessions were chaired and reported by the following:

Chairperson	Rapporteur
Dr. S R Ganpule	Shri. M L N Chary
Shri. P C Shah	Prof. (Smt.) Aloka B
Dr. (Smt.) Dorothy Isaac	Dr. Pavan K Gupta
Dr. (Smt.) N Deshpande	Dr. K C Dabas
Prof. B. S Garg	Dr.(Ms). S Ghosh
Dr. Ramaraj Urs	Shri K Prakash

There were two presentations of information products made by the teams of Informatics India, Pvt. Limited, Bangalore and I B M, on Feb 15 and Feb16 respectively.

Prof K. L. Kamal, Vice-Chancellor of Rajasthan University was the chief guest for the concluding session and delivered the valedictory address. Dr Abhijit Lahiri (NISSAT), Dr H K Kaul (DELNET) and Dr T A V Murthy also spoke in the concluding

session. Dr. A R Sethi, the Rapporteur General proposed the recommendations of the conference.

The following recommendations emerged out of the papers and the deliberations:

A. Recommendations for the librarians

1. With a view to bring all the universities into the mainstream of automation, this Convention calls upon the librarians to:

- Frame time bound programme for database creation, latest by 2005.
- Acquire and access material in electronic form, particularly the reference sources available in public domain.
- To acquire necessary skills to exploit increasingly the potential offered by Internet access.

2. Considering the rapid development in the field of Information technology, which has influenced libraries and library services, this Convention implores the Departments of Library and Information Science in the country to upgrade the curriculum on the lines suggested by the UGC.

3. The Convention calls upon the librarians engaged in content creation to evolve effective security systems for data protection, especially of indigenous origin.

4. With a view to conserve the already scarce resources, the Convention advises librarians to resort to consortia approach wherever feasible.

B. Recommendations for INFIBNET

1. Considering that the SOUL as developed by INFIBNET meets more or less all the requirements of the library management, the Convention recommends that INFIBNET should ensure:

- marketing of the SOUL in an aggressive manner all over the country;
- provide a mechanism for support service;
- institute diversified training facilities through Regional Centers, to be set up for the purpose;
- develop SOUL by incorporating the suggestions received from its users and provide more features in it;
- incorporate the provision for creating databases of material in regional languages.

2. Considering the need to bring college libraries located in rural areas at par with their counterparts in urban areas, this Convention recommends that special attention needs to be paid by providing them necessary infrastructure, and training facilities.

3. Taking note of the fact that, only about 50% of the university libraries in the country, have been covered under the INFIBNET Programme, this Convention emphasizes the need to take rest of them under its ambit.

4. Since many agencies, such as NISSAT, NAAC, NASSDOC, DELNET are involved in creating Databases of Experts, this Convention recommends to INFIBNET to coordinate these efforts to avoid duplication.

5. Since the document delivery service expected from the Document Delivery Centres, is not widely known in the academic circles due to lack of publicity and support, the Convention calls upon the INFIBNET to give wide publicity to this service and provide backup grants for the purpose, and increase the number of Document Delivery Centres.

6. The Convention recommends the establishment of INFIBNET Regional Centers in different parts of the country for the purpose of helping the libraries in the region in computerization and creation of specialized databases, and for manpower development.

7. Considering that printed sources of information, periodicals in particular, are the mainstay for study and research, the Convention recommends that the INFLIBNET identify Resource Centres for supplementing their collection.
8. This Convention recommends to INFLIBNET to sponsor series of lectures on specialized topics of the day, viz. Intellectual Property Rights, Knowledge Management, and on other developments related to library and information services.
9. Promote training Programmes specially targeted at the use of Internet.

C Recommendations for the UGC

1. Considering the fact that majority of university libraries have vacant positions of university librarians, which is hampering their growth as well as the pace of modernization of libraries, this Convention calls upon the UGC to ensure that the top posts in the university libraries are filled up by March, 2003 positively, which is the time limit set by the NAAC for accreditation.
2. Taking into account the ageing of infrastructure provided to some of the university libraries more than half-a-decade back, this Convention calls upon UGC to provide such libraries necessary funds to replace obsolete equipments.
3. The Convention implores the UGC to be prompt and regular in the release of non-recurring and recurring grants.
4. Taking note of the fact that adequate bandwidth for surfing Internet is a problem in many parts of the country, the Convention recommends that the emerging UGC Net is provided with sufficient bandwidth for accessing enormous data which is available and will be generated as more and more libraries come under the purview of the Network.

Director Visits OCLC

OCLC - a pioneering institution had invited Dr. T A V Murthy, Director INFLIBNET for participating in the **20th Annual OCLC International Conference of Research Library Directors** during March 3-7, 2002 at Dublin, Ohio, USA.

The entire theme of the conference was revolving around:

- ♣ Building the Global Digital Library: Access, Transform, Create, Integrate
- ♣ Conversation with OCLC Senior Staff
- ♣ Round table discussions
- ♣ Interaction among the International Communities like: Asia Pacific Group, Latin America and Caribbean Group.

Further, the entire Conference deliberated on **very relevant issues** like:

- ❖ Developing Digital Libraries
- ❖ Net Library and OCLC
- ❖ Learning in Digital age
- ❖ Place in space: Developing Library Services in a Shared Network Space

On issues relating to Research Libraries, their role and moving towards building the Global Digital Library was the main theme of the conference. In addition to this, round table discussions covered.

- Building cooperative relationship internationally
- Distance education and library activities
- Information seeking behaviour
- Marketing libraries content and services
- Preservation issues
- Staffing issues

There were more than 100 delegates who attended the conference out of which 80 were from USA representing different academic research libraries. INFLIBNET had the distinction of being only representative from India along with Australia, Brazil,

Canada, China, Denmark, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and UK. There was also a special lecture in one of the events on "Blurring the Boundaries of Cultural Institutions: Collaborating to serve a Nation of Learners – by Dr. Robert Martin, Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, USA, which was well attended.

The last day was exclusively devoted for the presentation of the networking activities in different countries. Director had the privilege to give a total scenario about Indian library automation picture, UGC and INFIBNET.

This drew the attention of all the delegates and was received with great inquisitiveness and there was appreciation of the gigantic task undertaken by INFIBNET.

Dr. Murthy also had discussions with different Group-heads of OCLC and spent considerable time in interacting with various activities like: Research, Marketing, Computerization looked after by them in OCLC and also briefed them about our future plans and the directions in which we are moving in INFIBNET.

On the whole, the trip was very rewarding and highly beneficial to INFIBNET and OCLC in establishing collaborative ventures especially in the area of Consortia, Digital Archiving, Electronic transfer of Databases and e-learning.

OCLC Team Visited INFIBNET

Dr. Andrew Wang, Executive Director and Ms. Shu-En Tsai, Manager, Asia Pacific Services, OCLC, Dublin, Ohio, USA visited INFIBNET Centre on March 14, 2002. Purpose of the visit was to explore the possibilities of establishing mutual collaboration between two organizations. This visit was in continuation to the discussions that Dr. T S Kumbar had with key officials during his six months Fulbright

Fellowship at OCLC and Dr. T A V Murthy, Director, INFIBNET's recent visit to OCLC and wide ranging discussions he had with senior officials at OCLC.

On this occasion a special meeting of INFIBNET staff was convened by the Director to have a detailed discussions with the visiting OCLC officials.

Director, INFIBNET extended a warm welcome and introduced the entire team of colleagues to the visitors. The discussion began with the presentations by the respective group leaders of the following 8 groups at INFIBNET.

- Database Development & Maintenance
- Database R & D
- Software R & D
- Informatics
- Human Resource Development & Consultancy
- Networking, testing & Quality Control
- E-Education
- Web Development

These presentations provided the visiting dignitaries the background information about INFIBNET centre and its services etc and also led to some discussions and clarifications.

Later, Dr. Murthy requested Dr. Andrew Wang and Ms. Shu-En to make a brief presentation on the areas that OCLC feels feasible for both organizations to come together and work to extend the services to our academic community.

Dr. Wang described the following services in order of priority at a great length.

- OCLC FirstSearch Service
- OCLC Electronic Collections online
- OCLC E-Books
- BioOne
- E-learning

This presentation was followed by number of questions and answers which provided clarity about

the services, cost involved and usefulness of these services to Indian academic community. There was also a discussion about extending these services to all the university libraries covered under the INFLIBNET. Dr. Wang suggested that it will be cheaper if these services are subscribed centrally by INFLIBNET and access is provided to respective universities. He gave number of examples of different networks and consortia which have availed of such benefits. Dr. Murthy agreed to the suggestion and mentioned that INFLIBNET is in the process of forming a consortium and subscribing to number of bibliographic databases and full text of journals. He further stated that OCLC being a non-profit service organization, INFLIBNET will certainly consider subscribing to services offered by OCLC.

Visiting dignitaries were impressed with the work being carried out by INFLIBNET and expressed their keen interest to work with INFLIBNET in future in several areas of common interest.

AIR Workshop - 2002

A five-day workshop on "Library Management in the Age of Computers" was organised at INFLIBNET from 7 - 11 January, 2002. 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 states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh. It was attended by 22 participants. Shri S M Salgar, Scientist-G inaugurated the programme and Shri Paresh Mankad, Director, RTI (AIR) presided over the function.

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 the second in series of intensive workshops devoted for imparting practical training. INFLIBNET Scientists acted as the faculty members for the course and Shri H G Hosamani Scientist-B, INFLIBNET acted as the course coordinator.

On the concluding day, Dr T AV Murthy, Director INFLIBNET delivered valedictory address and distributed certificates to the participants.

IRTPLA Programmes : Report

INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme for Library Automation (IRTPLA), the series of training programmes started in the second half of 2001, was arranged for the following states during this period.

Delhi

IRTPLA programme for the state of Delhi was held at two places to cover more number of colleges. First programme was held at University of Delhi during 8-11 January, 2002. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Yogendra Singh, Chief Librarian, IIT, Roorkee who delivered the inaugural address. 20 persons participated in the programme. Dr. Pravakar Rath, Reader, Faculty of Library & Information Science, Indira Gandhi National Open University was invited for the valedictory function and distributed the certificates to the participants. Prof. M L Saini was the coordinator of the programme. Shri Prem Chand and Shri S A Asif acted as resource persons from INFLIBNET.

New Delhi

The second programme in Delhi was held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi from 14-17 January, 2002. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Asis Datta, Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Datta highlighted the changing role of library in information society and emphasized that

that the users are time conscious and would like to access information at the earliest. 23 persons participated in the programme. Dr. S M Dhawan, Scientist-G, National Physical Laboratory was also invited as resource person for the programme. The programme was concluded by Prof. Kapil Kappor, Rector, JNU who also distributed the certificates. Dr. Krishan Gopal, Dy. Librarian was the coordinator of the programme. Shri Prem Chand and Shri S A Asif acted as resource persons from INFIBNET.

Goa

IRTPLA Programme for the state of Goa was held at Goa University Library during 21 – 24 January, 2002. The programme was Inaugurated by Prof. B. S. Sonde, Vice Chancellor, Goa University. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sonde called upon the librarians to make best use of the facilities extended by INFIBNET, which is the only nodal centre for all information requirements and automation activities for the academic libraries in the country. 20 persons participated in the program. Prof. L. J. Haravu was the special guest invited by the library and handled few sessions on automation and MARC standards. The programme was concluded by Prof. F A Fernandes, Director, Academic Staff College who distributed the certificates. Dr. P. V. Konnur was the coordinator of the programme. Shri V S Cholin and Shri Umesh Gohel acted as resource persons from INFIBNET.

Karnataka

Second IRTPLA for the state of Karnataka was held at Dept. of Library and Information Science, Karnatak University, Dharwad during 2 - 6 March, 2002. Dr. A.M Pathan Vice-Chancellor, Karnatak University inaugurated the workshop. Mr. N.V. Satyanarayana, Managing Director and Chairman of Informatics India (Pvt.) Ltd, Bangalore was the Chief Guest and Prof. C R Karisiddappa, University Librarian and Chairman, Dept. of Library and

Information Science, presided over the function. Dr. A.M. Pathan in his inaugural address stressed the need for intensive training to the college librarians to cope up with the changing IT Scenario. 20 librarians from different colleges under the jurisdiction of Karnatak University participated in the programme. Four experts from outside were invited as resource persons in the absence of INFIBNET staff due to disturbance in Gujarat. The faculty of the Department were also involved in teaching and training the participants.

On the concluding day, Shri Y R Patil, IPS, Registrar, Karnatak University distributed the certificates. Participants expressed their satisfaction over the intensive training giving more emphasis on hands on experience.

Haryana

IRTPLA for Haryana state was held at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra from 20 – 23 March, 2002 at Department of Library and Information Science, Kurukshetra University. Programme was inaugurated by Prof. Lalchand Gupt Mangal, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Kurukshetra University. Dr.(Mrs) Ashu Shokeen, Reader, Department of Library and Information Science and Course Co-ordinator welcomed the gathering and described course contents. Dr. Yogendra Singh, Librarian, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, Ms Sangita Kaul, DELNET, Shri K Prakash and Shri Suresh Panwar from INFIBNET were the faculty members.

At concluding session, Dr. T A V Murthy, Director, INFIBNET Centre was the Chief Guest and addressed the gathering by highlighting about INFIBNET's future course of action and facilities required for development of University and College Libraries. Dean, Faculty of Arts also spoken on this occasion. Later, Certificates were distributed to the participants. There were 14 participants from different parts of the Haryana state representing colleges and universities.

Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry

IRTPLA for the states of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry was held at Pondicherry University during February 26- March 1, 2002. Prof V. T. Patil, Vice-Chancellor of Pondicherry University inaugurated the programme and the keynote address was delivered by Mr M. Manivannan, Technical Director, NIC-Pondicherry. Dr. P Ramanathan, University Librarian and coordinator of the programme welcomed the gathering with an introduction to the programme and Shri J K Vijayakumar, INFLIBNET Centre proposed vote of thanks. 24 participants attended the programme with representation from all regions of both the states. Dr R Vengan and Dr B Ramesh Babu (both from University of Madras, Chennai), Dr S Venkatesan and Shri C Jayakumar (both from IGCAR, Chennai), Shri M. L. N. Charry (CIEFL, Hyderabad) and Shri Z Olirvel (Pondicherry University) were the external faculty members with Shri J K Vijayakumar from INFLIBNET Centre. Practical on SOUL was arranged at the Computer Lab of University and sufficient time was devoted for practices. At the concluding session, Prof S. Narayan, Dean of Faculty of Management and former VC I/C, Pondicherry University delivered the valedictory address and handed over the certificates to the participants.

Dates Confirmed for the following IRTPLA Programmes at various States

Andhra Pradesh: Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. 22-26, July 2002

Gujarat: Saurashtra University, Rajkot.
13 May - 17 June 2002 (combined with ASC Refresher Course)

Himachal Pradesh: Dr Y S Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan
25-29, June 2002

Jammu & Kashmir: University of Kashmir, Shrinagar. 2-6, July 2002

Karnataka: Bangalore University, Bangalore. 29 July-2 August 2002

Kerala: University of Calicut, Kozhikode
22-26, July 2002

Madhya Pradesh: Jiwaji University, Gwalior. 26-30 August 2002

For more details contact;
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SOUL News

List of SOUL users up to March, 2002

1. Akbar Peerbhoy College of Commerce, Economics, Mumbai
2. Alagappa University
3. Amravati University
4. Assam University
5. Avinashlingam Institute
6. B R A Bihar University
7. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University
8. Banasthali Vidyapeeth
9. Bangalore University
10. Bharati Vidyapeeth
11. Bhavnagar University
12. Central Inst. of Eng & Foreign Languages
13. Central Inst. of Higher Tibetan Studies
14. Ch.Charan Sing University
15. Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya
16. Dr. B R A Agra University
17. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University
18. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University
19. Dr. H S Gour Vishwavidyalay
20. Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry
21. Gandhigram Rural Instute
22. Global Telesystems, Mumbai
23. Gujarat Ayurveda University
24. Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
25. Indira Kala Sangeet Viswavidyalaya
26. INFLIBNET Centre Library

27. Institute of Advanced Study in Science & Technology, Guwahati
28. International Inst. for Population. Studies
29. Jai Narain Vyas University
30. Jain Vishva Bharati Institute
31. Jawaharlal Nehru University
32. Jiwaji University
33. Kakatiya University
34. Kumaun University
35. M M J College of Eng. & Technology, Hyderabad
36. M S University of Baroda
37. Mahatma Gandhi Gramoday Vishwavidyalaya
38. Mahatma Gandhi University
39. Manonmaniam Sundaranar University
40. MLB Girls college, Bhopal
41. Modi Inst. of Technology, Kota
42. Mohanlal Sukhadia University
43. North Gujarat University
44. North Maharashtra University
45. NTR University of Health Sciences
46. Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University
47. Rajasthan Vidyapeeth
48. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha
49. Sampurnanand Sanskrit University
50. Saurashtra University
51. Shivaji University
52. Sri Krishnadevaraya University
53. Sri Padmavathi Mahila Vishwavidyalaya
54. Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University
55. Tata Inst. of Social Science
56. Thapar Inst. Eng & Technology
57. Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapith
58. Tolani Commerce College, Adipur
59. University Central College, Bangalore
60. University College of Engineering, Bangalore
61. University Law College, Bangalore
62. University of Calcutta
63. University of Kashmir
64. University of Madras
65. University of Mumbai
66. Yashwantrao Chavhan Maharashtra Open University (12 copies)

SOUL Orientation Programme

The second orientation programme for SOUL purchasers was conducted from 25 – 27 February, 2002. 18 participants attended this programme who have purchased the SOUL software. Sh. B. Ramesh, Scientist-B, INFUBNET Centre acted as the Programme Coordinator.

Staff Visits

Shri K. Prakash visited Regional Engineering College, Kurukshetra and demonstrated SOUL software on 23 March, 2002.

Shri J. K. Vijayakumar visited NASSDOC, New Delhi on 1st February, 2002 and demonstrated SOUL software at the National Workshop of Librarians from various Social Science institutions. He also demonstrated SOUL at Workshop on “Library Interconnectivity within ICAR/SAU’s” held at Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute at IARI, Pusa Campus, New Delhi on 31st January, 2002.

Forthcoming Events

- **ICADL 2002** Digital Libraries: People, Knowledge & Technology, 11 - 14 December, 2002, Singapore. ICADL'02 is the fifth in a series of annual Asian Digital Libraries conferences, and focuses on the use, adoption and adaptation of digital libraries, which include work surrounding digital libraries and related technologies, the management of knowledge in digital libraries, and the associated usability and social issues. For more details contact: ICADL 2002 Secretariat Conference Management Centre/ CCE Nanyang Technological University Administration Annex Building #04-06 42 Nanyang Avenue Singapore 639815 Fax: +65 6793 0997 Email: ICADL2002@ntu.edu.sg Website <http://www.cais.ntu.edu.sg:8000/icadl2002/>

- ETD 2002 The Fifth International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations is organized by the NDLTD (Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations), a consortium of research universities committed to improving graduate education by developing digital libraries of ETDs (Electronic Theses and Dissertations). Hosted by Brigham Young University, this conference serves as a multi-disciplinary forum for graduate deans and their staff, librarians, faculty leaders, graduate students, and academic computing specialists "Pioneering on the Electronic Frontier: e-theses and Intellectual Solidarity" <http://ce.byu.edu/cw/etd2002/>

- National Seminar on Cataloguing of Digital Resources being organized by Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science, Bangalore during, August 9-11, 2002. Topics for this seminar will include Concepts of work, Composite work, associated work etc. in the digital environment applications and comparative studies of ISBD (ER), AACR2 (latest revised edition) and CCC to digital resources and Digital catalogue, OPACs and Conventional catalogues of digital resources. For more details contact: The Executive Officer Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science 702, Upstairs 42nd Cross, III Block, Rajajinagar Bangalore 560010 Phone: (080) 3305109 E- Mail: srels@vsnl.com

- **XX National Seminar of IASLIC at Punjabi University, Patiala in November 2002.**

The XX National Seminar of the Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) will be hosted by the Punjabi University, Patiala in November 2002 on theme 'Digital Information Systems and Services' with following sub topics;

E-Libraries and Virtual Libraries, Content Development, Network and Networking, Internet, Intranet and Extranet, Converging

Technologies, Multimedia, Digital Library applications, Digitization in the Indian context.

Last date for submitting the papers is 17th July 2002. Correspondence regarding papers should be addressed to Sh. Hiran Kr Dutta, Convener, Editorial Committee, XX National Seminar, IASLIC, P291 Scheme No. 6M Kankurgachi, Kolkatta - 700054.

Professional News

Workshop on "Library Interconnectivity within ICAR/SAU's"

Workshop on "Library Interconnectivity within ICAR/SAU's" was held at Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute at IARI Pusa Campus, New Delhi on 30-31 January, 2002. Dr Anwar Alam, DDG (Engg.) ICAR, Dr J C Katyal, DDG (Education) and Dr P L Gautham, National Director, NATP, Dr S D Sharma, Director, IASRI were present during the workshop with Librarians from 16 different Institutions and State Agricultural Universities under IARI. Dr T AV Murthy, Director, INFUBNET had been invited by the organizers and he presented INFUBNET activities and the proposed UGC-NET to the participants. Shri J K Vijayakumar from INFUBNET presented SOUL- software developed by INFUBNET to the participants of the workshop. The workshop proposed collaboration with INFUBNET in several areas including Training to Agricultural Library staff.

Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights and Copyright Matters

Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University Library organized a national seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights and Copyright Matters" during 8 - 9 February, 2002. Dr T AV Murthy, Director, INFUBNET was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function. Dr S A Suryawanshi, Vice Chancellor presided over the function.

Chandigarh Libraries Consortium

Chandigarh Libraries Consortium (CLC), a forum representing important institutional and college libraries of Chandigarh, including Mohali and Panchkula, was launched on 28 February, 2002 with its head quarter at Central State Library, Chandigarh. Shri K A P Sinha, Joint Secretary, Finance-cum-DPI (Colleges) inaugurated CLC and Key-note address was given by Dr Naresh Kumar, Scientist-G, IMTECH, Chandigarh. Dr. A R Sethi, Panjab University Librarian is the coordinator of this Consortium.

Training Program on Information Management at R E C, Silchar

A Training Program on IT Application in Library & Information Management / Services was recently organized by Central Library, R E C, Silchar during 18-27 February, 2002. Dr A K Bhattacharya, Principal, Silchar Medical College inaugurated the training program and Prof G D Sharma, Vice Chancellor of Nagaland University was the Special Guest on the inaugural function. There were around 40 participants from different states across the country and two participants from Bangladesh. This program was co-sponsored by AICTE and ISTE. Mr Kishore C Satpathy of R E C Silchar was the coordinator for this programme.

Awards and Honors

Dr R P Kumar, Chief Librarian, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has been awarded MLAI-S. J. Kulkarni award for 2001. This award is presented annually to the Best Medical Librarian in the country. Dr Kumar is already the recipient of ILA- Kaula Best Librarian Award and SALIS International Award for his achievements in medical librarianship. He can be contacted at kumar@medinst.ernet.in

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INFLIBNET Director and Staff congratulate all elected members

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Library Member Code System in SOUL Circulation Module

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Introduction

Library member code is provided by the library to its users when they become a member of library. It does help users to access the library and its resources. No library is following any standard to assign member code to its users in the absence of such national or international standards. The SOUL software developed at INFLIBNET has the feature of generating the member code based on various criteria listed in the paper to have full-fledged twelve-digit Alpha numeric code (999999999999 or XXXXXX999999) code divided into five sector digits. The Benefits and characteristics of each sector are described. This article has been written to help the SOUL users to understand the member code system.

Always recognition of any library depends upon the number of users and its services. According to fifth law of library science of Dr. S R Ranganathan "Library is a growing organism". It has been identified that users increase as the library grows. To approach any library for using its resources, user needs to get the authorization from the library authority. In this regard, getting membership of the library is a first step for the users. Member code is a unique number provided by the library, when one applies for becoming a member. In traditional library, the member code is provided on the library member card as per the defined privileges available to that category of member. That is very expensive process

for poor libraries. But it is valuable tool for the library as it holds maximum information pertaining to the users of the library.

SOUL member code system, which deals with scientifically self defined system generated member code. The member code has been divided in five sector digits with total 12 (twelve) alphanumeric digits from left to right. Each and every sector contains specific and valuable information pertaining to the member.

The structure is divided in following segments from left to right:

- **Category of the User** (Two digits either XX or X9 or 9X or 99)
- **Subject /Department of the User** (Two digit either XX or X9 or 9X or 99)
- **Course/Designation of the User** (Two digit either XX or X9 or 9X or 99)
- **Joining year of the User** (Two digit 99)
- **Serial No of the User** (Four digit 9999)

1. Category of the User:

Category of the user has own defined two-digit alphanumeric code. This code determine the category of user belongs to either student, staff or research scholar category etc. Some of the examples are:

Code	Category
ST	Student
SF	Staff
NT	Non Teaching

2. Subject/Department of the User :

The next two alphanumeric digits represent the second sector of member code system which will identify the subject or the department for which the user belongs. Library may assign the unique code as practiced by the library. This code varies from library to library.

Code	Subject/Department
AS	Astronomy
PH	Physics
BA	Business Admin. / Management
CS	Computer Science
EE	Electrical Engineering
PS	Political Science
EL	English Literature

Sl. No.	Member Sequence
0001	1 st Entry
0002	2 nd Entry

The following examples are generated for reference purpose are explained.

STJOPG000015 : Indicates Post Graduate (PG) student of Department of Journalism (JO) has become member of library on 2000 with the serial number 15.

NTZZRG990005 : Indicates Registrar of University or college joined library in 1999 and has been allotted serial number 5.

3. Course/Designation of the User :

This is the third sector of two alphanumeric digits. This holds information relating to course code for the students and designation code for the staff. Some of the examples listed are.

Code	Academic degree / designation
PG	Post Graduate
UG	Under Graduate
UL	University Librarian
PR	Professor
LT	Lecturer
PL	Principal
AO	Administrative Officer

4. Year of Joining :

It is a two-digit numeric code. It identifies the joining year of member in Library.

Code	Year of Joining
95	1995
01	2001
02	2002

5. Serial No. :

It is four digits numeric code to allow 9999 users in each category.

Characteristics of System :

1. Easy to understand
2. Durable
3. Inexpensive system
4. A unique system
5. Mind stress is not required
6. Flexibility to adopt the code for each sector
7. Supports large number of users due to sector device
8. Member seniority can be easily identified
9. It's auto provided but self managed system
10. Member privileges are self contained as part of member code

Conclusion :

In this paper an attempt has been made to explain the SOUL membership module for the users of this software. For further clarifications you can write to us at the above address.

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