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PREFACE

Another year has ended. Looking back, I have mixed feelings as to how much has been accomplished. At the onset of taking office, a rather ambitious programme for long and medium term goals was formulated. There were as expected, both positive and negative outcomes. On the positive side, several events were organized and they contributed towards fulfilling some of these goals. Much professionalism was exhibited at these fora, while expanding the knowledge of the members; they provided a forum for the exchange of ideas. A proactive membership also emerged after one such workshop, where the audience itself laid the ground for follow up workshop, at grass root level. NACLIS 2007 also had the effect of motivating several of the members to enhance activity in their own domains, and it remains to be seen whether this was only at the height of the euphoria produced at the seminar, or whether this enthusiasm will be sustained. Come what may, a welcome outcome was the provocation of the members to think 'out of the box' and go beyond what is expected.

On the negative side, lack of advocacy with government agencies was detrimental in arriving at a positive outcome with regard to safeguarding the interest of our members and raising their professional status. The newly announced salary scheme in the public service was a severe setback to the profession, as the library field was not given adequate recognition and placement commensurate with the qualifications and skills. Appeals are still being made.

Rewards and incentives are acknowledged motivating factors for any individual or organization. This was proved to be a truism, when considering the enthusiasm and commitment shown by our groups and committees. So much so that the selection of the "Most Active Group/Committee" was indeed a difficult task. Our congratulations to the winners for a job well done.

During the previous year, the SLLA was deeply involved in the Rehabilitation of Tsunami Affected Libraries. This was a national interest project with a deep commitment made by the members as well as the international community. This work was continued with the added impetus of having more donations from organizations and well wishers. This made it possible to provide assistance to two more libraries. It is indeed a matter of pride that these donations were received. As an acknowledgement of the work done towards rehabilitating the libraries undertaken.

I am confident that the Association will in time to come, fulfill its vision of "being the center of excellence in the field of Library, Documentation and Information Science through an educated and proactive membership and collaboration with other stakeholders in the field", and will provide every assistance in doing so.

Dilmani Warnasuriya
President, SLLA

INTRODUCTION

The 47th annual report covers the activities of the Sri Lanka Library Association for the period starting from the day of the 46th annual general meeting held on the 30th June 2006 up to the year ending 29th June 2007.

It had been a year of activity with the newly formed groups conducting workshops and seminars to enhance professionalism. This was in addition to the regular activities of the committees. We observe that last year's main activity - the tsunami rehabilitation work, has achieved most of its goals. We perceive the change in activities to emphasis on professionalism in this year's activities.

We faced a serious problem when the schools terminated the facility of renting classrooms for our lectures. Amidst this anxious situation we have carried on with the education programme successfully.

This year we were able to offer training for the librarians in our pilot libraries under the rehabilitation of tsunami libraries, start Level 1 English course in Kandy and Level 2 Part 11 Tamil course in Batticaloa. We plan to start the on-line DIPLIS course in September 2007.

Our foreign donors have stood by us in our development work in the tsunami libraries.

We could not establish our own premises even this year. As a result the SLLA library was temporarily closed and we appreciate the kind gesture of the National Library providing temporary accommodation. Also we were compelled to shift our course location to a private school on a high rent.

We welcome the membership at the 47th annual general meeting and invite positive review on our activities of the past year and discussion on professional matters beneficial to all of us.

01. MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of SLLA as at 12th June 2007 stands as 349 with 224 Associate (Corporate) members and 125 Non-corporate members. As compared with 2006, the total renewed membership, for 2007 remains the same while Associate (Corporate) membership has reduced by 3% and Non-corporate membership increased by 3%. We are glad to record that we have enrolled two applicants with M Sc in Teacher Librarianship from the National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS) this year, as non-corporate members, a cause discussed at the AGM sessions of the last two years. There were no applicants for Fellowship this year.

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

02. COUNCIL

The Council comprised of the elected members at the 46th AGM and the nominated members as given below:

<i>President</i>	Ms Dilmani Warnasuriya	<i>President Elect</i>	Mr. P. Ranasinghe
<i>General Secretary</i>	Ms G M de Silva	<i>Vice President</i>	Ms Premila Gamage
<i>Immediate Past President</i>	Ms. Deepali Talagala	<i>Education Officer</i>	Ms S. Weerasinghe
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr Anton D. Nallathamby	<i>Publication Officer</i>	Ms. Lilamani Amarasekera
<i>Asst. Secretary</i>	Ms Harshani Dissanayake	<i>Nominated members</i>	Ms. Irangani Mudannayake
<i>Information & Public Relations Officer</i>	Mr Sugath Gunatilleke		Dr.Ms. Wathmanel Seneviratne
<i>Asst. Education Officer</i>	Mr W Sunil		
<i>Representatives - Groups</i>	<i>University Libraries</i>		Mr. G R Padmasiri
	<i>Government</i>		Ms D I D Andradi
	<i>Public</i>		Ms. C Kannangara
	<i>Special</i>		Ms. Swarna Jayatillaka
	<i>School & Educational Institute Libraries</i>		MsGeetha David
	<i>National & Provincial Libraries</i>		Mr W S Punyawardene
	<i>Non-governmental Libraries</i>		Mr L R Amarakoon
	<i>LIS Research</i>		Mr N U Yapa

The two nominated members to the council and the nominated member to the Executive Committee were elected at the Special Council meeting held on the 2nd August 2006.

The Council held nine meetings during this period.

03. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

<i>President</i>	Ms Dilmani Warnasuriya	<i>President Elect</i>	Mr. P. Ranasinghe
<i>General Secretary</i>	Ms G M de Silva	<i>Vice President</i>	Ms Premila Gamage
<i>Immediate Past President</i>	Ms. Deepali Talagala	<i>Education Officer</i>	Ms S. Weerasinghe
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<i>Information & Public Relations Officer</i>	Mr Sugath Gunatilleke		Dr.Ms. Wathmanel Seneviratne
<i>Asst. Education Officer</i>	Mr W Sunil		Mr G M P B Gallaba

The Executive Committee held eight meetings during this period.

04. COMMITTEES

Twelve committees were appointed at the Special Council meeting held on 2nd August 2007. The full list of the Committees is given in Annex 02.

05. SLLA ACTIVITIES

05.01. Education programme

The activities of the education programme continued successfully with the co-operation of the Education Committee, centre co-ordinators, lecturers, SLLA office staff and the owners of the temporary centres and the regular centres where the lectures were conducted. A full list of the names of the lecturers is given in Annex 03.

The Education Committee had 6 meetings for this year. It had been a stressful year when compared with the last year with the schools withdrawing the facilities extended to us to conduct our lectures on a directive on security. Lectures were held in several places in Colombo including the SLLA office and in several places in Kandy including private residences, until we were able to establish venues at least for the next twelve months. Colombo lectures are now held in Ceylinco Sussex College, Nugegoda and in D.S.Senanayake Vidyalaya, Kandy while there were no changes in the other centres.

We have newly commenced the Level 2 Part 11 Tamil course in Batticaloa in May 2007 and Level 1 English medium classes in Kandy in November 2006 but we have not been able to conduct our lectures in Jaffna.

The student intake for this year at Level 1, was 221 which was a decrease from last year's intake. The main reason for the low intake was that we were not able to conduct our lectures in Jaffna and Batticaloa due to the prevailing political situation.

05.01.01 Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS)

Our long established Diploma Course in LIS consisting of three levels was successfully carried out as follows despite several obstructions due to the political situation which prevailed in the country at that time.

Centre	Medium	Level	Period
Co-ordinator Ms. T Arunandhy Batticaloa	Tamil	L I	Feb. 07
	Tamil	LII P 1	April 06 – Dec.06
	Tamil	LII P 2	May 07

Colombo	Sinhala	L I	Nov. 06
	Tamil	L I	Nov. 06
	English	L I	Nov. 06
	Sinhala	L II P 1	April 06 - Dec 06
			May 07
	Sinhala		April 07
	English	LII P 2	April 07
	Tamil		June 07

Galle

Co-ordinator	Ms.U G M P Kariyawasam		
	Sinhala	LI	Nov-

Jaffna

Co-ordinator	Ms. R. Pararajasingham (March 07 -)		
	Ms. Kalpana Chandraseker (June 06- March 07)		
	Tamil	L I	Not held.
	Tamil	L II P 1	Not held.
	Tamil	LII P 2	Not held.

Kandy

Co-ordinators	Ms. I G Chitraseeli		
	Ms. N de S Wijenayake		
	Sinhala	L I	Nov.06
	Sinhala	LII P 1	Apr.06- Dec 06
	English	L I	Nov 06

Revision Seminars

The student seminars had a good and interactive participation from both the students and the lecturers. The revision seminars were held as follows:

- Level 1 - July 2006
- Level 2 Part 1 - February 2007.
- Level 2 Part 11 - October 2006

In-service training for Level 1 students

We thank the librarians of the following libraries and institutions who readily accommodated the DEPLIS Level I students on their two week in-service training.

- University of Colombo Main Library
- Colombo Public Library
- University of Sri Jayawardenapura Library
- National Library & Documentation Services Centre
- American Center, Colombo
- Industrial Technology Institute Library
- Dr. Richard Pathirana Memorial Public Library , Galle
- University of Peradeniya Main Library
- Eastern University Library

Field Trips

During this year too, Ms. U G M P Kariyawasam, Centre Co-ordinator had arranged the Galle centre students to visit the following libraries in Colombo.

The National Library, National Archives, ITI Library.

05.01.02 Course on Library Automation (COLA)

Eighteen students participated in the COLA 2006 course which commenced in June 2006. Seventeen students sat the examination and 08 have successfully completed the course and certificates will be awarded at the inaugural ceremony of the AGM.

05.01.03 Distance Education Programme on DIPLIS

The fourth course of the Distance Education Programme on DEPLIS Level 1 commenced in September 2006 on schedule with 47 students. In the 2005 batch there were only 12 students and this year, we can clearly notice the increased popularity of the distance course.

Three, face to face workshops were held and the revision seminar will be held in August 2007.

Co-ordinator: Mr. Sugath Gunatilleke
Resource Panel: Mr. N U Yapa
Ms. Thamara K Abeygunaratne
Ms. Soma de Silva
Ms. Swarna Jayatilleke

The first course of the Distance Education Programme (DEP) on DEPLIS Level 2 Part 1 commenced in April 2006 with 20 students and was successfully completed with four face to face workshops and a revision seminar.

The second batch of DEP-Level 2 Part 1 commenced in May 2007 with 12 students.

Co-ordinator : Mr. K G S Gunatilleke

Resource Panel :

- Mr N. U Yapa
- Ms. Deepali Talagala
- Mr. W Sunil

- Ms. Jayanthi Weeratunge
- Mr. Jagath Weerawardene
- Ms Chitra Abeygunasekera
- Ms. Soma de Silva
- Ms. I G Chitraseeli
- Ms. Padma Bandaranayake
- Mr. L Kumarasiri
- Ms. Subashini Abeyratne
- Ms. Kumari Kulatunge
- Ms. Priyani Balasooriya
- Ms. S Kariyawasam
- Ms. Kaushalya Ratnasekara

05.01.04 Distance Education Partnership Programme (DEPP)

The SLLA was selected for the DEPP Public-Private Partnership Programme (PPP) component which serves to improve public-private sector participation in post secondary education. Accordingly a matching grant was provided to SLLA to design the online DIPLIS Level I course. The Coordinator and the course writers attended training sessions on writing online courses as well as tutor/mentor programmes. More than 50% of the DIPLIS Level I is completed and uploaded online at <http://slla.nodes.lk/>. DEPP has developed 8 multi media centers where our students will be provided access to these courses through Internet. The pilot program will begin in July 2007. SLLA also advertised this program in May 2007 to get a feed back on the responses. The Coordinator of the project attended the marketing seminars for Zonal Directors of Education held in Colombo, Anuradhapura, Kurunegala, Bandarawela, Matara and Ratnapura. These meetings were intended to publicise the programs among schools.

The two SLLA members who were selected through this project to follow the Post Graduate Diploma in Distance Learning at Indira Gandhi Open University, New Delhi completed the course successfully.

05.01.05 Examinations

05.01.05.01 DIPLIS Course 2006/2007 - Level 1

All 3 media

Centre	Total No.	Passed	Referred
Colombo	81	49	12
Kandy	30	18	03
Galle	18	15	02
Jaffna 37	14	09	
Batticaloa	58	10	05
Distance	08	05	-

It was noted that 80% of the candidates from the Galle centre qualified to follow the Level 2 Part 1 course.

05.01.05.02 DIPLIS Level II Part 1 April 2006

Centre	Total	Passed	Referred
Colombo	43	18	08
Kandy	20	03	05
Batticaloa	27	09	07
Jaffna 17	08	07	

05.01.05.03 DIPLIS Level II Part 2 April 2006

Centre	Total	Passed	Referred
Colombo	38	12	06
Jaffna 17	08	07	
Batticaloa	27	09	07

05.01.05.04 DIPLIS Level II Part 2 April 2007

As summarised below, you will observe that the highest percentage of passes was in the English medium while the lowest was in the Sinhala medium.

Students Passed

- Sinhala medium – 33%
- Tamil medium - 84%
- English medium - 100%

Level II Part 2 repeat examination was held in Colombo in October 2006 and the results are summarised below:

Total	Passed	Referred
Sinhala	16	05 06

Tamil	16	06	05
English	01	-	01

05.01.05.05. COURSE ON LIBRARY AUTOMATION (COLA)

Centre	Total	Passed	
Colombo	18	08	

05.01.06 Awards

05.01.06.01 Achievement Awards for the Year 2006-2007

Diploma in Library & information science Level 1 Awards

Blok Memorial Awards

Batticaloa Centre	☛	None qualified
Colombo Centre	☛	(S) Mr. R.B Kankanamge (E) None qualified (T) None qualified
Galle Centre	☛	Ms. M.S Nagahawattage
Jaffna Centre	☛	None qualified
Kandy Centre	☛	Ms. R.M.I.T Ratnayake
Distance Course	☛	Ms. W.P.N Ariyamala

A.L.B. Pethiyagoda Award

Kandy Centre	☛	Ms. Nirosha S Damayanthi
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DIPLIS Level II Part 2

Award for best achievement	☛	Ms. Purnima M. Jayasinghe
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Clodagh Nethsingha Memorial Award for Best Student of the COLA Course

☛	Ms. K.N.Samanthi
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05.01.07 Lecturers Seminars/ workshops

A lecturers' seminar was held in October 2006 to discuss issues pertaining to the DIPLIS course and the syllabi.

In May 2007, a workshop on cataloguing rules was conducted for lecturers who teach cataloguing to discuss problems faced by the lecturers and to establish teaching standards.

Meeting of lecturers who prepare course modules of the distance course of DIPLIS was held in April 2007 to discuss the syllabi and issues regarding modules.

05.02. Professional Development Programmes

05.02.01. Workshop on Best Office Practices and Communication Skills

This was held in November 2006 for professionals and para professionals in libraries. The objective of this workshop was to strengthen the back office procedure and to give a better awareness on office conduct and effective communication. It was sponsored by Ceylon Business Appliances. 37 Participated and the resource persons were:

- Ms. Subhodhini Vithanage, Executive Secretary, SENOK Combined Ltd
- Ms. Nanda Wansundera
- Mr. Harrison Perera

This workshop was organized by the Continuing Professional Development Committee.

05.02.02 Regional Workshop on Creating a Digital Library Using WinISIS - 11- 13 January 2007

This workshop was held from 11-13 January 2007 at the SLLA computer centre and was funded by the UNESCO Regional Office in Bangkok. Mr. Priti Perera, Secretary General, Sri Lanka Commission for UNESCO was the chief guest at the ceremonial inauguration.

The main objective was to enhance the skills of the Librarians in the region to make their collections visible to the world using WinISIS and GenISIS.

Project Leader, Ms Sriyani Illeperuma, Dr (Ms) Wathmanel Seneviratne. Ms Premila Gamage, served as a facilitator and Mr. Anup Kumar Das, represented UNESCO, New Delhi.

The outcome of this workshop was a follow-up workshop to be held at the Kotmale Community Radio Internet Centre on 25th -26th June 2007. The planned community information website will be launched at the workshop!

05.02.05 Workshop on Research Methodology

This was held on 10th March 2007 at the SLLA with 23 participants. Prof. K.A.P. Siddhisena, Head, Demographic Department, University of Colombo the well known research scholar, and Ms Sumana Jayasuriya, Librarian University of Colombo were the resource persons.

This was organized by the Library and Information Science Research Group.

05.02.06 Organization, usage and conservation of national and provincial level library collections in Sri Lanka

A Seminar on the above topic was held at the National Library Auditorium with sixty senior officers from national, provincial and public libraries participated. Resource panel for this seminar comprised of Mr. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Mrs. P. Akarawita, Librarian, National Museum, Dr. Saroja Wettasinghe, Director, National Archives and Ms Padma Bandaranayake.

This seminar was organized by the National and Provincial Libraries Group.

05.02.07 Seminar on Resource Sharing in Libraries using ICT

This seminar was held on 20th April 2007 at the EDB Auditorium, Colombo. The objective of this seminar was to upgrade professional knowledge and increase awareness in the field of information among librarians, researchers and information specialists. Around 37 participants from public, school and special libraries, International libraries, academic and research libraries attended this seminar which was conducted by Mr. Upali Amarasiri, Director-General, NLDSC, Mr. N.U. Yapa and Dr. Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne.

This seminar was organized by the Special Libraries Group.

05.02.08 Training programme on Audio Visual Material Management and Digital Conversion

This training programme was held on the 26th and 27th March 2007 at the library, Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala.

The objective of this seminar was to provide systematic awareness on handling A/V material and converting the audio and video to digital formats. There were 28 participants and the resource persons were from the OUSL Educational Technology Division. The Chief guest was Prof. Nandani de Silva, Vice-Chancellor of the UOSL.

This training programme was organized by the Continuing Professional Development Committee.

05.02.09. Organising the Technological Institute, Dehiwela Library.

Librarian of Alethea International School, Dehiwela provided assistance to organize the library of the Technological Institute, Dehiwela.

The assistance was provided through the Scholl and Educational Institute Librarians Group.

05.03. Safe Guarding The Status Of The Profession

05.03.01. Government Librarians' Service Minute.

The Government Librarians Group has been successful in submitting the Government Librarians Service Minute to the Cabinet of the Parliament for approval.

05.03.02. Salary anomalies in the public sector

The salary anomaly which resulted in the downgrading of some library professionals due to the revision of the salaries and cadres in the public service last year, was taken up by the association with the necessary authorities. However, there has been no positive feedback yet.

05.03.03. Demeaning of the Library Profession.

The Council was appalled to be aware that 15 unskilled sanitary labourers in the Ministry of Health have been appointed as acting-librarians in various departments and institutes under the ministry. The President SLLA has written to the authority who has made this appointment

voicing our protest on these appointments. Details of our profession, its status and education programme were given in the letter.

05.04. Career guidance at grass root level.

05.04.01. Seminar on career guidance at Mawanella.

This seminar was held on the 23rd October 2007 at the Pinnawela Central College, Rambukkana for librarians, teachers and students. Wide participation from 20 schools in the education zone was made possible with the intervention of the Zonal Education Director, Mawanella. The objective of this programme was to obtain a direct feedback from the underprivileged schools on their needs relating to libraries and to enlighten the participants on the usage of libraries. Career possibilities were also discussed. Successful interactive discussion took place at the seminar which provided very useful data for future action.

The School and Educational Institute Librarians Group organized this seminar.

05.04.02. Career guidance programme for A/L students at Bishops College, Colombo 3.

The seminar was well attended by 250 Advance Level students, the Vice principal, library staff and Library Society members. Ms Nanda Wanasundara, Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe and Ms Mahesika de Silva were the resource persons who spoke on Librarianship, choosing a library career and on obtaining qualifications in library science.

This was organized by the School and Educational Institutes Group.

05.05. National Conference on Library and Information Studies (NACLIS) 2007

This year, the SLLA organised its annual conference as a separate event and not as part of the AGM as was done previously. The conference was held on the 8th and 9th March 2007 at the Galadari Hotel. This national conference was extended to an international conference with participants from India, USA and UK.

The theme of the conference was Information Management in the Digital Environment.

Dr. Rohan Perera, Legal adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was the chief guest. The keynote addresses at the four sessions were presented by Dr. B Shadrach, IDRC , South Asia Regional Office, New Delhi, Dr, K P Hewagamage, School of Computing, University of Colombo, Ms C Mubarak, Programme Manager, e-Society, ICTA, Ms Chuli de Silva, Programme Officer, World Bank.

All participants and presenters were charged a fee this year.

An encouraging outcome of the regional conference was that three local presentations by Dr. Ms. Wathmanel Seneviratne, Mr. J.J. Gurusinghearachchige and Mr. Kosala Keerthiratne were selected to be published in the foreign journal, Information Studies (Organ of the Ranganathan Centre for information Studies}, Chennai, which is published in Bangalore.

The sponsors for this conference were Blackwell (U.K.), Elsevier (India), Oxford University press (India), Bank of Ceylon, DFCC Bank, Sampah Bank and Unilevers.

05.06. Tsunami Project of SLLA

Through the active campaign to solicit funds by the Vice President, SLLA, who is also the Secretary of RSCAO, SLLA received further donations for the Tsunami rehabilitation project.

Details of the donations are given below.

- Medical Library Association, Chicago, USA - US\$15,400/= for Andaragasyaya Junior School, Kirinde,
- IFLA US Agricultural Information Network, The Hague, The Netherlands - Euro 450/= for the general account of the tsunami rehabilitation project.
- Cambridge Library Group 2005-2006, University of Cambridge, UK - GBP4000/= for Sudharma Vidyalaya Junior library, Galle.
- Career Development Group of CILIP, U.K. - \$4000 /= for Sirisumana Junior School. Ratgama.

05.06.01 Sudharma Junior School Library

The former Principal of this school requested SLLA to build the junior library in this tsunami devastated school. With the consent of the donor, Cambridge Library Group, University of Cambridge, U.K., the money donated to rebuild the Megalle Public library was transferred to this project as the Megalle Public Library was rebuilt by another donor. The room allocated for the junior library needed several repairs in addition to wiring, fixing new windows etc. Certain procedure and red tape delayed in starting the repairs. The repairs are near completion and the library will be opened in the second week in July 2007.

05.06.02. Andaragasyaya Junior School, Kirinde

GBP750 which was a personal donation by Mr. John Lake, Secretary of IFLA Public Libraries Section 8 and the Librarian of the Barbican Library, U.K., was utilised to conduct a music workshop and to produce a CD on this workshop as requested by Mr. Lake. The CD with copies has been distributed among the donors.

Phase II of the Andaragasyaya Junior School project has commenced and would cover up literacy workshops for teachers and students, development of the library collection, course fees for the two librarians and other programmes on sustainability of this project for the next 5 years.

05.06.03. Sirisumana Junior School Library, Ratgama

The library rehabilitated with a donation from CILIP, UK, was opened on 30th April 2007. One of our students in Galle has been employed by the SLLA under the tsunami fund to work at this library from January 2007.

05.06.04. Workshop on Basic IT for Librarians of the Tsunami affected Libraries.

On the invitation of the National Library Services Board the SLLA conducted a three day workshop on Basic IT for Librarians from the tsunami affected areas in the SLLA auditorium in December 2006.

05.06.05. Training Programmes

The association also conducted a workshop on Librarianship for the librarians of the SLLA tsunami rehabilitation project in the same month.

Two more training programmes were conducted for the tsunami librarians in the months of May and June 2007. These were co-ordinated by Mr.Piyadasa Ranasinghe.

05.07. Exhibitions

05.07.01. Book exhibition in Galle

In collaboration with the Office of the Transition Initiative (OTI) of the USAID we organized a 3 day book exhibition and seminars for librarians and students in Galle in November 2006. The objective of the exhibition was to bring awareness to a wide area of available knowledge in print form for the public in other provinces. A unique feature was the reading camp organized by the Sadeepa Bookshop which was extremely popular. The seminars were held at the Dr. Richard Pathirana Public Library in Galle. Both events were very well attended. Ms. Palika Kariyawasam, Co-ordinator in Galle, Mr R.D. Samarasinghe, Librarian, Galle Public Library, assisted in this event.

05.07.02. Exdex 2007

On the invitation by OPA, SLLA participated in the Exdex 2007 educational fair and exhibition.

05.08. JOB BANK

The job bank had been active but insignificant for the past 15 years or so without proven record. After the General Secretary took over the management of the job bank statistics were maintained. From January - June 2007 there was a total of 17 inquiries for experienced librarians, junior librarians, library assistants and trainee library assistants and 6 applicants registered with us found suitable positions. There were 06

08. SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATION) (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 7 OF 2004

The Committee appointed at the last AGM held several meetings and concluded drafting the new Act in all three languages, Sinhala, Tamil and English. The draft copy has been handed over to the Legal Draftsman's department for further action.

The list of Chartered Librarians was published in the Daily News on the 11th May, 2007 according to the Act and the Rules of SLLA.

09. FINANCIAL REPORT- 2006/2007

The year under review recorded an income of Rupees 396,541.00 compared with that of Rupees 713,307.00 for the previous year. The main reason for the decrease is due to the reduction in income from course fee and examination fees. More students were registered for Level one last year than that of the current year. Level one was also not conducted in the north during the current year due to the prevailing situation.

The other reason was the delay in commencing Level two course. The income from Level two last year, was Rupees 689,100.00 and this year it did not commence till March 2007.

The administration expenses record an increase of Rupees 389,000.00 from the previous year. This increase was mainly due to the expenses incurred at the Annual General Meeting 2006, which was more than double of the previous year. There has also been a slight increase in the office administration expenses due to inflation.

Auditors report for the year 2006/2007 is given in Annex 04.

09.01. SLLA Tsunami Project Account

Rupees 3,813,578.00 was received during the years of 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 from various donors out of which a

sum of Rupees 1,358,247.00 had been spent as at March 31st 2007. The balance Rupees 2,455,330.00 along with the opening balance of Rupees 815,141.00 will be spent for the said purpose during the financial year 2007/2008 by the forthcoming council.

10. SLLA STAFF

The SLLA office staff remains the same as last year.

Ms. Shanthi de Alwis	Administrative Secretary
Ms. Edna Malkanthi de Silva	Accounts Assistant
Ms. Kaushalee Morawake	Office Assistant
Ms. Tanuja Ranasinghe	Office Assistant
Ms. Pradeepika de Silva	Library Assistant / Office Assistant

Our condolences go to Edna who lost her father in March 2007.

11. BEREAVEMENTS

During the last year the SLLA lost Ms. Srima de Soysa who was an active senior member and Ms. Bernadine Silva, a founder member of the Association Prof. V.K. Samaranayake, Honorary Fellow of the Association.

12. OUR GRATITUDE

The Council expresses appreciation to all the members who offered their enduring support and co-operation to all the activities conducted by the Association and to the office staff who worked untiringly throughout the year and to all the benefactors and sponsors who assisted in the programmes.

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

- IFLA/ RSCAO
- Secretary General, Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO
- UNESCO National Commission, Bangkok
- UNESCO, New Delhi
- Chairman and Director General, Sri Lanka National Library and Documentation Services Board
- Industrial Technology Institute
- Colombo International School

- Director, Department of National Archives
- University of Colombo
- Ceylon Business Appliances, Colombo.
- Principal, D.S.Senanayake Vidyalaya, Kandy
- Principal, Vidyaloka Vidyalaya, Galle
- Ms. Subodhini Vithanage, Executive Secretary,
SENOK Combined Ltd.
- Blackwells (U.K.)
- Elsevier (India)
- Oxford University Press (India)
- Bank of Ceylon
- DFCC Bank
- Sampath Bank
- Uni Levers, Colombo

Annex 01

New members joined during 2006/2007

Associates

Bandara, L.P.Ratnasiri (Mr.)
De Silva, J.S.Pradeepika (Ms.)
Hemakumara, Priyadarshani (Ms.)
Herath, I.H.M.Sumithra (Ms.)
Karunaratne, N.A.Himali.K. (Ms.)
Peiris, H.R.Subadra(Ms.)
Senerath, Wasantha C.H. (Ms.)

Non-Corporate

Alahakoon, C.N.K.(Ms.)
Amara, C.P. (Ms.)
Arachchige, J.J.G. (Mr.)
Asahim, S.M. (Mr.)
Bandara, G.R.P.G. (Ms.)
Bandara, S.D. (Ms.)
Bandaranayake, N.W.D.(Ms.)
Dilroshan, D.L.C. (Mr.)
Fernando, R.S.M. (Ms.)
Harshani, K.R.N (Ms.)
Illangaratne, S.K.(Mr.)
Jayamanne, N.S. (Ms.)
Jayatissa, G.S.P. (Mr.)
Karunanayake, K.M.W.K.(Ms.)
Kolonne, B.A.I. (Ms.)
Maheswaran, R. (Mr.)
Morawake, S. (Ms.)
Piyaseeli, P.D. (Ms.)
Ranasinghe, R.A.S.J. (Ms.)
Rashad, F.M. (Mr.)
Rumaiz, M. (Mr.)
Seneviratne, A.K. (Mr.)
Silva, P.P.C.S (Ms.)
Udumalagala, Y.S (Ms.)
Vaz, R.B.(Mr.)
Yapa, Chamari (Ms.)

Annex 02

Committees	
Office Management and Finance	Mr. Anton D. Nallathamby
<i>Convener</i>	
<i>Members</i>	Ms. Mahesika de Silva Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya Ms. Premila Gamage Ms. Harshani Dissanayake
Education	Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe
<i>Convener</i>	
<i>Members</i>	Mr. W. Sunil Ms. Dilmani Warnasriya Ms. Deepali Talagala Mr. N.U.Yapa Ms. Premila Gamage Dr. (Ms) Indra Ranasinghe Ms. Chitra Abeygunasekera Mr. G.M.P.B.Gallaba
<i>Centre coordinators</i>	
<i>Kandy</i>	Ms. I.G. Chitraseeli
<i>Galle</i>	Ms. U.G.M.P. Kariyawasam
<i>Batticaloa</i>	Ms T Arulnandy
<i>Jaffna</i>	Mrs. R Pararajasingham
<i>Distance programme</i>	Mr. S. Gunatillake
<i>DEPP Coordinator</i>	Ms. Deepali Talagala
<i>Advisor to the Education Committee</i>	Ms. Nanda P. Wanasundera
Continuing Professional Development	Dr.Ms. Wathmanel Seneviratne
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<i>Members</i>	Prof. Russel Bowden Mr. Piyadasa Ranasinghe Ms. Deepali Talagala Ms. Ruvini Kodikara Ms. Kamalika Pieris Ms. C.M. Abeygunasekera Ms. B.Y. Jayasinghe Ms. Geetha David Ms. R.C. Kusumanjali Ms. Kumari Kulatunge Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam Ms. N.A.H.K. Karunaratne Ms. I.W.D. Rabukwella
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	Mr. Piyadasa Ranasinghe Mr. C Kuruppu Ms. P. Hemakumara

	Ms. H.D.D.M. Amarasinghe Mr. R.P.R.N.Premaratne
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	Ms. Kamalika Pieris Ms. M.S.J.Kumarasinghe Ms. R.C. Kusumanjali Ms. Tamara Abeygunaratne Mr. I.W.D. Rambukwella Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen Mr. H.R.K. Jayawardene Ms. I.S Perera

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<i>Members</i>	Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya Ms. Premila Gamage Ms. Deepali Talagala Mr. Anton nallathamby Mr. L.R. Amarakoon Ms. Geetha David
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<i>Conveners</i>	Ms. Deepali Talagala
<i>Members</i>	Mr. Upali amarasiri Mr. Piyadasa Ranasinghe Prof. J. Lankage Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba Mr. C. Kuruppu Ms. D. Warnasuriya Mr. N.U. Yapa
Associateship	
<i>Conveners</i>	Ms. Mahesika de Silva
<i>Members</i>	Mr. P. Ranasinghe Ms. Shevanthi Weerasinghe

<i>DEPP Project</i>	
<i>Conveners</i>	Ms. Deepali Talagala
<i>Members</i>	Ms. Mahesika de Silva Mr. N.U. Yapa Ms. Shevanthi Weerasinghe Mr. K.G.S. Gunathillake



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- Abeyratne, T.K. (Ms.)
- ~~Amarasinghe, N (Mr.)~~
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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 2007 and the related statements of financial activities and cash flow statement for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with the Sri Lanka Auditing Standards.

We were not provided with any documentary evidences relating to the ownership of the leasehold building.

In our opinion, except for any adjustments or disclosures which may be required in the financial statements due to the matters referred to in the preceding 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 statement of financial activities and cash flow statement 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 2007, and its excess of income over expenditure for the year then ended.



SJMS ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants.
Colombo.

14th June 2007

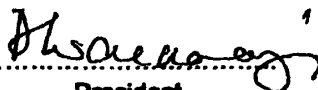
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**SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007**

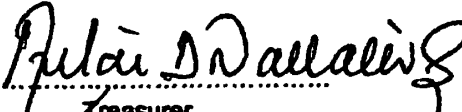
INCOME	Note	2006/2007 Rs:	2005/2006 Rs:
Membership Registration and Subscription fees		176,050.00	147,400.00
Course fees and Examination fees	3	2,683,281.00	3,259,250.00
Income on Workshop	4	2,264,534.88	207,368.00
Registration Fees		81,900.00	127,800.00
Project Income	5	<u>1,358,247.42</u>	<u>1,971,788.00</u>
		6,564,013.30	5,713,606.00
Less: Direct Expenses	6	(2,607,535.25)	(1,079,330.00)
Less: Project Expenses	7	<u>(1,358,247.42)</u>	<u>(2,007,925.00)</u>
		2,598,230.63	2,626,351.00
Other Income	8	<u>823,364.80</u>	<u>722,101.00</u>
		3,421,595.43	3,348,452.00
Addministrative Expenses	9	<u>(3,025,053.93)</u>	<u>(2,635,145.00)</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>396,541.50</u>	<u>713,307.00</u>

**SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2007**

ASSETS	Notes	31.03.2007 Rs:	31.03.2008 Rs:
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property Plant and Equipment	10	1,669,188.07	1,588,547.00
Investments	11	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
		<u>1,670,188.07</u>	<u>1,589,547.00</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Accounts Receivable	12	268,200.53	248,207.00
Advance Paid	13	21,802.08	10,000.00
Cash and Bank balances	14	<u>13,340,365.46</u>	<u>10,276,596.00</u>
		<u>13,630,368.07</u>	<u>10,534,802.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>15,300,556.14</u>	<u>12,124,349.00</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accumulated Fund	15	11,161,834.13	10,765,293.00
RESERVES			
Building Fund	16	29,850.98	29,851.00
Library Rebuilding Fund	17	3,270,471.80	815,141.00
Distance Education Partnership Programme Fund	18	274,143.05	0
Education officers fund	19	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>3,592,485.83</u>	<u>844,992.00</u>
DEFERRED LIABILITIES			
Provision for Gratuity	20	<u>480,454.57</u>	<u>443,347.08</u>
		<u>15,234,754.53</u>	<u>12,053,632.00</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	21	<u>65,801.61</u>	<u>70,717.00</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		<u>15,300,556.14</u>	<u>12,124,349.00</u>



 President
 Date: 15/6/07



 Treasurer
 Date: June 15, 07