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# SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL - 2011/2012



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## Absent -

Ms. Daya Rathnayake (Provincial Libraries Group), Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe (Immediate Past President), Ms. Yamuna Geeganagamage (School Libraries), Ms. Himali Karunaratne (Public Libraries)



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## 01. NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the fifty second (52<sup>nd</sup>) Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Library Association will be held on Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012 at 9.00 a.m. at the Auditorium, Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, No. 100, Independence Square, Colombo 7.

**Indranie Ponnamparuma**  
General Secretary

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Colombo 07  
19.04.2012 (C.D.N. Tuesday, April 24, 2012)



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## **02. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The year 2011/2012 of the SLLA can be considered as a relatively quiet period compared to the previous year, when we all were busy with activities of SLLA Golden Jubilee celebrations. Even during this quiet period, SLLA has carried out a substantial amount of projects and new initiatives as indicated in this annual report.

Educational activities traditionally top the list of SLLA achievements and this year too is no exception. I thank the energetic Education Officer, Ms Swarna Jayatillake and her team for the job well done. The Groups and Committees carried out a considerable number of projects including conducting seminars, workshops, surveys, promotional activities, publishing posters, the Newsletter, contacting the authorities on professional matters among others. I thank all the Committee/Group Coordinators who genuinely worked hard, and their respective Mentors.

From these achievements I wish to highlight a few outstanding projects performed during the year for the information of the SLLA general membership. Submitting the Pre Budget Proposals to the government was one such initiative. The SLLA proposals were submitted to the government in response to the request sent to the OPA by the Ministry of Finance. We sent a comprehensive set of proposals based on the improvement of LIS sector, and the SLLA President was invited to the Temple Trees to discuss the proposal with the other OPA representatives. Although our proposals were not included in the final budget proposal, this was a healthy trend to continue. SLLA, while working at the grass root level, must always try to contact the top management and policy makers in the country, whenever the opportunities are presented.

Opening of the postgraduate level educational opportunities for the well qualified SLLA members is another far-reaching initiative taken during the period. This step has been taken following the current trends in postgraduate education where more opportunities are provided for the senior practitioners in professional fields. As the universities in the country cannot absorb all those who qualified for higher education, government too is encouraging for alternate avenues for university and postgraduate level education. This will undoubtedly be a great opportunity to the SLLA Associates, and a welcome encouragement to the SLLA students and would be students. It will also enhance the professional status of the LIS profession and professionals.

Designing and preparing a special Academic Dress/Cloak for the SLLA members according to their professional status is another step taken for improving the professional stature of the SLLA and the LIS profession. This has been a long felt need and we are happy to achieve it during the year.

We are also proud to receive the first overseas study fellowships for the SLLA members during the period. The Indian authorities have agreed to provide this facility annually and SLLA should look for more similar opportunities for the benefit of its members in time to come.

During the year a special Memorial Oration was held in memory of one of the distinguished past Presidents and a devoted Education Officer of the SLLA, who rendered an immense contribution to the SLLA and to the LIS field in general, the late Mr N U Yapa. We hope this professional activity will be continued in the future too.

In order to encourage and assist the SLLA Committee/Group/Chairs/Coordinators who are new to the responsibility, we introduced a new unofficial position called Mentors. Senior, experienced SLLA members are appointed as Mentors for a cluster of Groups/Committees. It is too early to gauge the result, but indications are that it is a useful step in the right direction which produced a substantial result.

I thank the President-Elect, Secretary and all the Council/Exco members for the excellent support extended to me during the year. I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to all Group/Committee/Sub committee/Task Force members for their dedicated work. The Lecturers, Course Coordinators, Centre Coordinators and all the others who helped in the SLLA Education Programme deserve a special thanks. SLLA Office Staff provided an excellent support service and I thank the Administrative Secretary Ms Shanthi De Alwis and her team for that. Finally I thank the entire SLLA membership for their overwhelming enthusiasm and support extended to me as the President of SLLA during the past 3 year (nearly) period.

Thank You.

**Upali Amarasiri**  
President/SLLA

### **03. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

It is with great pleasure that I present this 52nd Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Library Association, covering the activities of the SLLA for the period 29th June, 2011 to 22nd June, 2012.

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) founded in 1960, is an institution incorporated by Law No. 20 of 1974 of the National State Assembly and amended by Act No. 7 of 2004. SLLA is also a founder and executive member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka, and also holds membership of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), Commonwealth Library Association (COMLA) and Regional Federation of South Asian Library Associations (REFSALA).

SLLA has had a fairly busy programme during the year 2011/2012. We have been involved in endeavouring to find solutions for problems faced by our members in their varied service fields. Most of these activities were a continuation of what our predecessors have progressively begun and worked on. We, as a group, have taken up the gauntlet and attempted to continue with activities thus entrusted and currently faced by us, taken decisions within our capacity with an awareness to the needs and requirements of our members, giving precedence to issues that required immediate and prompt attention.

I am happy to say that the period covering 29th June 2011 to 22nd June 2012 inclusive, most of our Committee Conveners and Group Representatives have shown a commendable, keen and acute interest and an awareness of their responsibilities by organizing activities and events during the term of their office which, in a way, is a tribute to their colleagues - the general membership - for nominating them for these offices at the last AGM. To assist them in their challenging task, the Council decided to appoint experienced senior LIS professionals as 'Mentors' on the recommendation of the President and each of them were assigned a number of Groups. This proved to be a quality managerial decision. When you read this annual report, you will be in a position to comprehend that the Council, Executive Committee, Committee and Group members have continued to function with great fraternal feeling.

It is with great pleasure that I record here that in addition to the usual practice of organizing an annual trip as a social event, SLLA members had the unique experience of participating in an activity undertaken by the Social Affairs Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012, with the assistance and



participation of many members and the office staff - to offer alms to thirty (30) resident Bhikkhus at the Siri Vajiragnana Dharmayatanaya, Maharagama - to commemorate the 2600<sup>th</sup> Sambuddhathva Jayanthi, with the foremost intention of transferring merit to the departed Past Presidents and Members, and to confer the Blessings of the Triple Gem on the Presidents and colleagues who still continue to offer their services in whatever capacity in the on-going activities for the progress of the SLLA.

Lastly, I am thankful to the Hony. President, the Council & the Executive Committee Members, the general membership - especially my colleagues - for the advice, cooperation and encouragement unreservedly extended to me in carrying out my duties as General Secretary for the period ending 22nd June 2012.

My sincere thanks is extended to the staff of the SLLA office for their hard work and continuous support given to me and the Council with camaraderie, during the tenure of my office, throughout this year.

Thank You.

Indranie Ponnampuruma  
General Secretary,  
Sri Lanka Library Association

#### **04. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The net income for the year is Rs. 3,936,549/= which is a 50% increase compared with the previous year.

The main reason for this is the increase of the income from course fees being revised from 01st January, 2012. A larger number of students enrolled for the courses conducted by the SLLA at a number of centres during the year.

There is an increase in interest income due to the multiple investments in Fixed Deposits & Savings Accounts and also due to the escalated interest rates.

The three (03) lease rentals paid to the Urban Development Authority (UDA) for the land at Pannipitiya, amounting to Rs. 135,000/=, has been written off in the current year as an expense.

The Fixed asset additions were only Rs. 73,681/= during the year.

The Direct / Administration expenses have increased by only 10% in the current year.

The cash & bank balances including the Fixed Deposits is Rs. 24,036,228 /= as at 31st March, 2012 (as against 31st March, 2011 being Rs. 19,648,719/=).

Anton Nallathamby  
Treasurer  
Sri Lanka Library Association

**05. THE COUNCIL - JUNE 2011/ JUNE 2012**

President	- Mr. Upali Amarasiri
Immediate Past President	- Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe
Immediate Past President	- Mr. G.M.P.B. Gallaba
President Elect	- Ms. D.I.D. Andradi
Vice President	- Mr. H.M. Gunarathne Banda
General Secretary	- Ms. Indranie Ponnampereuma
Treasurer	- Mr. Anton Nallathamby
Education Officer	- Ms. Swarna Jayatillake
Assistant General Secretary	- Ms. Kumari Wickramasinghe
Assistant Education Officer	- Ms. Priyani Balasooriya (29.06.2011 -28.10.2011)
	- Ms. Damayanthi Gunasekera (from 28.10.2011)
Publication Officer	- Ms. Sandhya Gunawardena
Information & Public Relations Officer	- Mr. K.P.G. Kumarasiri

<i>Nominated Members</i>	- Prof. Jayasiri Lankage
	- Prof. Russell Bowden

*Group Representatives*

Academic Libraries	- Mr. Lal Pannila (29.06.2011 - 25.11.2011)
	- Mr. G.R.Padmasiri (from 25.11.2011)
Government Libraries	- Ms. B.A.Indra Kolonne
LIS / NACLIS	- Dr. Ruwan Gamage
National Library	- Ms. Senani Bandara
NGO Libraries	- Mr. Sarath Nandakumara
Provincial National Libraries	- Ms. Daya Ratnayake
Public Libraries	- Ms. Himali Karunarathne
School Libraries	- Ms. Yamuna Unani Geeganagamage
Special Libraries	- Ms. Bhadra Jayasinghe

**06. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2011/2012**

The Executive Committee nominated by the Council comprised following members:

President	Mr Upali Amarasiri
Immediate Past President	Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe
Immediate Past President	Mr G.M.P.B. Gallaba
President Elect	Ms. D.I.D. Andradi
Vice President	Mr H.M. Gunarathne Banda
General Secretary	Ms. Indranie Ponnampereuma
Treasurer	Mr Anton Nallathamby
Education Officer	Ms. Swarna Jayatillake
Assistant General Secretary	Ms. Kumari Wickramasinghe
Assistant Education Officer	Ms. Priyani Balasooriya (29.06.2011 - 28.10.2011)
	Ms. Damayanthi Gunasekera (from 28.10.2011)
Publication Officer	Ms. Sandhya Gunawardena
Information & Public Relations Officer	Mr K.P.G. Kumarasiri
<i>Nominated Members</i>	Dr Ruwan Gamage
	Dr. (Ms.) Wathmanel Seneviratne

**07. MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the SLLA as at 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 is recorded as 448. Out of this 244 are Corporate Members and 204 Non-Corporate members. Further, there were twenty six (26) applications for Associateship presented and all were approved by the Council at its last meeting. There were two (02) applications for Fellowship approved. The selected candidates will be awarded Associateship and Fellowship respectively at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting.

The lists of Corporate and Non-Corporate Members enrolled during 2011/2012 and Fellowship are given in *Annexure 06*.

**08. MEETINGS**

During the current period from July, 2011 to June, 2012 nine (09) Council Meetings were held plus an additional Special Council Meeting.

The Executive Committee held five (05) Meetings.

The posts of Assistant Education Officer and Convenor, Academic Libraries Group, fell vacant and new appointments were made.

**09. HIGHLIGHTS DURING 2011 / 2012**

The President, at the 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting held on 19th July, 2011, welcomed the representatives of all Library Groups and requested them to adopt a work plan to cover the whole year and organize events relevant to their fields. They were also requested to **identify challenges and problems** facing their respective Groups and to suggest suitable solutions. On the advice of the President, a number of **experienced senior members were appointed as Mentors to assist the Coordinators of different Groups**. The introduction of the cluster system and the Mentors were done on an experimental basis to improve the management of the SLLA work. As expected, it produced mixed results. Only some groups used the Mentors to improve their activities and performances. It is up to the next year Council to decide whether to continue with the experiment.

- A letter of protest was forwarded to the Director General, National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 regarding non inclusion of SLLA qualifications in their advertisement for Post of Librarian.

- **Submission of pre-budget proposals** on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 from the SLLA to the Presidential Secretariat covering steps to be taken to develop all areas in the library field in Sri Lanka. President – Elect participated in the discussions with other members of the OPA.

- **A six-week training fellowship was offered by the Indian High Commission of Sri Lanka** to follow “Course on Advanced Certificate in Modern Library Practices” at the National Institute of Technical Teacher Training and Research in Chennai, India, for two working librarians / library teachers. Ms. U.D.H.Kanchana & Mr. T.Ramanan, two SLLA teachers were selected and they successfully completed the programme.

- **A seminar organized by SLLA to commemorate the National Reading Month** was held on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 in collaboration with National Institute of Library and Information Sciences at the NILIS auditorium. Theme was “**බිඳවන සමාජයක් සඳහා අභියෝග**”. Two posters on the theme of reading promotion were distributed among libraries. Chief Guest was Dr. Nihal



Jayatillake, Secretary, Ministry of Local Government & Provincial Councils. Guest of Honour was Prof. Sunanda Mahendra. Other speakers were Prof. Kusuma Karunaratne, Mr. T. Andradi Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Prof. Sarath Wijesuriya, Mr. P.G.Premadasa and Ms. Swarna Jayatilleke.

▪ **N.U.Yapa Memorial Oration** was held at the OPA auditorium on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2011, to commemorate the contribution made by late Mr. N.U. Yapa to the Library & Information Science field, and who held a number of offices in the SLLA including the posts of Education Officer and President for a long period. Prof. Kapila Dahanayaka, Professor Emeritus, of University of Peradeniya, delivered the memorial oration titled 'Disaster Management in Sri Lanka: Need for Information Dissemination' amidst a large, distinguished gathering including family members of the late Mr. Yapa.

▪ **Mr. Upali Amarasiri, President SLLA /REFSALA visited Nepal and delivered the keynote address** titled 'Improving Research Infrastructure with Social Media: Library Perspectives' at a regional seminar held at the International Centre for Integrated Mountains Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu, Nepal, during 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2011 on the invitation of the Nepal Library Association as the President of the Regional Federation of South Asian Library Associations (REFSALA).

▪ **SLLA Lecturers' meeting** was held at the SLLA auditorium on 26th November, 2011 with 32 lecturers participating. It was organized by Ms. Swarna Jayatillake, Education Officer with the objective to review and discuss updating the syllabus, problems encountered by lecturers & students and to revise rules & regulations of the education programmes. A report was prepared summarizing suggestions and recommendations of the lecturers.

▪ **SLLA registered its protest by letter dated 09<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, on the new scheme of recruitment of the Director General of the National Library & Documentation Services Board.** The NLDSB agreed to revise the scheme and invited SLLA President to chair the relevant committee. The Committee revised the scheme of recruitment which was approved by the Board of Management of the NLDSB and the Ministry of Education, which was later sent to the Salaries and Cadre Committee for approval.

▪ **Workshop on 'Basic Information Technology Skills for Librarians'** organized by the SLLA and conducted by IT Coordinator Dr. Ruwan Gamage for School, Public & Government Librarians at NILIS computer laboratory on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2011. Forty eight (48) librarians from different library fields participated. Introductory lecture was delivered by Dr. Anusha Wijeratne, Senior Assistant Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL),

▪ **Second meeting / workshop of the SLLA lecturers** organized by Ms. Swarna Jayatillake was held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, at the Central Province Library Services Board, Gatambe, Peradeniya with the participation of twenty one (21) lecturers from Kandy, Badulla & Batticaloa centers.

▪ **Social Affairs Committee convenor, Mr. R.D. Anandatissa and convenor of the event Mr. Preethi Liyanage organized the annual trip to Richmond Castle at Palatota, Kalutara on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 with a thirty (30) member participation.** SLLA Office staff was given permission to attend. The place was selected for its fame as an example of Indian & British

Colonial period architecture - a building with ninety nine (99) windows as well as its forty two (42) acre fruit garden (formerly a spice plantation) now being open to public.

▪ **Mr. John Lake**, Member & Editor of the International Library Group of Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals (CILIP, U.K.) visited Tsunami damaged Andaragasyaya School Library, which was personally funded by him, with Ms. Premila Gamage, the coordinator of the project, on 03<sup>rd</sup> January, 2012.

▪ **Third and last workshop of DIPLIS for level - 1** students following the postal course was held at SLLA auditorium on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2012. A similar workshop for level 11 students was held in February, at the same venue.

▪ **A one-day workshop on the theme of 'To Cultivate and Enhance the Knowledge, Ethics and Responsibilities'** for newly recruited Librarians to the government sector was organized by Ms. B.A.I.Kolonne, the Convenor, of Government Librarians Group / SLLA at the NILIS auditorium on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. The Chief Guest was Mr. B. Wijeyaratne, Director, Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA). Other speakers were Mr. Harison Perera, Mr. G.M.P.B.Gallaba, Ms. Sumana Jayasuriya, Dr. Ms. Wathmanel Seneviratne and Dr. Ruwan Gamage. Twenty seven (27) newly recruited librarians participants from Ministries, Departments, Schools, Technical Colleges, Colleges of Education & Institutions of the Government sector libraries represented.

▪ Ms. Senani Bandara, SLLA Representative of National Library of Sri Lanka as Convener, with Mr. H M Gunarathna Banda, Vice President as the Mentor of the Group, in collaboration with 'National Library Friends' and the NLDSB held a **seminar on 'National Library of Sri Lanka'** at the National Library auditorium on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. The purpose was to evaluate the activities of NLSL in the past two decades and assist the future activities in the field. Mr Upali Amarasiri, Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Dr Ruwan Gamage and Mr H M Gunaratna Banda were the main resource persons of the event.

▪ **Inauguration of Library & Information Science Level 1 Course (DIPLIS) 2012/2013** was held at the OPA auditorium on 18th March 2012, for Colombo & Distance students from Galle, Jaffna, Batticaloa & Badulla.

▪ The inauguration of the Diploma in Library and Information Science Level 1 – 2012 / 2013 was held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012, at 9.30 a.m. at the National Vincent High School, Batticaloa. Co-ordinator – Mr. Theesan Jeyaraj.

▪ **A membership for E-books and E-journals** for a regular fee of Rs. 2,000/= (with SLLA members being given a discount rate of Rs. 1,750/=) was offered by the British Council. Dr. Ruwan Gamage coordinated the project.

▪ SLLA sent a letter of protest dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 to the National Institute of Language Education & Training under the Ministry of National Language and Social Integration for citing NVQ and for non inclusion of SLLA professional qualifications in the recruitment procedure for the post of Librarian.

▪ Apart from the usual annual trip, the Social Affairs Committee embarked on a special mission on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 and offered an alms giving to thirty (30) Bhikkhus at the Maharagama Siri Vajiragnana Dharmayatanaya to commemorate the Sambuddhatva

**Jayanthi** as well as to confer merit on deceased Past Presidents and Members of the SLLA and to offer Blessings of the Triple Gem on the entire membership of the SLLA and their families. A computer was donated to the Daham Pasela from the contributions sent by members.

- **The final workshops / seminars on Advocacy project** which was commenced in 2009, were conducted in Northern and Eastern Provinces in the months of May and June 2012 respectively. Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Ms. Premila Gamage, Ms Janaki Ferenado, Ms K. Kamalambikai acted as resource persons.

- **The Advocacy Hand Book** was translated to Sinhala by Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe and to Tamil by Ms K. Kamalambikai. These translations have been published in the SLLA Web.

- SLLA with the NLDSB and NILIS continuously pressurized the Ministry of Education to solve the **Teacher Librarians' issue** by recognizing their professional qualifications through revising the Teacher Services Minutes of the Education Ministry.

- SLLA Council has objected and opposed the decision of the Ministry of Education in appointing a committee to absorb all Documentation Assistants under a non academic post with designation as Management Assistants.

- President SLLA, by letter, requested the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils and ICTA to connect NENASALA with well organized Public Libraries in the country.

- **Preparation of Academic Dress/Cloaks for the SLLA:** According to the decision taken at the last AGM, the SLLA Academic Dress Committee, Coordinated by Dr Wathmanel Seneviratne successfully completed the preparation/making of Academic Dress/Cloaks for the a) SLLA President and Secretary, b) SLLA Council and VIP visitors, c) SLLA Fellows, d) SLLA Associates. It was decided to hire the necessary cloaks for the Non Corporate members considering the difficulties of storage and the also expenses to incur. The President/SLLA, Mr Upali Amarasiri, deserves a lot of credit for initiating this landmark project which will undoubtedly enhance the professional stature of librarians and the SLLA in general. Dr Wathmanel Seneviratne with her customary efficiency, managed the challenging project amidst her busy schedule with the help of the committee members.

## 10. REPORTS FROM GROUPS / COMMITTEES

### **Academic Group**

The group is conducting a survey to identify non-members of SLLA from the qualified University Library Staff and encourage them to get SLLA membership. SLLA Council has decided to launch a membership drive among the senior university library staff.

### **Advocacy and Grievances Committee**

Convenor, Mr. P.B. Gallaba tabled a report regarding the incorrect procedure adopted for recruitment and promotion of Government Librarians by the Ministry of Public Administration. The President / SLLA sent a strong letter of protest to the Minister and Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration on the above matters. The Co-ordinating Secretary to the Minister has acknowledged receipt of the letter and informed that it was forwarded to the relevant division of the Ministry for necessary action. The committee considered a large number of grievances of librarians in different sectors and attempted to find solutions as far as possible.



### **Continuing Professional Development Committee**

The committee is in the process of changing the present entry qualifications to SLLA Diploma course as the current low qualifications created numerous problems in equating SLLA qualifications with other appropriate qualifications and demand for higher salaries. It is also looking forward to amend the present Fellowship criteria to give it a more professional image. This request was a result of Fellowship and the title 'Chartered Librarian' being recognized by the Ministry of Public Administration as a qualification for promotion to supra grade.

### **NACLIS Committee**

▪ NACLIS 2012, the Convenor, Dr. Ruwan Gamage has successfully planned the NACLIS 2012 with the assistance of the members of the organizing committee. The theme of the 2012 NACLIS is 'Empowering Users, Libraries and Librarians in the Knowledge Society'. We all owe the NACLIS Coordinator and the Committee a big Thank You for the job well done.

### **IT Committee**

▪ IT Committee co-ordinated by Dr. Ruwan Gamage, improved the SLLA IT facilities by introducing a novel cost method of networking work stations among other regular maintenance and upgrading activities.

### **NGO Libraries Group**

The Group is conducting a survey of the many NGO s in the island and plans to prepare a Directory of NGO libraries in Sri Lanka.

### **Public Libraries Group**

Representative presented a plan for the Group's future activities. The objectives being to create an awareness in the field of Public Library sector and to solve the service problems faced by them.

### **Restructuring Working Party**

Professor Russell Bowden (Chairman of the Working Party) reported :

- (1) that any Restructuring of the SLLA needed to be founded on the broadening of the membership base of the Association to enable it to be seen to represent an "umbrella" welcoming to all working in all types of libraries and thus representing their interests;
- (2) that any new membership recruitment should in no way compromise the absolute authority of the Council (and its Ex-Co)
- (3) that any changes must be within the legal framework of the current Act (as this cannot, at this point in time, be amended).
- (4) that the structure of the Association should provide opportunities for members to join as students and advance their way via education and qualifications to its highest level of Fellowship
- (5) a starting point should be to recruit students of LIS
- (6) on the grounds that no membership can be attractive without the rights to transparent and democratic representation of students' opinions, they should be permitted (by Council's later approval of rules & regulations)
  - (a) to establish a sub group of the SLLA
  - (b) elect officers to manage it
  - (c) nominate an Officer to represent the Groups' agreed interests on the Executive Committee as an Observer (without voting rights but not on Council).

At the Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 on the request of Prof. Bowden, it was decided to request the 2012 /13 SLLA Council to further study the subject and also the other areas of the Association which needs Restructuring and submit a broader proposal to the 2013 AGM.

#### **Special Libraries Group**

Representative Ms. Bhadra Jayasinghe presented the annual work plan 2011/2012. The Group successfully organized a workshop on 'Access to information: Multimedia materials' in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Foundation (SLF) on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 at the SLF. Keynote address 'Information for National Development' was delivered by Prof. Ranjith Bandara, Chairman, SLF. Other speakers were Mr. H. M. Gunarathna Banda, Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Dr. Ms. Anusha Wijeraratne and Dr. K.D.G.Wimalaratne. There were sixty five (65) participants at the workshop

### **11. SLLA EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

As reported by the Education Officer, Ms Swarna Jayatilleke, the educational programme and other educational activities of SLLA continued through the year 2011/2012 successfully with the help of members of the Education Committee, Observer Members / Centre coordinators, Lecturers, and with the SLLA office staff.

#### **SLLA Diploma Course Level-1 / 2012**

Inauguration for the SLLA level 1 course was held at OPA Auditorium on 18th of March 2012. President Elect welcomed the students & invitees. Two orientation presentations were made by two lecturers, Mr. Tharanga Ransingha and Mr. R. D. Anandatissa. The event was successfully conducted and participation was 100%. A Study Pack containing educational rules and regulations of the SLLA was distributed among students.

#### **DIPLIS Level- 1 -2012**

	<b>Sinhala</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Tamil</b>	<b>Total</b>
Colombo	69	14	18	101
Kandy	48	-	-	48
Jaffna	-	-	85	85
Batticaloa	-	-	58	58
Badulla	18	-	-	18
Galle	29	-	-	29
Distance	47	-	-	47
<b>Total</b>				<b>386</b>

#### **DIPLIS Level- 11 -2012**

<b>Centre</b>	<b>Sinhala</b>	<b>Tamil</b>	<b>Total</b>
Colombo	40	18	58
Kandy	16	-	16
Galle	11	-	11
Batticaloa	-	07	07
Distance	25	-	25
<b>Total</b>			<b>117</b>

**DIPLIS Level - 111 - 2012**

	Sinhala	Tamil	Total
Colombo	20	14	34
Distance	22	-	22
Total			56

**Lectures are being conducted at following centres:-**

- ☐ Colombo - Wycherley International School
- ☐ Kandy - Central Province Library Services Board
- ☐ Badulla - Uva Province Library Services Board
- ☐ Batticaloa - National Vincent Girls' School,
- ☐ Galle - Vidyalyoka Vidyalaya.
- ☐ Jaffna - University of Jaffna

**Seminars / Workshops:**

A total number of 05 workshops and 04 revision seminars were held successfully for the benefit of the students of the SLLA Courses and details are given below:

**Postal Course Level - 1 - 2011/2012**

Workshops for students who follow postal course level -1

4th August 2011

29th & 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011

21st & 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012

**Online students**

**Revision seminar for level – 11 online students**

9th September 2011

**Lecturers' Workshops**

Workshop for SLLA lecturers

Colombo - 26th November, 2011 at SLLA Auditorium

Kandy - 17th December, 2011 at Central Province Library Services Board

**DIPLIS level – 111 for 2011 / 2012 students**

Revision seminar for DIPLIS level-1 students

18th February, 2012 at NLDSB

**DIPLIS level – 111 for 2011 / 2012 students**

Revision seminar for DIPLIS level -111 students

18th February 2012 at SLLA Auditorium



**Examinations in all centers – 2011/20012**

Examination	Date held	Medium	No of candidates	No. of successful candidates
Level - 11	17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Sinhala & Tamil	78	69
Level - 1	10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> of March 2012	Sinhala, Tamil & English	223	188
Level - 111	12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> of March 2011	Sinhala, Tamil & English	42	20
Total				277

For students from Colombo, Kandy and Galle centres, examinations were held in all three mediums at Lumbini Vidyalaya, Colombo. Examination was held for students from Badulla Centre, at Uva Province Library Services Board, Badulla. Examinations for students from Batticaloa and Jaffna Centres were held at National Vincent High School and Physics Lecture Hall, Science Faculty, University of Jaffna respectively, on the same day.

**Awards****DIPLIS Level – I 2011/12  
S.C. Blok Memorial Award**

Sinhala Medium - Ms. M.H. Weliwatta  
Tamil medium - Ms. V. Ushanthini  
English Medium - Ms. W.A.A.W. Shankala

**A.L.B. Pethiyagoda Memorial Award**

This award is offered to students in Kandy Centre

Ms. A.M.J.R. Wijerathne

**DIPLIS Level – II 2010/11  
S.C. Blok Memorial Award**

Sinhala Medium - Ms. H.N.L. Hewagama

**DIPLIS Level – III 2010/11  
Gold Medal Award**

Ms. Devika Weerasinghe

**DIPLIS level – 111 – Postal Course - 2012**

Level 1 and level 11 of the Distance (postal) course started in 2004 and 2006 respectively. It is a pleasure to mention that level 111 course will commence in June 2012. Already 22 students have registered and the inauguration will be held shortly, followed by a workshop.

**SLLA Lecturers' meeting on DIPLIS curriculum revisions**

Two successful discussions were held in Colombo & Kandy on 26th November, 2011 & 17th December, 2011 respectively. Meetings were organized by the Education Officer & Assistant Education Officer with the assistance of SLLA staff, Mrs. Daya Ratnayake, Centre coordinator, & staff of the Central Province Library Services Board, Kandy and Education Committee members. The main objective of the meeting was to get the views and ideas on DIPLIS curriculum and the educational rules and regulations to revise and update same. All lecturers shared their views - suggestions were made - and problems were discussed - regarding the DIPLIS curriculum and the education rules and regulations. Lecturers from Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Jaffna, Badulla and Batticaloa centres participated at the workshops.

#### **Field Trips**

In 2012, Kandy & Galle centre students visited the following institutions as a part of the study programme. Special thanks to Mrs. Daya Ratnayake, Kandy Centre Coordinator.

- ☐ The Department of National Archives
- ☐ The British Council
- ☐ The University of Moratuwa

#### **Practical Training:**

Practical training sessions (in-service training) for DIPLIS level - 1 students in all centers were held very successfully and all students have submitted their Training Reports and Cataloguing Files prior to the examination.

The Council and the Education Committee wish to thank all the Librarians and Heads of the following Libraries / Institutions who readily accommodated DIPLIS level-1 students for two weeks' in-service training

- |                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| • Public library - Colombo       | • University of Ruhuna                         |
| • Public library - Kandy         | • Institute of Industrial Technology           |
| • University of Colombo          | • National Library & Documentation Centre      |
| • University of Jayawardhanapura | • Dr. Richard Pathirana Library, Galle         |
| • University of Peradeniya       | • Uva Province Library Services Board, Badulla |
| • South Eastern University       |  |
| • University of Jaffna           |  |

#### **DIPLIS Distance Mode Programme:**

Coordinator - Mr. K.G.S. Gunatilleke

##### **Level - 1 course**

Two weeks' training for Postal Course students was proposed from 2012. Four workshops and revision seminars were also organized as scheduled, in 2012.

**Level - 1 Distance education course was conducted and the resource panel comprised:**

Mrs. Swarna Jayatilake

Mrs. Soma de Silva

Mr. R. D. Anandatissa

**Level -2 Distance Mode Course was also conducted and resource panel comprised;**

- |                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ms. Chitra Abeygunasekara | - Mr. Lionel Kumarasiri      |
| Ms. Priyani Balasuriya    | - Ms. Kaushalya Rathnasekara |
| Ms. Padma Bandaranayake   | - Ms. Deepali Thalagala      |
| Ms. Soma De Silva         | - Mr. Jayantha Weeratunga    |

Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam - Mr. K.G.G.Wijeweera

**Level -3** Distance Mode Course will commence in June, 2012 with 22 students.

**Course on Library Automation - COLA 2011 / 2012**

Coordinator : Mr. J. Rathnayake

There were 08 resource persons lecturing in the COLA course.

COLA 2011/12 commenced on 14th May, 2011 with a total of 14 students. Course completed in March 2012 and the examination was held. Results were released in May, 2012.

Eight students (including one student repeating the examination from a previous year) sat for the final examination held in March, 2012. 06 candidates successfully completed the examination and 03 candidates failed to complete the full exam.

**Resource persons**

- ☐ Dr. Ruwan Gamage
- ☐ Ms. Hiruni Kanchana
- ☐ Mr. A. D. B Kumara
- ☐ Ms. Thanuja Ranawella
- ☐ Mr. J. Ratnayake
- ☐ Mr. Anush Yapa

**Centre Coordinators**

1. Badulla - Mr. K. P. Nimalasena
2. Batticaloa - Mr. W. J. Jeyaraj
3. Batticaloa - Ms. T. Arulnandhy
4. Colombo - SLLA office staff and EO
5. Galle - Ms. Palika Kariyawasam
6. Jaffna - Ms. K. Chandrasekar
7. Kandy - Ms. Daya Rathnayake

**Foreign Training:**

An eight weeks' training fellowship in India was offered by the Indian High Commission to two SLLA lecturers namely, Ms. Hiruni Kanchana of University of Vocational Training & Mr. T. Ramanan of the Eastern University, on 'Modern Library Practices'. This was the first time as far as we are aware that SLLA students received fellowships for foreign training.

**Increase of Course Fees and Lecturers' fees & travelling etc. for lecturers**

Course fees and lecturer's fees, travelling, fees for centre coordinators, answer script marking fees etc. were revised and increased with effect from January, 2012.

**Observer members / Centre Coordinators**

- |                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Mr. K.P.Nimalasena        | - Badulla Centre     |
| Ms. Kalpana Chandrasekher | - Jaffna Centre      |
| Ms. U.G.M.P.Kariyawasam   | - Galle Centre       |
| Ms. T. Arulnandhy         | - Batticaloa Centre  |
| Ms. Daya Ratnayake        | - Kandy Centre       |
| Mr. Sugath Gunathilaka    | - Distance Education |

Mr. J. Ratnayake

- COLA Course

The Education programme of the SLLA is a huge and challenging task which needs continuous attention and excellent coordination and supervision. Ms Swarna Jayatileke, the SLLA Education Officer, performed her duties exceptionally well during the period, with the assistance of equally dedicated Course Coordinators and Centre Coordinators.

## **12. PUBLICATION & PUBLICITY**

### **a. Newsletter**

Two issues of the Newsletter was printed and circulated among members. Third issue is being prepared for distribution at the AGM.

### **b. Sri Lanka Library Review**

The Publication Committee has focused on publishing the current and relevant national and international issues in the LIS field to update the knowledge of Members.

### **c. SLLA website**

Web page is being routinely updated by the new Web Master Mr. Ravi Kumar. Dr. Ruwan Gamage, the Web Coordinator keeps the web page updated with current news and features.

## **13. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS / ORGANIZATIONS**

**BoM of major LIS Institutions:** President/SLLA is an ex-officio Member of the Boards of Management of NLDSB, NILIS, Provincial Library Services Boards of Central Province, Sabaragamuwa Province and North Central Province. As SLLA President is unable to attend all these meetings, especially in the Provincial level, other senior officers of the SLLA attend the meetings as SLLA representatives.

**Postgraduate opportunities for SLLA Members:** On the initiative of the President/SLLA, steps have been taken to provide postgraduate opportunities for the Associate members of the SLLA. Accordingly, National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS) of the University of Colombo opened its Postgraduate Diploma in Library & Information Science (PGLIS) Programme for the SLLA Associates with adequate working experience in the field. After completing the Postgraduate Diploma Course they can proceed to the Master's level. NILIS is also planning to introduce another 1 year Masters programme in LIS field - MA (LIS) - and one year Postgraduate Diploma Programme in Information Management (PGDIM) leading to one year Masters in Information Management (MIM) programme in the near future. This will undoubtedly provide further postgraduate opportunities for the senior SLLA members with the Associateships/Fellowship and the relevant/adequate work experiences.

**REFSALA/IFLA:** As the current President of the Regional Federation of South Asian Library Associations (REFSALA), SLLA made plans to conduct a regional seminar in the latter part of 2012 in Sri Lanka. The University Grants Commission was contacted for required funds. Later, the regional seminar was postponed on requests made from some other library associations in the region. According to the experience of last two years, the revival of REFSALA will be a Herculean task. Most of the member associations relatively lack funds and are not managed professionally. There is little enthusiasm for regional cooperation from some associations. SLLA

President visited Nepal at the invitation of the Nepal Library Association to deliver a keynote address of a seminar. A similar request came from Bangladesh to attend a conference but was declined due to other prior engagements. President declined the invitations to attend the last two IFLA General conferences to reduce somewhat unnecessary expenses from the limited SLLA funds.

Ms. Premila Gamage, Librarian, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) has been appointed as Information coordinator/web editor of the Asia-Ocenia section of IFLA. Dr. Ms. Gamage has been the continuous strong link between IFLA & SLLA.

#### **14. SLLA OFFICE STAFF**

The SLLA Office Staff comprises the following:

Ms. V. Shanthi N. de Alwis	- Administrative Secretary
Ms. Edna Malkanthi de Silva	- Senior Accounts Assistant
Ms. Shashika de Silva	- Office Assistant
Ms. J.S. Pradeepika de Silva	- Library Assistant
Mr. K.U.R. Perera	- Office Services Assistant

Ms. Pradeepika de Silva, Library Assistant, works two days a week in the SLLA library housed at National Library premises. On other days she helps with the SLLA educational activities.

Ms. Shashika de Silva, Office Assistant, was recruited from NAITA and had been working on temporary basis for a period of one year, was absorbed into the permanent staff in 01<sup>st</sup> October, 2011.

Mr. K.U.R. Perera, Office Services Assistant for 26 years, who had been under medical treatment for 03 months on half pay leave, followed by no pay leave, retired on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012 due to ill health. He was granted gratuity and compensation according to the guidelines given by the Labour Department and an additional sum of money as decided by the Council on compassionate/humanitarian grounds solely for his medical requirements taking into consideration his ill health without creating a future precedent in this regard. The President & Council of the SLLA was commended highly by the Commissioner of Labour who attended to settle this matter for granting compensation & gratuity which, according to him, the SLLA need not pay as we employ only 05 persons as staff. He explained this fact to Mr Upul Perera and he thanked the President and Council.

During the time Mr. Perera has been on medical leave, Mr. B. Piyyaratna worked as office help on temporary basis from 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2011. He too left the SLLA due to ill health in April 2012.

Mr. G.M. Ashan Nuwan Aponso was recruited with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 on a casual basis.

The Office staff was given annual increments for the period, cost of living for 2011/2012, incentive of an extra payment of one month's salary in April for the New Year.

After revision and settlement of anomalies effected in the past few years, salary increases were granted to Ms. de Alwis and Ms. E.M. de Silva.

**15. LAND FOR A BUILDING**

The land allocated to the SLLA by the Urban Development Authority was re-claimed by the donor UDA, for not taking action to develop by the SLLA according to conditions of the agreement. SLLA wrote to the UDA to recover the last of the three paid lease installments but there has been no response. As a result SLLA had to write off the payments made from our financial accounts books, and closing the subject.

**16. SLLA LIBRARY**

The Professional Library of SLLA housed at the National Library premises opens two days in a week i.e., Thursdays and Saturdays from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The book stock consists of more than 1000 publications but the space is limited for arranging them in an orderly way and is devoid of reading facilities. The NLDSB allowed the space for the SLLA library only for a shorter period (six months) in 2007.

**17. BEREAVEMENTS**

**Mr.M.J.C. Perera (Christie Perera)**, former Librarian of the Coconut Research Institute (CRI) , Lunuwila, a long standing Member of the SLLA passed away on 14 January, 2012 at the age of 78.

**Miss Vijitha de Silva** A founder member of SLLA (then CLA) former Librarian of the Museums Department and a lecturer of the SLLA, later at United Nations passed away in 2011. Ms Silva was felicitated at the SLLA Golden Jubilee ceremony as a founder member.

**Mohamed Farook Hamid** Mr Hamid was a founder member of SLLA. He served as Council Member and held the post of Asst. Secretary, Gen. Secretary, Treasurer and as the representative of Special Librarians' Group during the period of 1966- 1969, 1983,1986- 1987, 1990-1991, 1995 & continued to serve as council member until the sudden death of his wife Sriyani who was also a member of the SLLA. He was felicitated for the services he rendered to the SLLA during the 50th Anniversary of the SLLA (2010) and again for being one of the founder members of the SLLA.

**18. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- The Council expresses its appreciation and wishes to record the cooperation and assistance extended by members of the Council, the Executive Committee, Group Representatives, Committee Convenors and Members, Task Force Members, Mentors of Clusters & Groups who extended their support and cooperation with utmost dedication in all their undertakings,
- all outgoing Office Bearers of the SLLA for their dedication
- National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB)
- The Organization of Professional Associations (OPA)
- International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA)
- Commonwealth Library Associations (COMLA)
- Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils
- Sri Lanka Foundation (SLF)

I wish to place on record the cooperation, pleasant and diligent application to the workload - especially in the preparation of the cover page of the Annual Report and the Invitation Card - of the AGM - carried out by the SLLA staff:



**Ms. Shanthi de Alwis - Administrative Secretary**  
**Ms. Edna Malkanthi de Silva - Senior Accounts Assistant**  
**Ms. Pradeepika de Silva - Library Assistant**  
**Ms. Shashika Madhubhashini de Silva - Office Assistant.**

**Our thanks are due to:**

**Mr. B. Piyyaratna - Casual Office Services Assistant ( June 2011/ March 2012 )**  
**Mr. K.U.R.Perera - Office Services Assistant and**  
**Mr. G.M.Ashan Nuwan Aponso - Casual Office Services Assistant (May,2012 - )**

## **ANNEXTURES**

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### **Annexure 01**

#### **SLLA REGULAR COMMITTEES**

11 Committees and members were appointed at the first Council meeting. Parallel with these committees, convenors & members for the SLLA Professional Groups were also appointed. Task forces were appointed whenever the necessity arose.

##### **Advocacy & Grievances Committee**

1. Mr. P.B. Gallaba - Convenor
2. Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe
3. Mr. Upali Amarasiri
4. Ms. D.I.D.Andradi
5. Ms. Indranie Ponnampuruma

##### **Associate & Fellowship Committee**

1. Mr. Upali Amarasiri - Convenor
2. Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe
3. Ms. Sumana Jayasuriya
4. Prof. Russell Bowden
5. Mr. P. B. Gallaba

##### **Continuing Professional Development - (CPD) Committee**

1. Prof. Russell Bowden - Convenor
2. Mr. P.B.Gallaba
3. Ms. D.I.D.Andradi
4. Ms. Swarna Jayatillake
5. Mr. G.R.Padmasiri
6. Ms. Damayanthi Gunasekera
7. Ms. Sunethra Perera
8. Ms. Dushyanthi Daniel
9. Mr. H. M. Gunarathne Banda

##### **Distance & Online Education Committee**

1. Prof. Russell Bowden - Convenor
2. Ms. Swarna Jayatillake
3. Dr. Ruwan Gamage
4. Ms. Deepali Talagala (vacated in February, 2012)
5. Mr. G.R.Padmasiri
6. Mr. R.D.Anandatissa

##### **Education Committee**

1. Ms. Swarna Jayatillake - Convenor
2. Ms. Priyani Balasooriya - Asst. Edu. Officer (29.06.2011 to 28.10.2011)  
Ms. Damayanthi Gunasekara - Asst. Edu. Officer (from 28.10.2011)
3. Mr. G.R. Padmasiri
4. Mr. R.D.Anandatissa
5. Ms. K. Kamalambigai

6. Dr. Ruwan Gamage (Resigned 09.09.2011)
7. Ms. Dolitha Andradi
8. Mr. Sugath Gunathilaka
9. Mr. J. Ratnayake

**Information & Public Relations Committee**

1. Mr. K.P.G.Kumarasiri - Convenor
2. Ms. Nanda Wanasundera
3. Mr. R.D. Anandatissa
4. Mr. S.N. Jayasinghe
5. Mr. Preethi Liyanage
6. Mr. C. Kuruppu
7. Mr. Mahindanath Amarasiri

**IT Committee**

1. Dr. Ruwan Gamage - Convenor
2. Mr. Tharanga Ranasinghe
3. Mr. J. Ratnayaka
4. Dr. Chamath Keppetiyagama

**Office Management & Finance Committee**

1. Ms. Indranie Ponnampereuma - Convenor
2. Ms. D.I.D.Andradi
3. Mr. Anton Nallathamby
4. Ms. Swarna Jayatillake
5. Ms. Kumari Wickramasinghe
6. Ms.Champika Mahantage

**Professional Ethics Committee**

1. Ms. Sumana Jayasuriya - Convenor
2. Mr. Upali Amarasiri
3. Dr.(Ms) Wathmanel Seneviratne
4. Prof. Russell Bowden
5. Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya

**Publication Committee**

1. Ms. Sandhya Gunawardena - Convenor
2. Ms. Swarna Jayatillake
3. Ms. Indranie Ponnampereuma
4. Ms. Nanda Wanasundera
5. Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya
6. Ms. Pushpamala Perera
7. Mr. M.C. Ponnampereuma
8. Ms. Kumari Wickramasinghe (Resigned 09.09.2011)
9. Mr. Preethi Liyanage

**Social Affairs Committee**

1. Mr. R.D.Anandatissa - Convenor
2. Mr. Preethi Liyanage
3. Ms. Susila Nanayakkara
4. Mr. Dhammika Weerakoon
5. Ms. Savithri Jayasinghe
6. Mr. Mahindanath Amarasiri
7. Ms. Sumithra Meegasmulla

**Annexure 02**

**SLLA PROFESSIONAL GROUPS**

There were 09 Groups with convenors and members appointed for the year. Of these, some Groups have been very active.

**Academic Libraries Group**

1. Mr. U.A.Lal Pannila - Convenor (29.06.2011 to 25.11.2011)  
Mr. G.R.Padmasiri - Convenor (from 25.11.2011)
2. Mr. L.A.Jayatissa
3. Ms. T.Arulnandhy
4. Dr. Ruwan Gamage
5. Ms. Damayanthi Gunasekera
6. Ms. Sujeewa Rathnayake
7. Ms. Champa Alahakoon
8. Ms. Tamara Abeyratne

**Government Libraries Group**

1. Ms. Indra Kolonne - Convenor
2. Ms. Susila Nanayakkara
3. Ms. Venetia de Zoysa
4. Mr. Sugath Gunathilake
5. Ms. Rohini Hettiarachchi
6. Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe
7. Ms. Urika Swarnasinghe
8. Ms. Renuka Jayasinghe

**LIS / NACLIS Group**

1. Dr. Ruwan Gamage - Convenor
2. Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe
3. Dr.(Ms) Wathmanel Seneviratne
4. Mr. Anton Nallathamby
5. Ms. Chandrika Dabare
6. Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya
7. Ms. Pushpamala Perera
8. Ms. Swarna Jayatillake
9. Ms. Indra Kolonne

**National Library**

1. Ms. Senani Bandara - Convenor
2. Mr. Upali Amarasiri
3. Mr. P. B. Gallaba
4. Ms. D.I.D. Andradi
5. Ms. Janaki Fernando
6. Ms. Amara Nanayakkara
7. Mr. G.D. Amarasiri

**NGO Libraries Group**

1. Mr. Sarath Nandakumara - Convenor
2. Ms. Dilinika Peries
3. Ms. Soma de Silva
4. Ms. Dilrukshi Ariyaratne
5. Ms. Chitra Weerawardena

**Provincial National Libraries Group**

1. Ms. Daya Ratnayake - Convenor
2. Mr. Upali Amarasiri
3. Mr. P.B. Gallaba
4. Mr. K.P. Nimalasena
5. Ms. Kalpana Chandrasekher

**Public Libraries Group**

1. Ms. Himali Karunarathne - Convenor
2. Ms. Sanjeevani Weerasekera (Asst. Secy. / Ministry of Local Govt. & Prov. Councils)
3. Mr. M.D.H. Jayawardhana
4. Mr. Ranjith Samarasinghe
5. Mr. Sirisena Kusummulla
6. Ms. S.K. Muwandeniya
7. Sabaragamuwa
8. Wyamba
9. Jaffna

**School Libraries Group**

1. Ms. Yamuna Unani Geeganagamage - Convenor
2. Mr. H.M. Gunarathne Banda
3. Mr. W.Sunil
4. Ms. Damayanthi Jayasundera
5. Ms. D.D.Nandasiri
6. Ms. R.C.Kusumanjalie
7. Ms. Priyani Balasuriya
8. Ms. Amara Pathirana

**Special Libraries Group**

1. Ms. Bhadra Jayasinghe – Convenor
2. Ms. Kumari Wickramasinghe
3. Ms. Tharangi Gunathilake
4. Ms. Pushpamala Perera



5. Ms. Subhashini Jayamanne
6. Ms. Chitra Kumari Mudalige
7. Mr. Preethi Liyanage
8. Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam
9. Ms. Sriyani Caldera

### **Annexure 03**

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

##### **Commemorative Volume Task Force**

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe - Chair | 5. Ms. Dushyanthi Daniel     |
| 2. Dr. Ruwan Gamage – Convenor       | 6. Dr. (Ms) Indra Ranasinghe |
| 3. Ms. Indranie Ponnampereuma        | 7. Ms. Janaki Fernando       |
| 4. Ms. Swarna Jayatilake             | 8. Ms. Maheshika de Silva    |

##### **Advocacy Programme Task Force**

1. Ms. Premila Gamage - Convenor
2. Mr. Anton Nallathamby - Co-ordinator
3. Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe

##### **Committee Appointed to Create Membership Categories & Free-Structures**

1. Ms. Swarna Jayatilake - Chairperson
2. Ms. D.I.D.Andradi - Convenor
3. Mr. P.B.Gallaba
4. Ms. Indranie Ponnampereuma
5. Mr. Anton Nallathamby
6. Ms. Pushpamala Perera
7. Mr. R.D. Anandatissa

##### **Committee Appointed to Design Academic Dresses for SLLA Members**

1. Dr. (Ms) Wathmanel Seneviratne – Chairperson
2. Ms. Pushpamala Pere
3. Ms. Indranie Ponnampereuma
4. Ms. Swarna Jayatilake
5. Mr.J.Rathnayake

##### **Committee Appointed to Strengthen the Library Association (SLLA - Restructuring)**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Prof. Russell Bowden - Chair | 6. Ms. D.I.D.Andradi          |
| 2. Mr. P.B.Gallaba - Convenor   | 7. Ms. Indranie Ponnampereuma |
| 3. Mr. G.R.Padmasiri            | 8. Dr. Ruwan Gamage           |
| 4. Mr. Upali Amarasiri          |                               |
| 5. Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe    |                               |

**AGM Organizing Committee 2012 / 2013**

1. Mr. Upali Amarasiri
2. Ms. D.I.D.Andradi
3. Mr. H.M.Gunarathna Banda
4. Ms. Indraniie Ponnampereuma
5. Ms. Kumari Wickramasinghe

Venue - SLFI auditorium.

Newspaper supplements for NACLS and AGM.

**Election Committee for 2012 /2013**

Mr. K. Manickavasagar officiating as Secretary of the Election Committee.

Ms. Amara Nanayakkara

Mr. M. D.H. Jayawardhana

**Annexure 04**

**CLUSTERS & MENTORS**

- Cluster 1** - (National Library and NACLS Groups & Membership Drive Committee) –  
Mr. Upali Amarasiri
- Cluster2** - (School Library/Public Library & Departmental Library Groups) –  
Ms. D.I.D.Andradi
- Cluster 3** - (Education / Publication & Golden Jubilee Commemorative Volume Committees)  
Ms. Swarna Jayatilake
- Cluster 4** - (Academic Libraries Group & Continuing Professional Development (CPD)  
Committee) - Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe
- Cluster 5** - (Advocacy & Grievances / Information & Public Relations Committees) –  
Mr. P.B.Gallaba
- Cluster 6** - (Distance and Online / REFSALA & Restructuring Committees) - Prof. Russell  
Bowden
- Cluster 7** - (Office Management / Finance & IT Committees) - Mr. Anton Nallathamby
- Cluster 8** - (Provincial Library & Special Library Groups) - Mr. H.M.Gunarathne Banda

The Mentors appointed for these Clusters have been actively engaged in offering their services and advice to the Groups they represented.

**Annexure 05**

**PANEL OF LECTURERS - 2011 / 2012**

1. Ms. Abeygunasekera, C.M.
2. Ms. Alahakoon, C
3. Mr. Amarasinghe, S.U.
4. Mr. Anandatissa, R.D.
5. Ms. Ankumbura, A.V.M.K
6. Ms. Arulananthan, S
7. Ms. Arulnandhy, T
8. Mr. Balasooriya, A.H.K
9. Ms. Balasuriya, P
10. Ms. Bandaranayake, D.M.P
11. Ms. Chandrashekher, K
12. Ms De S. Wijenayake, Nalini
13. Ms. De Silva, Soma
14. Ms. Dissanayake, Harshani
15. Mr. Garusinghaarachchi, J
16. Mr. Gnanasekera, M.K.C
17. Ms. Gunasekara, Charmani
18. Ms. Gunasekera, Damayanthi
19. Mr. Gunasekera, R.M
20. Ms. Gunasekara, S
21. Mr. Gunarathne Banda, H.M
22. Ms. Hettiarachchi, C
23. Ms. Hiruni Kanchana,
24. Ms. Jayatillake, Swarna
25. Mr. Jeyaraj, Theesan
26. Ms. Kamalambigai, K
27. Ms. Kariyawasam, Sunethra
28. Ms. Kariyawasam, U.G.M.P.
29. Mr. Keetheeswaran, S.
30. Ms. Kulatunga, K
31. Mr. Kumarasiri, W.G.L
32. Ms. Kumudini, M.D.R
33. Mr. Liyanage, Preethi
34. Mr. Mallawarachchi, C
35. Ms. Mudannayake, Ira
36. Mr. Muhandiram, D
37. Ms. Murugathas, K
38. Ms. Muwandeniya, S. K.
39. Ms. Nanayakkara, Amara
40. Mr. Navaneethakrishnan, S
41. Mr. Nimalasena, K.P
42. Mr. Padmasiri, G.R.
43. Mr. Nishath, K.M

44. Ms. Pararajasingham, R
45. Mr. Pathmanathan, S
46. Ms. Perera, Nanda
47. Ms. Perera, P.K.Pushpamala
48. Mr. Pieris, H.N.
49. Ms. Prashanthan, P
50. Ms. Premaratne, S
51. Ms. Rajapaksha, M.P
52. Mr. Ramanan, T
53. Mr. Ramanayake, K
54. Mr. Ranasinghe, W.M.T.D.
55. Ms. Ratnasekera, W.A.J.K
56. Ms. Ratnayake, D
57. Mr. Ratnayake, J
58. Ms. Ravi, Deepthi
59. Mr. Ravikumar, M.N
60. Ms. Rodrigo, Subhashini
61. Ms. Samanthi, K.N.
62. Ms. Seneviratne, D
63. Ms. Shanmugasundaram, Y
64. Mr. Sinnarajah, M
65. Mr. Siyath Ahamed, S.L
66. Mr. Subramaniam, K
67. Mr. Sunil, W
68. Ms. Talagala, D (1987 to February,2012)
69. Ms. Tilakaratne, I. P
70. Ms. Umashankar, L
71. Ms. Visakaruban, M
72. Mr. Weerakoon, D
73. Ms. Weerasinghe, S
74. Ms. Wickramasinghe, Kumari
75. Mr. Wijeweera, K.G.G
76. Dr. Wimalaratne, K.D.G

**Annexure 06**

**LIST OF CORPORATE & NON CORPORATE MEMBERS**

**Corporate Members – 2011/2012**

1. Mr. M.U.S. De Livera
2. Ms. M.S.Jayamanne
3. Ms. M.J.P. Perera
4. Ms. P.A.N.R.Prera
5. Ms. W.A. Perera
6. Mr. T. Ramanan
7. Mr. M.N.Ravikumar
8. Ms. Chamari Yapa

**Non-Corporate Members – 2011/2012**

1. Ms. A.C.Abeywardena
2. Ms. P.I.A.L.P. Alwis
3. Mr. Harsha Balasooriya
4. Ms. M.G.S. Chandrakanthi
5. Mr. W.R.N.Fernando
6. Mr. G.L.D.T. Geethananda
7. Ms. B.M.M.C.B. Hindagolla
8. Ms. J.E.A.M.S. Jayasinghe
9. Mr. P.M. Jayasinghe
10. Ms. Nelum Jayawickrama
11. Ms. W.L. Kodithuwakku
12. Mr. H.P. Koralage
13. Mr. G.C.Kumara
14. Ms. D.G.A.S. Malkanthi
15. Mr. M.A.C.P. Mallawaarachchi
16. Ms. S. Pathmanathan
17. Ms. K.P.N.D. Peiris
18. Ms. D.T.Peterson
19. Mr. K. Poongkannan
20. Mr. A.L. Rinoz
21. Mr. L.P.D.U. Roshan
22. Mr. A.C. Sathath
23. Ms. W.T. Shamila
24. Ms. V. Srikantharajah
25. Mr. L.P.L.Udara
26. Ms. B. Saumya Upamalika
27. Mr. A.M.L.Wasantha
28. Ms. M.V.C. Wijesinghe

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

We have examined the balance sheet of Sri Lanka Library Association as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 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.

In our opinion, 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, and of its excess of income over expenditure for the year then ended.

*SJMS Associates*

**SJMS ASSOCIATES**  
Chartered Accountants.  
Colombo.  
13<sup>th</sup> June 2012



**SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012**

	Note	2011/2012 Rs.	2010/2011 Rs.
Membership fees		289,250.00	266,750
Registration fees		299,500.00	285,350
Course fees and examination fees	3	7,931,850.00	6,437,440
Surplus - workshops	4	27,557.00	33,949
Deficit - Golden Jubilee		-	(233,425.77)
Other Income	5	<u>1,388,606.00</u>	<u>1,073,822</u>
		9,936,763.00	7,863,885
Direct expenses	6	(1,723,631.44)	(1,436,368)
Administrative expenses	7	(3,833,397.84)	(3,614,001)
Other expenses	8	(135,000.00)	-
Excess of income over expenditure before taxation		<u>4,244,733.72</u>	<u>2,813,517</u>
Income tax expense	9	<u>(308,184.37)</u>	<u>(80,323)</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		<u><u>3,936,549.35</u></u>	<u><u>2,733,194</u></u>

The accounting policies and notes from 01 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements



**SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012**

	Note	31.03.2012 Rs.	31.03.2011 Rs.
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non current assets</b>			
Property, plant & equipment	10	879,920.63	2,330,561
Investments in shares	11	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000</u>
		<b>880,920.63</b>	<b>2,331,561</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Accounts receivable	12	67,563.74	418
Advances and prepayments	13	156,736.00	7,500
Cash and cash equivalents	14	<u>24,036,228.03</u>	<u>19,648,719</u>
		<b>24,260,527.77</b>	<b>19,656,636</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b><u>25,141,448.40</u></b>	<b><u>21,988,197</u></b>
<b>Funds and liabilities</b>			
<b>Funds</b>			
Accumulated fund	15	21,570,776.23	17,326,043
Building fund		152,320.98	152,321
Library rebuilding fund	16	449,544.64	561,799
Distance education partnership programme fund		979,694.55	979,695
Education officers fund		54,000.00	54,000
IFLA/ALP workshop fund		975,295.86	975,296
Refsala Fund		<u>76,300.00</u>	<u>-</u>
		<b>24,257,932.26</b>	<b>20,049,153</b>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>			
Provision for gratuity	17	644,005.00	572,833
Lease creditors	18	<u>-</u>	<u>1,215,000</u>
		<b>644,005.00</b>	<b>1,787,833</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	19	<u>239,511.14</u>	<u>151,212</u>
<b>Total Funds and Liabilities</b>		<b><u>25,141,448.40</u></b>	<b><u>21,988,197</u></b>

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

  
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Treasurer

The Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements.


Signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee

  
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President

Date: 13.06.2012



  
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Secretary

Date: 13.06.2012

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**Abbreviations**

<b>CILIP</b>	Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals
<b>COLA</b>	Course on Library Automation
<b>COMLA</b>	Commonwealth Library Associations
<b>DEPLIS</b>	Distance Education Programme
<b>DIPLIS</b>	Diploma in Library and Information Science
<b>ICIMOD</b>	International Centre for Integrated Mountains Development
<b>IPS</b>	Institute of Policy Studies
<b>IFLA</b>	International Federation of Library Associations
<b>ITI</b>	Industrial Technology Institute
<b>LIS</b>	Library and Information Science
<b>NACLIS</b>	National Conference on Library & Information Science
<b>NGO</b>	Non Governmental Organizations
<b>NILIS</b>	National Institute of Library and Information Sciences
<b>NLDSB</b>	National Library and Documentation Services Board
<b>NLSL</b>	National Library of Sri Lanka
<b>PGLIS</b>	Postgraduate Diploma in Library & Information Sciences (PGLIS)
<b>OPA</b>	Organization of Professional Associations
<b>REFSALA</b>	Regional Federation of South Asian Library Associations
<b>PGDIM</b>	Postgraduate Diploma Programme in Information Management
<b>MIM</b>	Masters in Information Management