

## **‘An Index to the professional publications of main LIS Educational Institutions in Sri Lanka published during past 56 year period (1962-2018)’**

**Special Committee on improving collaboration among LIS Educational Organizations in Sri Lanka (2017 - 2020)**

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**Introduction:** Under the implementation of the SLLA Strategic Plan (2016-22) the project titled ‘An Index to the professional publications of main LIS Educational Institutions in Sri Lanka published during the past 25 year period (1992-2017)’ was awarded to the ‘Special Committee on improving collaboration among LIS Educational Organizations in Sri Lanka’ of the Sri Lanka Library Association in 2017. Later the committee requested the permission to spread the coverage from 1962 to 2018 extending the period from 25 years to 56 years which was duly granted. This 337 page impressive publication giving bibliographic details on 1358 LIS articles published in 10 LIS journals, 3 Festschrifts and in a number of other special publications is the result of the gigantic exercise.

This will showcase the major intellectual contributions of the LIS professionals in Sri Lanka towards the Library and Information Science field in the country. In addition this will provide information on the LIS institutions in the country and role those institution play during the past 6 decades. Readers will also find information on the leading LIS professionals in the country, new trend and developments in the LIS field in different LIS sectors in Sri Lanka.

Further modernization of the various LIS sectors in Sri Lanka will be a huge challenge in the coming decade. SLLA, NLDSB and all the other LIS organizations will have to work in cooperation and collaboration to meet the huge challenge. This publication hopefully will assist the present and future LIS professionals, library administrators and the students of the LIS field to understand the different LIS sectors in the country and possible solutions to many difficulties those sectors encounter to certain extent.

The major credit for this momentous publication should go to Dr R D Ananda Tissa, the Convener of the Special Committee and to the Committee of Monitoring and Assisting in Implementation of the Strategic Plan (COMAISP) of the Sri Lanka Library Association which has been struggling to implement the first Strategic Plan of the SLLA in the past few years. The index will be published in due course.

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### **The Coverage**

#### **1) Publications of Sri Lanka Library Association**

- **Sri Lanka Library Review** (former 'Journal of the Ceylon Library Association') (1962-2018) 308 articles

#### **2) Publications of National Library and Documentation Services Board**

- **Library News** (1973-2011) 428 articles
- **National Library Review** (2014-2018) 29 articles

#### **3) Colombo Public Library**

- **Libraries and People** (1975) 39 articles
- **Roads to Wisdom** (1980) 29 articles
- **Treasures of Knowledge** (1985) 33 articles

#### **4) Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya**

- **Library Review** (1978) 7 articles
- **Pustakala Vidya** (1990-2016) 147 articles
- **Lekana Samuchchaya** (2005-2006) 24 articles
- **Vidyarthi** (2006 & 2017) 24 articles

**5) University Librarians' Association (ULA)**

- **Journal of University Librarians' Association** (1995-2018) 167 articles

**6) National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS)**

- **Sri Lanka Journal of Librarianship and Information Management** (2005-2013) 33 articles

**7) Festschrifts**

- **Festschrift for Professor Jayasiri Lankage** (2012) 30 articles
- **Festschrift for Mr W B Dorakumbura** (2014) 5 articles
- **Festschrift for Senior Professor Piyadasa Ranasinghe** (2016) 62 articles

**8) Other**

**Main features of the publication:**

- **Coverage:** From 1962 to 2018
  - **Institutional coverage:** Sri Lanka Library Association, National Library and Documentation Services Board, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya, National Institute of Library and Information Sciences, University of Colombo, Colombo Public Library and other
  - **Sinhala articles:** 558
  - **Tamil articles:** 80
  - **English articles:** 743
  - **The total number of LIS articles:** 1381
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