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PREFACE

I have pleasure in presenting to the general membership, a summary of activities of the Council during the past year. This year too the SLLA Council decided to adopt the format of the previous year, which instead of reporting routing and administrative matters, highlighted only the achievements and failures, which should be brought to the notice of the general membership.

The projects and programmes initiated in 2002/2003 were continued during the period under review. I am proud to announce that the members of the Council and the Executive Committee not only blessed and supported SLLA activities but also actively participated in SLLA activities. It was a pleasure and satisfaction to work with team spirit.

SLLA activities during 2003/04 were aimed at enhancing the resources and facilities at the Head Office. Improved facilities enabled SLLA to provide more effective services to the library students and to the members. As elaborated in this report SLLA emphasized on three major projects during the period 2003/2004.

Gaining the recognition and attention of an international organization like UNESCO, in the field of library automation, could be marked as a great achievement of the Association. UNESCO selected, from among international and national ICT organizations, SLLA to entrust automation of the re-habilitated Jaffna Public Library. The association accomplished this task not only within a short period of time but also at a very low cost.

Seeking the assistance of SLLA by a foreign government for human resource development is another achievement recorded in 2003/2004. Ministry of Education of the Republic of Maldives, after evaluating the training courses conducted by SLLA, invited SLLA to train their school librarians. The course, which was offered as a distance education programme, was successfully completed during the period under review. This was the most expensive project undertaken by the Association in its history.

The Council recognized the need of enhancing the ICT facilities at the Head Office particularly to improve the ICT knowledge and hands-on experience of the SLLA students. It was realized that confining students'

knowledge only to theoretical aspects would not produce professionals who are required by the new information society.

SLLA spent more than one million rupees to build the enhanced computer laboratory at the head office. SLLA students get ICT facilities far above the facilities provided by any other organization engaged in library education.

In the field of library education a new course was introduced. This is the island-wide distance education programme, which allowed rural and remote library personnel to improve their professional knowledge.

World Conference on Information Society (WSIS) was the major international event that took place in 2003. On behalf of the library and information profession, IFLA had an extensive and elaborate campaign to emphasize the importance of libraries and library professionals in the information society, the fact which had been overlooked by the conference organizers. To support IFLA at the national level, SLLA in collaboration with the Sri Lanka National Library and Documentation Services Board, launched a programme to bring this disparity to the notice of the government delegation to WSIS.

Enactment of the amended Act of SLLA is a significant achievement. Although the new Act came into effect during the period under review, credit of formulation of the SLLA act should be attributed to the past Councils. The new Act has given the library professionals higher legal and social recognition.

I thank the members of the Council, Executive Committee and the Standing Committees for the encouragement, advice and active support given during 2003/2004. Blessings and support of the general membership is also highly appreciated.

N.U. Yapa
President
SLLA

June 2004

INTRODUCTION

The rapid advances in computing and networking technologies have changed the library profession dramatically in recent years. Powerful new tools and techniques, extensive online access, and a rapid rate of change all make the information profession an exciting and challenging arena in which to work. These changes can be considered as evolutionary and not revolutionary. But has the proliferation of technology changed the library in other, less obvious, ways?

According to Kenneth Dowlin Public Libraries have been information retailers delivering information to their ultimate consumers. He also points out that libraries can be "wholesalers" as well, to furnish information to other agencies to pass on to their own users. This will give an opportunity for the libraries to extend its services to new audience.

Furthermore even the so-called digital or virtual libraries will gain little ground if they continue to provide access only to information packaged by other providers which individuals can directly access by themselves through the online services. Libraries must exploit the same online technology that threatens them by providing direct access to virtual collections. Therefore the revolutionary change should be greater than simply building up digital/electronic version of the same resources in the current collections. The issue should be how the librarians could deliver access to otherwise inaccessible information products. This will refashion the relationship between commercial publishing industry and libraries.

The time has come for Sri Lankan librarians to go through the process of evolution making use of all revolutions. The Sri Lanka Library Association should be strengthened to bind all the librarians together, so that they could face up to the challenges within the evolutionary path.

This annual report covers the period after the 43rd Annual General Meeting held on 27th June 2003 and includes the year ending June 2004. It includes the activities during the period under review.

01. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of SLLA at the end of June 2003 was 423 and by the end of June 2004 it increased to 445. Twelve Corporate members (Associate members) and twenty non-corporate members were enrolled during this year.

The list of members registered during the period reviews is given in Annex 01.

02. COUNCIL

The Council comprised of the elected members at the 43rd AGM and the nominated members as given below:

<i>President</i>	☛ Mr. N. U.Yapa	<i>Vice Presidents</i>	☛ Ms. D.I.D. Andradi
<i>General Secretary</i>	☛ Ms. Deepali Talagala		☛ Ms. Sriyani Ileperuma
<i>Asst. Secretary</i>	☛ Mr. C. Kuruppu	<i>Education Officer</i>	☛ Ms. N. P. Wanasundera
<i>Treasurer</i>	☛ Mr. Anton D. Nallathamby	<i>Asst. Education Officer</i>	☛ Mr. Ajith Leelarathna
<i>Librarian</i>	☛ Mr. J.S.K. Weerawardena	<i>Publication Officer</i>	☛ Mr. M.B.M. Fairouz
<i>Nominated members</i>	☛ Ms. Premila R. Gamage		
	☛ Ms. Padma Bandaranayake		
<i>Representatives - Provincial</i>	<i>Central</i>	☛	Ms. Rita Liyanage
	<i>Eastern</i>	☛	Ms. T. Arulnandhy
	<i>North Central</i>	☛	Mr. Gamini De Silva
	<i>Northern</i>	☛	Ms. S. Sridharan
	<i>Sabaragamuwa</i>	☛	Ms. T. Neighsoorei
	<i>Southern</i>	☛	Ms. K. G.V. Kariyawasam
	<i>Western</i>	☛	Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya
<i>Representatives - Groups</i>	<i>Academic</i>	☛	Mr. G.M.P. Gallaba
	<i>Government</i>	☛	Mr. Sugathapala Gunathillake
	<i>Public</i>	☛	Ms. Karunawathi
	<i>Special</i>	☛	Ms. Swarna Jayatillaka
	<i>School</i>	☛	Ms. Jayantha Chandralatha

In addition to these members Council decided to invite the Assistant Education Officer and the Librarian for the Council meetings.

The Council held seven meetings during this period and one of the main issues discussed was the Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation) (Amendment) Act, No. 7 of 2004 and how it affects the present membership. The Council also amended the Rules of SLLA and the membership rules accordingly. The activities approved and carried out are given under the activities of the SLLA.

03. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive committee nominated by the Council comprised of the following members:

<i>President</i>	☛ Mr. N. U.Yapa	<i>Vice Presidents</i>	☛ Ms. D.L.D. Andradi
<i>General Secretary</i>	☛ Ms. Deepali Talagala		☛ Ms. Sriyani Ileperuma
<i>Education Officer</i>	☛ Ms. Nanda P. Wanasundera		
<i>Treasurer</i>	☛ Mr. Anton D. Nallathamby	<i>Publication Officer</i>	☛ Mr. M.B.M. Fairouz
<i>Asst. Secretary</i>	☛ Mr. C. Kuruppu	<i>Nominated members</i>	☛ Ms. Premila R. Gamage
<i>Librarian</i>	☛ Mr. J.S.K. Weerawardena		☛ Ms. Padma Bandaranaya
<i>Asst. Education Officer</i>	☛ Mr. Ajith Leelarathna		

The ExCo held six meetings during this period. One of the main items of the ExCo agenda was enhancing the computer and printing facilities of the SLLA. During the year a digital duplicator and two new computers were purchased. The digital duplicator, which is the latest addition to office equipment, highly contributed in enhancing the SLLA office activities and the education programme.

SLLA obtained the Internet connection through the SLT/ADSL service, which was immensely useful for the students to develop their skills in using new technologies. This was also useful for the SLLA staff in using e-mail for office communications. SLLA also has obtained International direct dialing through SLT Plus.

04. COMMITTEES

At the first meeting of the Council several Committees were appointed. Subcommittees were appointed as and when the need arose for different events. The full list of Committees is given in Annex 02.

05. SLLA ACTIVITIES

05.01 Education programme

The Education Programme continued smoothly through the year, with the cooperation of the Education Committee and constant communication with the Coordinators of the Centres, and the unstinted support received from the Lecturers and SLLA office staff. Full list of lecturers given in Annex 03.

05.01.01 SLLA Diploma Course

The three-tiered Diploma Course in LIS was successfully carried out as follows:

Centre	Centre Coordinator	Medium	Level	Period
Batticaloa	<i>Ms T Arulnandy</i>	Tamil	Level I	October 2003 through June 2004
			Level II Part 1	January through November 2004
Colombo	<i>Ms N P Wanasundera</i>	Sinhala Tamil English	Level I	October 2003 through June 2004
			Level II Part 1	Sinhala- January through November 2004 Tamil and English - May through November
			Level II Part 2	July 2003 through May 2004
Galle	<i>Ms K G V Kariyawasam</i>	Sinhala	Level I	October 2003 through June 2004
Jaffna	<i>Ms T Sridharan</i>	Tamil	Level I	October 2003 through June 2004

			Level II Part 1	January through November 2004
			Level II Part 2	<i>to be started</i>
Kandy	Ms D Ratnayake	Sinhala	Level I	October 2003 through June 2004
			Level II Part 1	January through November 2004

05.01.02 Course on Library Automation

Twenty-two students participated in the COLA 2003 course, which commenced on the 07th June 2003. Twelve students successfully completed the course and certificates to those who completed COLA 2003 will be awarded at the awards ceremony of the 44th AGM.

The COLA 2004 is being conducted very successfully, from May through December 2004. The running of this course has been greatly facilitated by the SLLA Boardroom being converted to a computer lab having five computers with the addition of two new computers. With the Internet connectivity through SLT/ADSL the COLA 2003 students were fortunate to have the opportunity of obtaining hands on experience on accessing the Internet and databases.

05.01.03 Advanced Distance Education Programme (ADEPLIS) Course, Male'

The Advanced Distance Education Programme in LIS for librarians in the Republic of the Maldives was completed during the year 2003. Students who had to repeat papers also completed the examination. A total of six students completed the final examination. Certificates were awarded at a ceremony held in Male' on 9th September 2003 when President Mr. Yapa and Education Officer Ms. Wanasundera went to Male' for the inauguration of the DEPLIS programme. A Plaque was awarded to the best student at this ceremony.

05.01.04. Distance Education Programme in Male' (DEPLIS)

A distance education programme in library and information science (DEPLIS) to the Republic of the Maldives, in response to a request made by the Maldivian Ministry of Education, was initiated and successfully implemented. The President Mr. Upali Yapa, with his previous experience of conducting distance education for the Maldives, very successfully

negotiated the programme and outlined the entire project. A committee comprising The SLLA President, General Secretary, Education Officer and selected lecturers, drew up the timetable and defined modalities outlined by Mr. Yapa. Lecture modules and units were identical to the Level I syllabus.

On September 9, 2003, the course was ceremonially inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mrs Habeeba Habeeb, Assistant Executive Director of the National Library of the Maldives, in the presence of the Deputy Minister of Education of the Maldives, Mr. Upali Yapa, SLLA President and Mrs. Nanda Wanasundera, SLLA Education Officer. Mr. Yapa addressed the gathering outlining the SLLA - its aims, objectives, programmes and successes and the DEPLIS programme. The entire proceedings were telecast that evening in Male'.

The first workshop was begun soon after the inauguration with forty students, comprising a few from libraries in Male' and the majority from the Atolls. Most of them were school librarians.

05.01.04.01 Resource Persons

Mr. N U Yapa, Mr. P Vidanapathirana, Mr. L A Jayatissa, Ms. Nanda P Wanasundera, Ms. Deepali Talagala, and Ms. Padma Bandaranayake were selected as the resource persons with the approval of the Council on the following selection Criteria:

- Previous experience in teaching in the Maldives
- In accordance with modules/units to be taught
- Ability to lecture in English and experience in lecturing in this medium
- Availability and readiness to take up the offered assignment

05.01.04.02 Schedule

Four workshops were held in Male' as indicated below

- 9 - 16 September 2003; Resource Persons: N U Yapa and N P Wanasundera
- 1 - 8 December 2003; Resource Persons : P Vidanapathirana and L A Jayatissa
- February 2004; Resource Persons : D Talagala and P Bandaranayake
- 19-29 April 2004; Resource Persons : N U Yapa and N P Wanasundera

The fifth workshop in Colombo was held from 03rd to 10th June. In addition to revision seminar the students were given the practical experience of developing a library, getting them into groups and doing all the activities step by step. It also included a study of libraries such as the National library, Public library and the Colombo International School library.

The course-end examination, slightly differing from the Level I exam for local students, was conducted in mid June under the supervision of the Maldivian Coordinator of the DEPLIS Programme, Ms Azra Ahmed, senior officer of the Higher Education Unit, Ministry of Education, the Republic of the Maldives. Marking of papers and release of results would be done in Colombo, by the resource persons mentioned above.

05.01.05. Distance Education Programme on DIPLIS - Sri Lanka

The distance education programme was inaugurated in October 2003, with the Council appointing Mr. K G Sugath Gunatilake as Coordinator, to cater to those who wished to qualify in LIS, the majority being working librarians, but unable to attend lectures in Colombo, Galle or Kandy.

32 lecture notes were dispatched to 31 students. Three workshops were held in Colombo, in August and December 2003 and May 2004 with a study tour of libraries in Colombo being appended to the last workshop.

05.01.05.01 Resource Persons:

- Mr. R.D. Ananda Tissa
- Ms. P.A.N. Chandramala
- Mr. G.R. Padmasiri
- Ms. T.K. Abeygunarathne
- Ms. Soma de Silva
- Ms. Padma Bandaranyake

05.01.06. Education Rules

The Rules and Regulations governing the education programme were edited, updated and accepted by the Council.

Rules and regulations for students were set down clearly, printed as a brochure and distributed to all students. This practice of distributing stated rules to students on their registration, as students of the SLLA should be continued. Consequently all anomalies as regards students

defaulting on time schedules for submission of project work and attempts permitted at any one exam would be eliminated.

A notice regards supervision and marking of project work at Level II Parts 1 and 2 were set down and distributed to all lecturers, to ensure consistency of marking of such project submissions.

05.01.07. Field trips by students

The Kandy, Galle and Batticalloa students visited the National Library, National Archives, , The Colombo International School and Industrial Technology Institute on 01st June, 14th May and 19th March respectively

05.01.08. Awards

05.01.08.01 Achievement Awards for the year 2003

• ***Diploma in Library & Information Science Level 1 Awards***

Blok Memorial Awards

Colombo Centre ☛ **Ms. P.M. Jayasinghe**

Jaffna Centre ☛ **Ms. Anitha Krishnasamy**

Batticalloa Centre ☛ **Ms. Thambipilla Raju**

A.L.B. Pethiyagoda Award

Kandy Centre ☛ **A.M.K. Sandamali Ariyathilake**

• ***Awards for Best Library Reports***

Colombo Centre

Sinhala ☛ **Ms. J.M.C.Kumari Jayasinghe**

English ☛ **Ms. Niranchala Amarendran**

Tamil ☛ **Ms. Sivarangani Kunasingam**

☛ **Ms. riyadarshini Silvainathan**

☛ **Ms. Subadharshini Silvainathan**

Kandy Centre ☛ **Ms. C.M.A.K. Chandrasekera**

Galle Centre ☛ **Ms. K.V.G. M. Priyadarshini**

- Batticaloa
 - ☛ Ms. N.M.S. Kamani Venusha
- Jaffna
 - ☛ Mr. M.I. Zahir Hussain
 - ☛ Ms. K. Anitha
 - ☛ Ms. K. Yogendran
 - ☛ Ms. T. Umashankar
- **Awards for Best Cataloguing File**
 - Colombo Centre**
 - Sinhala
 - ☛ Ms. D.H.Nimalika Perera
 - English
 - ☛ Ms. Purnima M. Jayasinghe
 - Tamil
 - ☛ Ms. Krishnagobal Nagarani
 - Kandy Centre**
 - ☛ Mr. C.A.B. Wickremasinghe
 - Galle**
 - ☛ Ms. K.V.G. Mangalika Priyadarshani
 - ☛ Ms. L.S.R. Rasangika Priyadarshani
 - Batticaloa**
 - ☛ Ms. Samsudin Inpam
 - ☛ Mr. Thambipillai Raju
 - Jaffna**
 - ☛ Mr. Pathmanathan Murugawel
 - ☛ Ms. Sinnarajah. Jayaluxmy
 - ☛ Mr. Thilliampalam Umashankar
- **Diploma in Library & Information Science Level I1 Part I Awards**
 - Blok Memorial Awards** None qualified in all three media
- **Clodagh Nethsinghe Memorial Award for Best Student of the COLA Course**
 - ☛ Ms. K.D.Sandamalee Wijenayake

05.01.09. Examinations

05.01.09.01. DIPLIS Level I June 2003

Centre	Total no. (All 3 media)	No. Passed	Reffered	Failed all five
Colombo	90	41	15	4
Jaffna	29	8	2	2
Batticaloa	56	40	6	0

05.01.09.02. DIPLIS Level I Repeat Examination January 2004

Centre	No. of students sat	No passed
Colombo	39	18
Batticaloa	12	8
Jaffna	15	8

05.01.09.03. DIPLIS Level II Part 1 September 2003

Centre	No. of students sat	No passed
Colombo	86	60

05.01.09.02 DIPLIS Level II part 2 August 2003

Results of the above examination was released in 2004 and summarized below. According to the results it was clearly indicated that the highest percentage of students passed was in the English medium while the lowest was in the Sinhala medium. An Analysis of the results is given in Annex 04.

Students Passed

All three media	43.2%
Sinhala Medium	30.8%
Tamil Medium	53.8%
English Medium	80%

DIPLIS Level II Part 2 Repeat Examination was held in March 2004 and the results yet to be released.

Final Examination (Old Syllabus) Repeat Examination was held for the benefit of the students who have not completed this Examination.

05.02. Professional development programmes

05.02.01. Workshop on web designing

A two-day workshop on web designing was conducted at the SLLA computer training Centre. Twelve members (12) participated at this workshop. The training included web designing using HTML, Dreamweaver, Ulead PhotoImpact etc.

The Resource persons for this workshop were:

- Ms. Wathmanel Senevirathne
- Ms. Deepali Talagala
- Mr. J.S.K. Weerawardane

05.02.02. Presentation on American Libraries by Ms. Rebecca McDuff

A presentation on "American libraries: an overview" by Ms. Rebecca McDuff, Information Resource Officer for SouthAsia from the American Embassy, New Delhi was organized at the National Library Auditorium in collaboration with the SLNLDSB.

05.02.03. Ampara District Training workshop

Four-day Training Programmes on Library & Information Sciences for both Tamil and Sinhala Medium Public and Teacher Librarians were held from 30 November - 3 December 2003 at Ampara and Sammanthurai. This was jointly organized and sponsored by the Sri-lanka Library Association, National Library & Documentation Services Board, Management Development Training Department of the North-East Province and South-Eastern University of Sri-Lanka. Dr. A.G. Husain Ismail, Vice-Chancellor of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and Mr. Herath Abeyweera District Secretary, Ampara were the Chief Guests for the inauguration ceremony.

The Resource persons for this workshop were:

- Mr. W.Punyawardena
- Mr. Ananda Tissa
- Ms. Soma de Silva
- Ms. K. Kamalambikai
- Ms. T. Arulnanthy
- Mr. M.B.M. fairooz
- Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen

05.02.04 Workshop on Digital Library Development for Information Workers in South Asia

SLLA Council members Mr. Jagath Weerawardena and Ms. Deepali Talagala attended the above workshop held at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, from January 28 to February 07, 2004 organised by UNESCO, DSIR, New Delhi and CCMB, Hyderabad. Ms. Deepali Talagala also served as a resource person at this workshop. On their return a seminar on the development of Digital Libraries using the Greenstone software, which was compiled by UNESCO, was organized at the SLLA Computer room.

05.02.05 School/ Government/ Western Province Librarians Meeting

A meeting of School/ Government librarians was organized at the OPA auditorium. The Needs of the librarians in their professional development was discussed. The need for training on website designing was identified as a priority.

05.02.06 Workshop on Electronic Cataloguing/ Indexing

A workshop on electronic cataloguing/ Indexing was organized. Analytical cataloguing, electronic cataloguing, keyword indexing, advanced sorting/printing services, compilation of current awareness bulletins etc. were main topic deal by the workshop. Seven members participated at this workshop held from 12-13 May 2004. The Resource person was Mr. N.U. Yapa.

05.03. Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation) (Amendment) Act, No. 7 of 2004

The Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation) (Amendment) Act, No. 7 of 2004 came into effect from 06th February 2004. According to the new amendments the Council took necessary action to amend the rules of SLLA and the membership rules. Council also organized a meeting of all members to create awareness about the new Act among the membership. Only forty nine (49) members attended this meeting held on 14th May at the Public Library Conference Hall.

05.04. Land for SLLA

On the request of the SLLA the UDA offered a land in Kalpaluwawa area. The President and Asst. Secretary visited the place, and the UDA is in the process of making official procedures to provide the land to SLLA.

05.05. Service Minute of the Government Librarians

The President, Mr. N.U. Yapa and the Secretary Ms. Talagala were invited by the Ministry of Public Administration for a discussion on the Government Librarians' Service Minute. At this meeting the Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration requested the SLLA and the National Library & Documentation Services Board to prepare the final version of the service minute. As such discussions were held with the NLDSB and the final version is being prepared.

05.06. Representations at Governing Boards of other Institutes

The president represented SLLA at the following Governing bodies:

- Sri Lanka National Library & Documentation Services Board
- National Institute of Library and Information Science
- Central Province Library Services Board

Treasurer Mr. Nallathamby and Council Member Mr. P.B. Gallaba represented SLLA at the Executive Council of the OPA and as a forum member respectively.

The Education Office, Ms. Wanasundera represented SLLA at the NILIS Academic Committee

05.07 44th Annual General Meeting and Annual Sessions of SLLA

A Committee was appointed to organize the 44th AGM and Annual Sessions of SLLA. Annual Seminar "National Conference on Library and Information Studies" is organized to be held on the 24th June and AGM on the 25th June. The main objective of the annual conference was to provide an ideal forum to the library professionals and information providers to come together and interact on subjects of mutual interest, leading to the professional development of the members of the Association. Full papers will be distributed on a CD.

Two eminent speakers Dr. (Ms.) Shalini Urs, Head Department of Library and Information Science, University of Mysore and Dr. N.V. Satyanarayana Chairman & Managing Director, Informatics (India Ltd.) will be presenting the keynote addresses. Six foreign vendors from LIS related IT industry from India would demonstrate their products and hold an exhibition.

06. COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

06.01. International Federation of Library Associations

The following members were nominated for IFLA committees as representatives of the SLLA:

- Ms. Premila Gamage - IFLA Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Committee
- Ms. S. Sridharan - Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM)

06.02. IFLA Grant

Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe, received the grant "Bibliothek and Information International - BII" to attend the world Library and Information Congress: 69th IFLA General Conference and Council, August 2003, Berlin, Germany.

After returning Mr. Wedasinghe shared his experiences with his colleagues at a seminar organized by SLLA.

06.03. UNESCO/ JFIT Meeting

SLLA host a UNESCO and JFIT (Japanese Funds in Trust) meeting on "Information access in a digital environment" in Colombo on 25 - 27 November 2004. The main aim of the meeting was to develop a distance-learning course for ICT in Library Information Science (LIS). The group also discussed how the existing six modules on "ICT For library and Information Professionals Training Packages (ICTLIP)" could be evaluated and how these modules could be used to develop distance-learning modules. Six experts from Philippines, Australia, Japan, United Kingdom, Sri Lanka, Estonia attended the meeting. Ms. Deepali Talagala, Secretary, SLLA chaired the meeting while Mr. N.U. Yapa attended the meeting as an observer. The ICT For library and Information Professionals Training Packages (ICTLIP) for developing countries in Asia & Pacific arose from the early identification of ICT training needs in the region. These are now available in printed form, on CD-ROM and on the World Wide Web (<ftp://ftp.unesco.org/pub/winisis/windows/training/>).

06.04. World summit on Information Society (WSIS)

World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) was a international event that took place in 2003. On behalf of the library profession, IFLA had an extensive and elaborate campaign to emphasis the importance of libraries and library professionals in the information society, the fact that had been overlooked by the conference organizers. To support IFLA at the national level, SLLA in collaboration with the Sri Lanka National Library and Documentation Centre,

appointed a task group comprising of Mr Upali Amarasiri, Prof. Russell Bowden, Ms Premila Gamage and Mr Upali Yapa to launch a programme to bring this disparity to the notice of the government delegation to WSIS.

06.05. Online Chat programme

With the view of demonstrating online chatting service to library professionals, a programme was organized at the SLLA computer lab relating to 'ICT training'. This was a session conducted through a pilot project of Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, to deliver online and CD-based training programme on WINISIS. Ms. Deepali Talagala was one of the resource persons selected by IGNOU.

06.06 Jaffna Public Library Automation Project

The UNESCO, New Delhi office offered the SLLA the task of automating the newly built public library of Jaffna. Four resource persons visited Jaffna Public Library and installed the software and trained the library personnel. The Jaffna Public Library staff visited Colombo and they were further trained in Colombo. The project was successfully completed in July and the catalogue of the JPL is available online at www.nsf.ac.lk/slla/.

The UNESCO, New Delhi JPL development project personnel are in continuous communication with the SLLA in seeking advice on this project.

06.06.01. Resource Persons:

- Mr. N.U. Yapa
- Ms. Deepali Talagala
- Mr. J.S.K. Weerawardena
- Mr. M.B.M Fairouz

06.07. Organisation of Professional Associations

The SLLA participated at the Annual Pirith Ceremony of the OPA held in connection with the opening of the new building. SLLA contributed in providing "Pirikara" to the priests.

06.08. Central Province Library Services Board

The Central Province group of SLLA participated at the "Library Day" organized by the Central Province Library Services Board on the 20th October 2003. They also assisted in preparing posters demonstrating the importance of the reading habit to carry in the walk. Librarians and university students participated in the walk. In addition Mr. Harrison Perera, Librarian, and

University of Peradeniya delivered a lecture on "Professionalism in Librarianship".

06.09. School library development programme: R/ Jeilani Central College (National School) Balangoda

T.N. Neighsoorei, representative of Sabaragamuwa region organized a one day programme for the students of Jeilani Central College on how to rebuild their school library. A study visit to Sabaragamuwa University Museum & the Central Library was also organized.

07. PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

07.01. Newsletter and the Journal

Publications Committee published three Newsletters for the period ending June 2004 and the SLLA Journal "Sri Lanka Library Review" Volume 18.

07.02. SLLA Website

SLLA website hosted at the NSF (<http://www.nsf.ac.lk/slla/profile.htm>) was continuously updated including workshop presentations, Newsletter and content page of the Journal and examination results. The Online Public Access Catalogue of the Jaffna Public Library also could be searched through this page.

08. FINANCIAL REPORT -2003/2004

The Sri Lanka Library Association recorded an income of Rs 3.9 Million for the year ended 31 st March 2004 compared with Rs 0.9 M for previous year, which was 3 times more than the last year.

The major contributing factor for this increase was the income derived from DEPLIS which was around 2 Million Sri Lankan Rupees for the year under review.

The income from workshops and seminars was also another contributing factor for the increase in profit which was Rs 444,445/= for the current year compared with Rs 81,112/= for last year. This includes an income of Rs 366,732/= from an in house seminar on "Information Access on a Digital Environment" organized by SLLA in Sri Lanka which was funded by UNESCO and Japanese Funds in Trust.

Computerization of the Public Library Jaffna Project funded by UNESCO also enhanced the profit by Rs 43,778/=.

There has also been a substantial increase in the course fees from RS 2.6 to Rs 3.5 Millions. The increase in the 1 st year course was Rs 246,000/= and the increase in intermediate course was Rs 352,200/=.

The administration cost was also kept at almost the same level with a minimal increase of 4%. Rs.1 Million was invested in Fixed Deposits during the year under review.

There had been additions to the fixed assets for Rs 129,459/= during the year. A digital duplicator and 2 computers amounting to Rs 451,500/= has been purchased after the financial year of 31st March 2004.

The Auditors report for the 2003/2004 is given in Annex 05.

09. SLLA STAFF

SLLA Staff comprise the following:

- Ms. Shanti de Alwis *Administrative Secretary*
- Ms. Edna Malkanthi de Silva *Accounts Assistant*
- Ms. Kaushali Morawaka *Office Assistant*
- Mr. U. A. Perera *Office aid*
- Ms. J.S.Pradeepika de Silva *Library Assistant/ Office Assistant*
- Ms. R.T.C. Ransinghe *Office Assistant (Contract)*

The Library Assistant Ms. Pradeepika de Silva was absorbed into the permanent staff as the Library Assistant/ Office Assistant. A new Office Assistant was recruited on contract basis. The SLLA staff was paid an incentive equivalent to their basic salary in appreciation of their commitment dedication to SLLA activities. The Council also revised the salary scales of the permanent staff in accordance with the Government salary increase in January 2004.

10. OUR GRATITUDE

The SLLA is grateful to the following organizations for their support rendered during the last year:

- International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA)
- UNESCO National Commission, New Delhi
- Japanese Funds in Trust (JFIT)
- Chairman and Director General, Sri Lanka National Library and documentation Services Board
- Librarian, Colombo International School
- Director, Department of National Archives
- University of Colombo, Law Faculty
- Principal, Kandy High School
- Vice Chancellor; South Eastern University of Sri-lanka
- Management Development Training Department of the North-East Province
- District Secretary, Ampara
- The Vice-Chancellor; Actg. Registrar; the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages, Co-ordinator-Center for Computer Studies, Sabaragamuwa University
- Janashakthi Insurance Company.
- Dr. (Ms.) Shalini Urs, Head, Department of Library & Information Science, Mysore University
- Dr. N.V. Satyanarayana, Chairman & Managing Director, Informatics (India Ltd.)
- Ms. Rebecca McDuff, IRO, New Delhi, American Embassy

List of members enrolled as corporate/non-corporate members during 2003/2004

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Nagesu	V. (Ms.)
Rajapaksha	Asoka (Ms.)
Ranaweera	R.P.P. (Mr.)
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Sellathurai	K.H. (Ms.)
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Sunil,	W. (Mr.)
Umar	Thifla (Ms.)
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Wijesundera	K.D.S. (Ms.)

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Jeyaraj, W. (Mr.)	Raveendralingam, N. (Mr.)	

EDUCATION PROGRAMME – STATISTICS

Students registered for the DIPLIS Course 2003/2004

Level I					
	Colombo	Kandy	Galle	Jaffna	Baticaloo
Level 1					
English	24				
Sinhala	52	38	18		
Tamil	22			52	86

Level II Part 1					
	Colombo	Kandy	Galle	Jaffna	Baticaloo
English	6				
Sinhala	23	12			
Tamil	10			32	31

Level II part 2					
	Colombo	Kandy	Galle	Jaffna	Baticaloo
English					
Sinhala	41	12			
Tamil	12				

**DIPLIS Level II part 2 August 2003 - Examination
Summarized Results****Students Referred**

All three media	13
Sinhala Medium	10
Tamil Medium	3
English Medium	0

**Students failed in two
subjects**

All three media	7
Sinhala Medium	4
Tamil Medium	2
English Medium	1

**Students failed in three
subjects**

All three media	5
Sinhala Medium	4
Tamil Medium	1
English Medium	0

**AUDITORS REPORT TO THE
MEMBERS OF SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

We have examined the Balance sheet of Sri Lanka Library Association as at 31st March 2004 and the related statements of income and Expenditure for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with the Sri Lanka Auditing Standards.

In our opinion except for any adjustment or disclosure which may be required in the Financial Statements due to the matter mentioned in the above paragraph, so far as appears from our examination and according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Association the said Balance sheet and the related income and Expenditure Account have been properly, drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 31st March 2004, and its Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year then ended.

**SJMS ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants
Colombo.**

9th June 2004.

**SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004**

INCOME	Notes	2003/2004 Rs:	2002/2003 Rs:
Membership Subscription & Associateship fees		169,060.95	216,400.00
Course fees & Examination fees	3	6,327,102.50	3,465,551.00
Workshop Income	4	1,724,061.60	501,900.00
Registration Fees Income		<u>149,700.00</u>	<u>109,800.00</u>
		8,369,925.05	<u>4,293,651.00</u>
 <i>Less:</i>			
Direct Expences	5	<u>2,905,754.57</u>	<u>2,047,136.00</u>
		5,464,170.48	2,246,515.00
 <i>Add:</i>			
Other Income	6	<u>472,679.25</u>	<u>503,401.00</u>
		5,936,849.73	2,749,916.00
 <i>Less:</i>			
Addministration Expences	7	<u>1,966,305.10</u>	<u>1,877,639.00</u>
Excess of Income Over Expenditure before Taxation		3,970,544.63	872,277.00
 Taxation Expences	 8	 <u>4,196.00</u>	 <u>51,512.00</u>
Excess of Income Over Expenditure		<u>3,966,348.63</u>	<u>820,765.00</u>

SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2004

ASSETS	Notes	2003/2004	2002/2003
		<i>Rs:</i>	<i>Rs:</i>
Non Current Asseets			
Property Plant and Equipment	9	1,308,079.59	1,431,812.00
Investment	10	<u>2,929,642.35</u>	<u>1,766,736.00</u>
		4,237,721.94	3,198,548.00
CURRENT ASSETS			
Accounts Receivable	11	119,570.27	103,346.00
Cash and Bank balances	12	<u>5,954,695.22</u>	<u>2,920,867.00</u>
		<u>6,074,265.49</u>	<u>3,024,213.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>10,311,987.43</u>	<u>6,222,761.00</u>
EQUITY & LIABILITY			
NON CURRENT LIABILITY			
Accumulated Fund	13	9,880,841.05	5,914,492.00
RESERVES			
Building Fund	14	28,584.73	27,350.00
DEFERED LIABILITIES			
Provision for Gratuity	15	<u>318,748.00</u>	<u>249,607.00</u>
		10,228,173.78	6,191,449.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	16	<u>83,813.65</u>	<u>31,312.00</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITY		<u>10,311,987.43</u>	<u>6,222,761.00</u>

PRESIDENT

TREASURER

M. J. P.

Arūn S. Walleli S