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Preface

The Annual Report 2007/2008 covers the activities carried out by the Sri Lanka Library Association for the period starting from June 29 th, 2007, the day the 47th Annual General Meeting was held last year and the new Office bearers appointed, to the year ending on June 25, 2008.

This year has been yet another busy year for the SLLA, with the educational programmes, seminars and workshops and other professional activities being carried out as usual. Fulfilling a long felt need, the Association was able to acquire a land on lease, at Depanama, Pannipitiya, to house its education and training activities. Land and Buildings Committee was appointed by the Council to deal with the matters pertaining to the acquisition of the land and the construction of a suitable building. A Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Library Association (Amendment) Act No. 07 of 2004, was also presented to the Parliament during this year. We also have completed the ground work to hold a series of workshops in 2009 to train the Library Association leaders and professionals in the country in library advocacy and policy development, with the financial support from the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions under the IFLA/ALP Project No: 610.

Irrespective of the efforts taken by the President/SLLA and the Government Librarians' Group, the approval of the new Government Librarians' Service Minute is still pending. The SLLA is working in close co-operation with the NLDSB, the Ministry of Public Administration and the Salaries and Cadre Commission on this issue.

The members of the Council, Executive Committee, various groups and committees and the office staff did their best to make all the activities of the SLLA a success. Being the sole professional body devoted to Library and Information Science, the SLLA always supports the development of the profession. We encourage the participation of the entire membership of the Association in all its activities.

01. Membership

The membership of the SLLA as at June 10, 2008 was 372. This includes 238 Corporate members and 134 Non-Corporate members. At the time this report was going to the print, 15 applications for Associateship were approved by the Council and they are expected to receive their Associateship award at the forthcoming 48th AGM.

35 Non-corporate members were enrolled during 2007/2008. There were no applications for Fellowship this year.

The list of non-corporate members enrolled this year and the list of members eligible for Associateship is given in **Annex 01**.

02. Council

The elected as well as the nominated members of the Council for 2007/2008 is as follows:

President	:	Prof. P. Ranasinghe
President Elect	:	Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba
General Secretary	:	Ms. C. Dushyanthi Daniel
Vice President	:	Mr. J.A. Amaraweera
Immediate Past President	:	Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya
Education Officer	:	Ms. S.C. Weerasinghe
Treasurer	:	Mr. Anton D. Nallathamby
Publication Officer	:	Ms. G.M. de Silva
Asst.-Secretary	:	Ms. Padma Bandaranayake
Asst. Education Officer	:	Ms. S. Dharmaratne
Publicity and Public Relations Officer	:	Mr. J. Rathnayake

Representatives – Groups :

Academic libraries	:	Mr. G.R. Padmasiri
Government libraries	:	Ms. D.I.D. Andradi
LIS Research	:	Ms. Harshani Dissanayake
National and provincial libraries	:	Mr. W.S. Punyawardana
Non-governmental libraries	:	Ms. Deepali Talagala
Public libraries	:	Ms. L.P Karunawathi
School and edu.Institute libraries	:	Ms. G.S.M.David
Special libraries	:	Mr. R.D. Ananda Tissa

Nominated members : Prof. J. Lankage and Mr. M.S.U. Amarasiri

The Council had seven meetings during the period 2007/2008

03. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee nominated by the Council, comprised of the following members:

President	:	Prof. P. Ranasinghe
President Elect	:	Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba
General Secretary	:	Ms. Dushyanthi Daniel
Vice President	:	Mr. J.A. Amaraweera
Immediate Past President	:	Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya
Education Officer	:	Ms. S.C. Weerasinghe
Treasurer	:	Mr. Anton D. Nallathamby
Publication Officer	:	Ms. G.M. de Silva
Asst. Secretary	:	Ms. Padma Bandaranayake
Asst. Education Officer	:	Ms. S. Dhamaratne
Publicity and Public Relations Officer	:	Mr. J. Rathnayake

Nominated members : Prof. J. Lankage, Dr. Wathmanel Seneviratne and Mr. M.S.U. Amarasiri

The Executive Committee had six meetings during the period 2007/2008

04. Committees

At the first Council, 14 Committees were appointed. Two special Sub-Committees namely the Grievances Committee and the Task Force for Empowering Librarianship were appointed under the direction of the President/SLLA. 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 through this year too successfully with the co-operation of the Education Committee, Centre and Programme Co-ordinators, lecturers and the SLLA office staff. Indeed, this year too, the Educational programmes had been the main source of income earner. The Council wishes to thank the Education Officer for her untiring efforts in the organization of the educational programmes successfully.

A full list of the name of the lecturers is given in **Annex 03**.

05.01.01 Diploma in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS) Courses, Seminars and Examinations

The title of the Diploma Course in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS) was changed as follows and will be effective from 2008:

Former title	Present title
DIPLIS Level 1	No change
DIPLIS Level 11-Part 1	DIPLIS Level 11
DIPLIS Level 11-Part 11	DIPLIS Level 111

Seminars

A total number of 06 Revision and Lecturers' seminars were held at the Public Library during the period. These seminars had a good and interactive participation from both the students and lecturers.

August 19, 2007	–	Revision seminar for Level 1 2007
November 17, 2007	-	Seminar for Essay writing
December 8, 2007	-	Lecturers' meeting
December 15, 2007	-	Seminar for compiling of Bibliography
February 24, 2008	–	Revision seminar for Level 11/Part1
March 15, 2008	–	Revision seminar for Level 11/Part11

Examinations

Examination	Dates Held	Medium	Center	No. of Candidates	No. of Successful Candidates
Level 1 2006/2007	15-16 th September 2007	Sinhala	Colombo	121	87
		Tamil	Kandy , Galle		
		English			
		Sinhala	Distance	27	11
Level 11/Part 11 2006 Repeat	21-22 July 2007	Tamil	Batticaloa	19	10
		Tamil	Jaffna	16	08
			(Repeaters)		
		Sinhala, Tamil and English	Colombo	19	12

Level 11 Part 1 2006 - Repeat	27 th -28 th October and 4 th September, 2007	New Syllabus	Colombo	30	09
		Old syllabus	Colombo	03	01
		Old Syllabus	Batticaloa	05	03
Level 11 Part 1 2007/2008	08,09 and 15 th March 2008	Sinhala Tamil English (Including Repeaters)	Colombo, Kandy and Galle	56	13
		Sinhala Tamil	Distance Batticaloa	08 18	- 06
		Tamil	Jaffna	28	09
Level 1 (2006/2007) Repeat	29 th & 30 th March 2008	Sinhala Tamil English	Colombo Kandy and Galle	50	Results to be released by 10 th June
		Tamil Tamil	Batticaloa Jaffna	12 6	
Level 11/Part 11 2007/2008	29 th & 30 th March 2008	Sinhala Tamil English (Including Repeaters)	Colombo	40	Results to be released by 10 th June
		Tamil	Batticaloa	14	

Examinations for the candidates from Kandy, Galle and Colombo Centers were held in Colombo and examinations for Batticaloa and Jaffna Centers were held in the respective areas.

DIPLIS Student Entrants/Enrollments

New Student Entrants for the Level 1 Course 2008

There were 206 new entrants for the DIPLIS course for 2008

Centre	Medium	No.
Colombo	Sinhala	40
	Tamil	11
	English	05

Galle	Sinhala	11
Kandy	Sinhala	35
Distance	Sinhala	39
Online (DEPP)	English	15
Batticaloa	Tamil	20
Jaffna	Tamil	35
Total		206

As the number of students for English medium classes in Colombo Centre was not sufficient to hold classes, they were absorbed to the Online Course.

Inauguration of the DIPLIS Level 1 Course for 2008

The inauguration of the above course was held at the Technical College, on the 23rd of February 2008. The President Elect, The Education Officer, and other lecturers participated at the inaugural ceremony.

Level 11/Part 11 Course

The Course will be commenced on June 22, 2008 with 95 students enrolled.

Centre	Medium	No.
Colombo	Sinhala	24
	Tamil	09
Galle	Sinhala	16
Kandy	Sinhala	16
Distance	Sinhala	15
Batticaloa	Tamil	15
Total		95

There were only 04 applicants for the English Medium and as the number is not sufficient to hold classes they were absorbed into Sinhala and Tamil Classes.

Course Fees

Course fees and Examination fees were increased by 33% from 2008.

Practical Training

Practical training sessions for DIPLIS Level 1 students are to be arranged at the following Libraries and Information Centres in August 2008.

Colombo –

American Center
National Library & Documentation Services Board
Industrial Technology Institute
Public Library
University of Colombo
University of Sri Jayawardenapura

Jaffna -

University of Jaffna

Galle –

Public Library
University of Ruhuna

Kandy -

University of Peradeniya

Batticaloa –

South Eastern University
Eastern University

05.01.02 Distance Education Programme: on DIPLIS (DEP/DIPLIS)

Co-ordinator: Mr. K G S Gunatilleke

1. Level 1 Course and workshops

The Level 1 Course commenced in September 2006 and continued till September 2007. Three workshops were held for these students in February, May and August 2007 respectively.

Resource Panel consisted of Mr. N U Yapa ,Ms. T K Abeygunaratne, Ms. Soma de Silva and Ms. Swarna Jayatilleke

2. Level II Part 1 Courses and workshops

The 2007 course was commenced on May 27, 2007 with 20 students. Four workshops and a revision seminar were organized from Sep. 8-9, 2007, Oct. 20 – 21, 2007, Dec. 8-9, 2007 and Jan. 26-27, 2008 for these students.

Resource Panel consisted of Mr. N. U Yapa, Ms. D Talagala, Mr. W Sunil, Ms. J. Weeratunge, Mr. J Weerawardene, Ms C Abeygunasekera, Ms. Soma de Silva, Ms. I. G Chitraseeli, Ms.Pathma Bandaranayake, Mr. L.Kumarasiri, Ms. S .Abeyratne, Ms. K. Kulatunge, Ms. P Balasooriya, Ms. S. Kariyawasam and Ms. K.Ratnasekara.

05.01.03 Distance Education Partnership Programme (DEPP):

Coordinator Ms. Deepali Talagala

The Online DIPLIS Course commenced in February 2008, and the members of the Committee participated at several meetings, held under the Distance Education Modernization Programme by the Ministry of Education.

05.01.04 COLA 2007-2008:

Coordinator Ms. Priyadharshini Hemakumara

The Course commenced in June 2007 and 19 students were registered.
Examinations were held as follows:

Part 1 : April 05, 2008 and Part 11 : April 29, 2008

17 students sat for the written exam and 8 students were successful in the exam. 5 students passed the repeat exam. 9 students submitted their project report and 8 of them have done the presentations.

05.01.05 Awards

Level 1 Awards for 2006/2007

S.C. Blok Memorial Award

Colombo Sinhala H.R. Thushantha

English K.H.T.Abeysekera

Galle Sinhala C.S. Udukumbura

Kandy Sinhala W.W.R.W.M.U.P.M. Weerasooriya

There are no recipients for the Tamil Medium

A.L. Pethiyagoda Award

Kandy I.M. Pinnaduwege

Level 2 Part I Awards for 2006/2007

Kandy Sinhala R.M.I.T. Ratnayaka

Clodagh Nethsinghe Memorial Award for the best student of the COLA Course:

Ms. U.D. Hiruni Kanchana

05.02 Professional Development Programmes

05.02.01 Workshops on "Current Awareness Products and Services"

Dr Wathmanel Seneviratne, Convenor of the Continuing Professional Development Group, organized two workshops on Current Awareness Products and Services. All categories of staff in libraries, Information Centres and relevant services who were

interested in producing Current Awareness Products and other information products for Information awareness, information dissemination and marketing and publicizing information services were targeted for these workshops.

The first workshop was held from Jan. 30 – Feb. 1, 2008 at the Open University of Sri Lanka and 35 participants attended this workshop. The second workshop was held from April 2 – 4, 2008 at the SLLA Auditorium and 17 participants attended this workshop.

05.02.02 Seminar on "Library and Information Science Research: Challenges and opportunities"

Ms. Harshani Dissanayake, Convenor of LIS Research Group organized a one-day seminar on "LIS Research : challenges and opportunities". It was held at the SLLA Auditorium on May 9, 2008. The Resource Persons were Mr. W.A. Weerasooriya, Ms. S. Dharmaratne, Mr. Chaminda Jayasundara and Ms. Deepali Talagala. Nine members participated at this seminar. Topics related to LIS research were discussed at the seminar.

05.02.03 Workshop on "Public Relations for Librarians /Information Leaders"

Mr. R. A. D. Ananda Tissa, Convenor of the Social Affairs Committee organized a two day residential workshop in collaboration with the National Institute of Technical Education of Sri Lanka. It was held from June 6-7, 2008 at the National Institute of Technical Education of Sri Lanka, Ratmalana. Leadership qualities, team building, Communication skills for public relations, Platform skills and Group Dynamics were some of the topics of interest discussed at the workshop. The workshop was well attended with over 75 participants from all levels. Both top as well as middle level librarians enjoyed the workshop alike and the demand and response for this workshop was so high that it was decided to organize similar workshops in the future too with the collaboration of NITESL. Mr. K.A.H. Kalugampitiya, Director General of the NITESL was very supportive and extended his co-operation for the future workshops too.

05.02.04 Workshop on Database publishing using GenISIS

Ms. Deepali Talagala, Convenor of the Non-Governmental Libraries Group organized two workshops on creating Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) using GenISIS on June 6, 10-11, 2008 and June 12-13, 2008 respectively. The workshop was aimed at training and educating library professionals on publishing bibliographic databases on the web. The workshop contents included the installation of GenISIS, creation of a web catalogue and uploading WinISIS database on the web.

05.02.05 International Relations Committee

Prof. Russell Bowden, Convenor of the International Relations Committee and its members reviewed the SLLA's presence in IFLA. It was noted that at present, SLLA is represented on the Governing Body by Ms. Premila Gamage and on the Standing Committees of the Sections for Library History, the Management of Library Association and Science and Technology Libraries (by 2 members). The committee agreed to recommend to Council that in 2009 the SLLA needed to ensure that another Sri Lankan be nominated for the election to the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania. The committee also noted the non-functioning of REFSALA (Regional Federation of Library Associations of South Asia) and agreed to recommend to Council that action should be taken with the Nepal Library Association to discover regarding the progress of REFSALA.

05.02.06 IFLA/Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) Grant

Towards the latter part of 2007, the SLLA submitted a project proposal to the IFLS ALP titled: "Workshop to train Library Association leaders and professionals in Sri Lanka in library advocacy and policy development" (ALP Project No: 610). This has been approved by the Standing Committee of the IFLA Regional Section of Asia and Oceania at its meeting held in New Delhi from February 12-13, 2008. The grant will be available in early 2009. Library professionals in the country will be very much benefited from this workshop.

05.03. Professional advancement

05.03.01 Service Minute of the Government Librarians

President of the SLLA and some members of the Government Librarians' Group met on several occasions to discuss the matters related to the above said Service Minute and also had discussions with officials of the Ministry of Public Administration. Much effort is continuously being taken by the SLLA to expedite the approval of the revised Service Minute. Once approved and implemented, not only the government librarians, but the entire library profession will be benefited by this.

05.03.02 Task Force for Empowering Librarianship

The Council recognized the need to empower the library professionals in the entire country. In achieving this goal, a number of activities are being organized as noted elsewhere in this report such as organizing workshops to train professionals,

formulating a Manifesto for the Public Library Service etc. and work in close cooperation with all stakeholders of the profession.

05.03.03 Manifesto for the Public Library Services in Sri Lanka

Three meetings were convened for the public librarians in the country, two meetings held at the University of Kelaniya and one held at the Colombo Public Library chaired by the President/SLLA. Lengthy discussions were made regarding formulating a Manifesto for the Public Library Services in Sri Lanka. It is also planned to organize a National Congress of the Public Librarians in Sri Lanka by August or September, with the participation of the University of Kelaniya, National Library and Documentation Services Board and the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences. The Manifesto is in draft stage.

05.03.04 Grievances Committee

The Council formed a special committee called "Grievances Committee" as per advice of the President. The main responsibility of this committee is to listen to the professional grievances of the librarians in their different work environment and report it to the Council so that proper action could be taken by the Council. The Committee will also collect data on the difficulties faced by librarians. At present, one such project is being carried out by Ms. Geetha David, the Convenor of the Committee to collect details from the school librarians.

05.04 National Reading Month activities

05.04.01 Seminars in three provinces

The SLLA in support of the National Reading Month National Project, organized special programmes in the out stations, namely in North Central, Wayamba and Uwa Provinces. In all three programmes the morning session was organized for school students and the afternoon session was for the librarians in the province.

In the North-Central Province the programme was held at the Kekirawa Public Library on September 28, 2007 with the fullest support of the Chairman and officers of the Provincial Council. Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba and Mr. Uditha Alahakoon conducted the seminar. The noteworthy outcome is that after these programmes, the Anuradhapura Provincial Council was willing to offer a centre for the SLLA to conduct DIPLIS programme.

In the Wayamba Province, in Puttalam, two seminars were held on October 23, 2007 in Sinhala and Tamil media. Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba, Mr. Uditha Alahakoon and Ms. D.G.A.S. Malkanthi were the resource persons. The Puttalam Municipal Council extended their support for this programme.

In the Uwa Province, the seminar was held on October 29, 2007 and the Uwa Provincial Library Services Board and the Badulla Public Library extended their support for this programme. Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba, Mr. H.M. Gunaratne Banda, Mr. Uditha Alahakoon and Mr. Nimal Sena served as resource persons.

05.04.02 Award for contribution to reading promotion and library development in Sri Lanka

The National Library and Documentation Services Board at the main ceremony of last year's National Reading Month Programme held on October 30, 2007 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, recognized some of the leading institutions working for the promotion of reading and for the general library development in the community. The SLLA was one of them and this is the first time SLLA has been recognized and awarded a trophy at a national ceremony. The presentation was by Hon. Prime Minister Mr. Ratnasiri Wickramanayake.

05.04.03 Rupavahini Programme on Reading Promotion

Information and Public Relations Committee Convenor, Mr. J. Rathnayake participated at a live Rupavahini T.V. programme "Sende Nimnaya" on October 27, 2007 and discussed about the importance of reading in relation to the development of the society".

05.05. Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation) Act

The draft prepared for the new Act and translated into all three languages by the SLLA Act Amendment Committee was presented to the Parliament by Mr. S.K. Subasinghe, M.P. for Polonnaruwa District, on January 09, 2008. The Bill too has been printed and it has been referred to the Ministry of Education now for a report on that by the Minister of Education.

The list of Chartered Librarians was published in the Ceylon Daily News on June 09, 2008 according to the Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation) (Amendment) Act No. 7 of 2004.

05.06. National Conference on Library and Information Studies (NACLIS) 2008

This year too the annual conference of the SLLA, the National Conference on Library and Information Studies (NACLIS) 2008 was organized as a separate event and it will be held on June 24, 2008 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute. Mr. Renton de Alwis, Chairman of the Sri Lanka Tourist Board will be the Chief Guest. Ten papers will be presented at the Conference. Over 50 participants are expected

to attend this conference which serves as a forum for the library professionals in the country to express and exchange their professional expertise.

This year's theme for the conference is "Towards an Information Society through borderless libraries".

At the time this report was going to the print, the Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT), Bank of Ceylon, Development Finance Corporation of Ceylon (DFCC), Sri Lanka Telecom, Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology and Sampath Bank have confirmed their sponsorship for this event.

05.07. Tsunami Project of SLLA

Five libraries namely the Kosgoda Public Library, Vidyaloka School library and the Sudharma Junior library in the Southern Province and the Batticaloa Public Library and Thambiluvil School library are developed under the Tsunami Library Project of the SLLA. Except for the Sudharma Junior Library, all other libraries were opened earlier.

The Junior Library of the Sudharma Vidyalaya in Galle, was opened on July 12, 2007 with the participation of the Zonal Educational Office in Galle, members of the Tsunami Committee of the SLLA and school and public librarians in the Galle Town area and the primary staff of Sudharma Vidyalaya. Zonal Director of Education was the Chief Guest. All these libraries are furnished with attractive and colorful furniture and are supplied with computers. Assistance for this junior library was extended by the Cambridge Library Group.

The Tsunami Committee Co-Convenors Ms. Dolita Andradi and Ms. Swarna Jayathilake with some other members went on an inspection tour to the libraries in the Southern Province, and hope to visit the libraries in the Eastern Province when situation permits.

A live Radio Programme for the Andaragasyaya School also was organized for the students, librarian and teachers of the Andaragasyaya School with the help of Kothmale Community Radio Centre.

Through the involvement of Ms. Premila Gamage, a huge amount of books were received from the U.K. to be distributed among the Tsunami affected libraries. Part of these books has already been distributed and the rest will be distributed in the near future.

05.08. Job Bank

This year too there were requests from different institutions for suitable applications for vacancies in their libraries. The SLLA had around 25 applications in hand, and

appropriate applications were forwarded to these institutions. 4 International Schools, 1 Bank, 2 private organizations and 1 NGO were among those who contacted SLLA for suitable applicants.

06. Land for SLLA

As per request of the SLLA few years back, the Urban Development Authority has offered a land in Depanama, Pannipitiya. This land is offered for 30 year lease with the possibility of extending the lease after 30 years. Every 5 years, the value will increase by 0.5%. The Council appointed a special committee to look into the SLLA land matter and the building to be constructed there. Members of this committee visited the site and also met the officials of the UDA. On the recommendation of the Committee the Council decided to pay the Annual Lease rental, valuation fee and the legal and stamp fee. Upon payment of these, the SLLA has now received the deed. The Deed Number is 1373 dated February 11, 2008 and it has been attested by Notary Public Ms. Sunethra Jayamaha.

The Buildings Committee then gathered information regarding the cost of preparing the architectural design for the building to be constructed. Quotation has been received from the National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka offering their architectural consultancy for the designing of the building and other related work.

07. Publications and Publicity

07.01 SLLA Newsletter and the Sri Lanka Library Review Journal

The Publications Committee published four issues of the SLLA Newsletter during this period. The fourth issue of the Newsletter and the Sri Lanka Library Review Volume 22 will be circulated at the AGM on June 25, 2008.

07.02 SLLA Website

The SLLA Website was maintained and updated regularly this year too. The Information and Public Relations Committee which is responsible for the website, modified the website to give it a new face-lift. Mr. Chaminda Himesh de Silva was employed to maintain and update the website and routine work such as formatting the computers in the Computer Lab and re-installing necessary software too were done. The Membership database was updated and this can now be accessed through the SLLA website.

08. Representations at Governing Boards of other Institutes

The President represented the SLLA at the Governing bodies of the National Library and Documentation Services Board, the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences and the Central Province Library Services Board. President Prof. P. Ranasinghe and President Elect Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba represented SLLA as forum members of the OPA. Council member Prof. J. Lankage represented SLLA at the Executive Council of the OPA.

09. Felicitations

At the 73 rd World Library and Information Congress and General Council held in August 2007, in Durban, South Africa, Ms. Premila Gamage was elected to the Governing Body of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). It brings honour and pride to the whole library profession in the country, as she is the first Sri Lankan to be elected for such a post. She is also the Chairperson of the Regional Standing Committee of Asia and Oceania (RASCO) and a member of the Division of Regional Activities of RASCO. In 2005, the SLLA Council appointed Ms. Premila Gamage as its representative to the RASCO for a period of four years, which opportunity she utilized with her professionalism to rise to this position. The SLLA joined hands with the NLDSB and NILIS on September 16, 2008 to felicitate her on her success.

The SLLA also joined the NLDSB to felicitate Mr. M.S.U. Amarasiri, the first Director General of the National Library and Documentation Services Board and the National Library and Documentation Centre on his retirement after 31 years of dedicated service, on February 22, 2008. It was during his tenure that the National Library was opened to the public in April 1990.

The Council has great pleasure in announcing to the membership, that Mr. Piyadas Ranasinghe, President of the SLLA was awarded the Professorship in Library and Information Science, by the University of Kelaniya. Thus he becomes the first Professor of LIS in Sri Lanka. Prof. P. Ranasinghe is the Head of the Department of Library and Information Studies, University of Kelaniya, the President of the SLLA for 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 and the Director of the Gampaha Wickramaarachchi Ayurvedic Institute.

10. Financial Report 2007/2008

The year under review recorded an income of Rupees 1,433,344.00 compared with that of Rupees 396,541.00 for the previous year. The main reason for the increase is due to the increase in income from course fees and examination fees. But it should be noted that the course fee for 2007 and 2008 on Level Two Part 1 have been accounted as income during the year under review since there was a delay in

commencing Level 2 Part 1 last year. The course fee for Level Two Part 1 -2007 was Rupees 821,832.00 and for 2008 Rupees 829,000.00. The course fee charged from students was also increased by 33 % and the Level 1 course was also commenced again in Jaffna which brought in some additional income to the Association.

The income from workshops reduced from Rupees 2, 264,535.00 to Rupees 336,400.00 since there were less workshops held during the year under review.

The interest income from Fixed Deposits amounted to Rupees 885,912.00 compared to that of Rupees 635,801/= in previous year. An amount of Rupees 2.5 Million was transferred from Savings account to Fixed Deposits during the year under review.

The administration expenses for the year was Rupees 3,471,044.00 compared to Rupees 3,025,054.00 for the previous year. The significant increases are in Electricity and Municipal rates which are due to the Government increases. An amount of Rupees 97,300.00 was paid as valuation and legal fee for the land purchased in Pannipitiya.

The cash and Bank balance of the Association (Excluding Tsunami account and DEPP account) amounts to Rupees 11,199,523.00 compared to that of Rupees 9,795,750.00 in the previous year. Therefore, the SLLA has not generated any additional funds during the year under review and its final income is only from the Savings and Fixed deposits interest.

Auditors report for the year 2007/2008 is given in **Annex 04**.

11. SLLA Office Staff

The SLLA Office staff remains the same as last year:

Ms. V.S.N.de Alwis is the Administrative Secretary and Ms. E.M. de Silva is the Accounts Assistant. Ms. K. Morawaka and Ms. T. Ranasinghe are the Office Assistants and Ms. J.S.P. de Silva is the Office Assistant cum Library Assistant. Mr. U. Perera is the Office Aid. This year too the Office staff was paid an incentive in April 2008, equivalent to their basic salary in appreciation of their dedicated service to the SLLA activities.

12. Bereavements

It is with deep regret we announce the passing away of one of our pioneer members namely Ms. Margaret Gooneratne, former American Centre Librarian who had toiled much to see librarianship established and developed in our country.

We are also sorry to announce the tragic death of one of our final year students Ms. Heshini Witharana, who was employed at the Colombo International School library.

13. Acknowledgement

Clodagh Nethsingha Mc

The Council expresses its gratitude to

DIPILIS Level II Part 2
Award for best achievement

- All members of the Association who rendered their fullest support and co-operation towards the betterment of the profession and towards all the activities organized by the Association
- All outgoing Office bearers of SLLA for their dedicated service
- Members of the Groups and Committees for their support and assistance
- SLLA Office staff for their service rendered
- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- IFLA/RSCAO
- IFLA/ALP
- UNESCO National Commission for Sri Lanka
- Chairman and Director General of the National Library and Documentation Services Board
- Asia Pacific Institute for Information Technology
- Bank of Ceylon
- Development Finance Corporation of Ceylon
- Sri Lanka Telecom
- Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology
- Sampath Bank
- Distance Education Modernisation Project of the Ministry of Education
- Asia Foundation
- Organization of Professional Associations
- Godage Book Emporium
- Expographic Books (Pvt) Ltd
- National Institute of Library & Information Studies
- Sarvodaya Vishvalekha (Pvt) Ltd.
- Mr Pradeep Hemachandra
- Mr Nandasin Ponnamperuma
- Sadeepa Bookshop
- Civil Society Network on Information Sharing

We regret any omissions which may have occurred inadvertently.

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

Annex 01 List of newly enrolled Non-corporate and Associate members

Sinhala medium - 33%
Tamil medium - 84%

Students Passed

Non-Corporate Members

Mr. S.L.S. Ahamed		05.01.05.01.05.02 DIPLIS Level II Part 2 April 2007	Ms. G.R.T.K. Gamlath		05.01.05.01.05.02 DIPLIS Level II Part 2 April 2007
Ms. A.N.M. Aravindhan			Ms. W.K.H. Jayani		
Ms. H.D.S. Deepika			Ms. H.D.P. Jayawera	Batticaloa	
Ms. S.A.H. Fernando			Ms. W.A.S. Kanthi	Jaffna	17
Ms. M.S. Gomes			Mr. J.A. Lal	Colombo	38
Ms. O.D. Hapuarachchi			Ms. M.L.W. Peiris	Centre Total	06
Ms. R.D.P.R. Jayasinghe	07		Ms. P.A.N.R. Perera		
Mr. O. Jinadasa			Ms. W.N.C. Pushpanathan		05.01.05.01.05.02 DIPLIS Level II Part 2 April 2006
Ms. G.B.W. Lakshmi	06		Ms. B.A.R. Rathnakanthi		
Mr. A.J.M. Nowzad			Ms. K.N. Samanthy	Jaffna	17
Ms. M.J.P. Perera			Ms. S.A.D.H.N. Suraweera	Batticaloa	07
Ms. N.T.P.G.N. Priyadarshani			Ms. S. Umayal	Kandy	20
Ms. W.N. Rasanjali			Ms. W.M.V.P. Weerasinghe	Colombo	08
Ms. H.S.J. Rodrigo			Centre Total Passed Referred		
Mr. R.D. Samarasinghe	07				
Ms. H.P.S.P. Tennakoon	05				
Ms. A.W.A.P.L. Wanigasooriya	08				
Ms. H.V.M.H. William					

05.01.05.02 DIPLIS Level II Part 1 April 2006

Associate members whose applications are approved by the Council and are expected to receive the Associateship Award at the USAGM

It was noted that 80% of the candidates from the Galle centre (At the time this report was going to the print, these applicants have been informed regarding the approval)

Distance	08		
Batticaloa	58		
Jaffna	37		
Galle	14	09	
Kandy	15		
Colombo	18		
Centre	49		
All 3 media	12		
Passed	03		
Referred	02		

05.01.05.01 DIPLIS Course 2006/2007 - Level 1

Mr. A.M.U.R.S. Amarakoon		
Ms. N.A.Y. de Silva		
Mr. J.J. Garusinghe Arachchige		
Mr. L.A.D.S. Gunawardene		
Mr. N.G. Janaka Lal		
Ms. B.A.I. Kollonne		
Ms. M.R. Prabodani		
Ms. I.M. Wijesundara		

05.01.05 Examinations

Annex 02 : List of Committees for 2007/2008

1. Office Management & Finance Committee

Convenor/Treasurer	Mr. Anton D. Nallathamby
Members	Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, President Ms. D. Daniel, General Secretary Mr. J.A. Amaraweera, Vice President Ms. D.M.P. Bandaranayake, Asst. Secretary

2. Education Committee

Convenor	Ms. S.C. Weerasinghe
Members	Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya Ms. Deepali Talagala Mr. N.U. Yapa Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba Ms. Shirani Dharmarathne Dr. Ms. Wathmanel Senevirathne Ms. Swarna Jayathilake Mr. Sugath Gunathilake Distance Coordinator Ms. Deepali Talagala DEPP Coordinator Ms.G.M.S.De Silva Ms.S.C.Weerasinghe Ms. U.G.M.P. Kariyawasam Ms. T. Arulnandhy Ms. I.G. Chithraseeli Ms. K. Chandrasekar
DEPP Committee	
Members	
Galle Centre Coordinator	
Batticaloa Centre Coordinator	
Kandy Centre Coordinator	
Jaffna Centre Coordinator	

3. Information & Public Relations Committee

Convener	Mr. J. Ratnayake
Members	Ms. Nanda Wanasundera Mr. Preethi Liyanage Ms. Pushpamala Perera Mr. R.D. Ananda Tissa Ms. Kaushalya Rathnasekera Ms. Malkanthi Amarasinghe Ms. Priyani Balasuriya

4. Continuing Professional Development Committee

Convenor	Ms. Wathmanel Seneviratne
Members	Ms. B.Y. Jayasinghe Prof. Russell Bowden Ms. Amara Nanayakkara Ms. Damayanthi Gunasekera Mr. T. Bastian

5. Information Technology Committee

Convenor
Members

Mr. J.A. Amaraweera
Ms. Deepali Talagala
Ms. Premila Gamage
Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara
Mr. J. Ratnayake
Mr. Jagath Weerawardena
Mr. N.U. Yapa
Mr. S.U. Amarasinghe
Ms. Malkanthi Amarasinghe
Mr. R.P.R.N. Premarathna.
Ms. C.M. Abeygunasekera

6. Publications & Publicity Committee

Convenor
Members

Ms. G.M. De Silva
Mr. N.U. Yapa
Ms. Deepali Talagala
Ms. K.Kamalambikai
Mr. Jagath Weerawardena
Mr. Sugath Gunathilake
Mr. S.K.K. Sirisena
Mr. K.P.G. Kumarasiri
Mr. Saman Dewagama
Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara

7. Social Affairs Committee

Convenor
Members

Mr. R.D. Ananda Tissa
Mr. N.U. Yapa
Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba
Mr. J.Ratnayake
Mr. G.R. Padmasiri
Mr. W.S. Punyawardena
Ms. D.I.D. Andradi
Ms. H.N.J. Fernando
Ms. Chandrika Dabare
Mr. Sugath Gunathilake
Ms. R.C. Kusumanjali

8. International Relations Committee

Convenor
Members

Prof. Russell Borden
Ms. Premila Gamage
Ms. Deepali Talagala
Mr. J. Ratnayake
Mr. Upali Amarasiri
Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe

9. NACLIS Committee

Convenor
Members

Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya
Ms. Premila Gamage
Dr. Ms. Wathmanel Senevirathne
Ms. Lilamani Amarasekera
Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe
Ms. G.M. De Silva
Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara
Mr. Anton D. Nallathamby

10. Tsunami Committee

Co-Convenors

Ms. D.I.D. Andradl
Ms. Swarna Jayathilake

Members

Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya
Ms. G.M. De Silva
Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara
Mr. Anton D. Nallathamby

11. SLLA Act Amendment Committee

Convenor
Members

Ms. D. Talagala
Mr. M.S.U. Amarasiri
Prof. J. Lankage
Prof. P. Ranasinghe
Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba
Mr. C. Kuruppu
Ms. D. Warnasuriya
Mr. N.U. Yapa

12. Fellowship Committee

Convenor
Members

Mr. N.U. Yapa
Mr. Upali Amarasiri
Ms. Ishvari Corea
Prof. Russell Borden
Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe

13. Associateship Committee

Convenor
Members

Ms. C. Dushyanthi Daniel
Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe
Ms. S.C. Weerasinghe

14. Task Force for Empowering Librarianship in Sri Lanka

Convenor	Prof. P. Ranasinghe/President
Members	Prof. J. Lankage Dr. Wathmanel Seneviratne Dr. E.D.T. Kularatne Ms. Ishvari Corea . Mr. J.A. Amaraweera Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba Director General/NLDSB Director/NILIS Representative from the Ministry of Public Administration

15. Grievances Committee

Convenor	Ms. Geetha David
Members	Ms. Dayani Rambukwela Mr. Anton Nallathamby Ms. D.I.D. Andradi Mr. Anura Weerakoon Ms. M.A.P.D. Bandara Mr. G. Ratnayake Ms. Rasika Prabodani Ms. Sashimali Morawaka Mr. H.M. Gunaratne Banda Mr. Sugath Gunathilake Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba

16. Land and Buildings Committee

Convenor	Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba
Members	Prof. P. Ranasinghe Prof. J. Lankage Ms. D. Talagala Ms. D. Warnasuriya Mr. Anton Nallathamby Mr. J.A. Amaraweera Mr. C. Kuruppu Ms. S.C. Weerasinghe Ms. Swarna Jayathilake Mr. N.U. Yapa Ms. P. Bandaranayake Ms. S. Dharmaratne

Annex 03: Panel of Lecturers 2007/2008

- Abeygunasekera, C. M. (Ms)**
Abeygunaratne, T.K.(Ms)
Abeyratne, S. (Ms)
Amarasinghe, S.U.(Mr)
Anandatissa, R.D. (Mr)
Arulananthan, S (Ms)
Arulnandhy, T (Ms)
Azwar, M.C.M. (Mr)
Balasuriya, P (Ms)
Bandaranayake, D.M.P. (Ms)
Chandramala, P.A.N. (Ms)
Chandrasekar, K (Ms)
Chitraseeli, I.G. (Ms)
De Silva, G.M. (Ms)
De Silva, Soma (Ms)
De S. Wijenayake, Nalini (Ms)
Dissanayake, Harshani (Ms)
Fernando, P.R. (Mr)
Gallaba, G.M.P.B. (Mr)
Gnanasekera, M.K.C. (Mr)
Gunasekera, D (Ms)
Guneratne Banda (Mr)
Hemakumara, P (Ms)
Illangaratne, S.K.(Mr)
Jayatilleke, Swarna (Ms)
Jayatissa, L.A. (Mr)
Jeyaraj, Theesan (Mr)
Kamalambikal, K (Ms)
Kanagasingham, V (Mr)
Kariyawasam, Sunethra (Ms)
Kariyawasam, U.G.M.P. (Ms)
Kennedy, B (Ms)
Konpola, Anula (Ms)
Kulatunge, K (Ms)
Kumarasiri, W.G.L. (Mr)
Liyanage, Preethi (Mr)
Logeswaran, (Mr).
Mashroofa, M.M. (Ms)
Mudannayake, I (Ms)
Murugathas, K (Ms)
Muwandeniya, S.K. (Ms)
Nanayakkara, Amara (Ms)
Pararajasingham, R (Ms)
Padmasiri, G.R. (Mr)
Perera, Nanda (Ms)
Pieris, H.N. (Mr)
Prabodhini, M.R. (Ms)
Punyawardana, W.S. (Mr)
Pushpamala, P.K. (Ms)
Ramanan, T (Mr)
Ranasinghe, W.M.T. (Mr)
Ranawella, T.C. (Ms)
Ratnasekera, W.A.J.K. (Ms)
Rathnayake, J (Mr)
Ravi, Deepthi (Ms)
Ravikumar, M.N. (Mr)
Rifaudeen, M.M. (Mr)
Samarasinghe, R.D. (Mr)
Shanmugasundaram, Y (Ms)
Sinnaraja, M. (Mr)
Sivanesachelvam, A (Mr)
Siyath Ahamed, S.L. (Mr)
Sridharan, T (Ms)
Sunil, W (Mr)
Suraweera, S (Ms)
Talagala, D (Ms)
Umashankar, L (Ms)
Visakaruban, M (Ms)
Wanasundara, N.P. (Ms)
Weerakoon, D (Mr)
Weeratunge, W.A.J. (Ms)
Weerawardene, J.S.K. (Mr)
Wijesekera, H.V.S. (Ms)
Wijeweera, K.G.G. (Mr)
Wimaralaratne, K.D.G. (Dr)
Yapa, N.U.(Mr)

INDEPENDENT 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 2008 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.

- 01) We were not provided with any documentary evidence relating to the ownership of the leasehold building.
- 02) The Association has acquired a land from Urban Development Authority for a period of 30 years. According to the lease agreement the Association would have the right to use the property for 30 years. The said leasehold property had been capitalized under property, plant and equipment.

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 paragraphs (1) and (2), 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 2008, and of its excess of income over expenditure for the year then ended.

SJMS Associates

SJMS ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants.
Colombo.

11th June 2008

T. Someswaran, P.E.A. Jayewickreme, M.B. Ismail, Ms. A. M. J. Patrick, M. Thiagarajan, T. Krishnakumar,
Ms. S.L. Jayasuriya, D.S.W. Andradil, G.J. David, Ms. F.M. Marikkar, Ms. M. S.J. Henry, Ms. A.U.M. Keppetipola

SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2008

	Note	31.03.2008 Rs.	31.03.2007 Rs.
Assets			
Non current assets			
Property, plant & equipment	9	2,544,733.34	1,669,188
Investments	10	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000</u>
		2,545,733.34	1,670,188
Current assets			
Accounts receivable	11	470,235.48	268,201
Advance and prepayments	12	384,906.25	21,802
Cash and bank balances	13	<u>13,167,178.04</u>	<u>13,340,365</u>
		14,022,319.77	13,630,368
Total assets		<u>16,568,053.11</u>	<u>15,300,556</u>
Equity and liabilities			
Non current liabilities			
Accumulated fund	14	12,595,177.80	11,161,834
Reserves			
Building fund	15	29,850.98	29,851
Library rebuilding fund	16	1,825,663.58	3,270,472
Distance education partnership			
Programme fund	17	141,991.50	274,143
Education officers fund	18	<u>42,000.00</u>	<u>18,000</u>
		14,634,683.86	14,754,299
Deferred liabilities			
Provision for Gratuity	19	<u>527,169.32</u>	<u>480,455.00</u>
		15,161,853.18	15,234,754
Long term liability			
Lease creditors	20.	1,260,000.00	0
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	21.	<u>146,199.93</u>	<u>65,802</u>
Total equity and liability		<u>16,568,053.11</u>	<u>15,300,556</u>

I certify that these financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

Ajith D. Allain
Treasurer

Date: 11th June 2008.

The executive committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements.

Signed for and on behalf of the Board.

Ramanathan
President

Amal
Secretary

Date: 11th June 2008.

Date: June 11, 2008

The accounting policies and notes from 01 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2008**

	Note	2007/2008 Rs.	2006/2007 Rs.
Income			
Membership fees		197,800.00	176,050
Registration fees		176,800.00	81,900
Course fees and examination fees	3	4,781,081.40	2,683,281
Net income on workshops	4	51,027.62	827,396
Net income from projects	5	0.00	0
Other Income	6	<u>1,333,770.52</u>	<u>823,365</u>
		6,540,479.54	4,591,992
Direct expenses	7	(1,636,090.05)	(1,170,397)
Administrative expenses	8	<u>(3,471,044.74)</u>	<u>(3,025,054)</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		<u><u>1,433,344.75</u></u>	<u><u>396,541</u></u>

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