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Council – 2014/2015



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President's Message

It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report for 2014/2015 and the Audited Accounts for the financial year that ended in March 2015, at the 55th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA).

The SLLA will reach another landmark year in October 2015 when it marks its 55th Anniversary proving that the Association has had an unswerving journey, though facing many challenges over half a century. It has passed many phases both within the profession and the external environment taking the political, social and economic changes into consideration.

I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all past Presidents and their council members as well as all the members including the dear departed for this way forward of the association. There has been diversity of ideas and interests but it has brought constructive progress right along. Hence the association that came into being due to the pioneering efforts of a few professional librarians in 1960 has reached this far now having about 400 members as Corporate and Non Corporate that include Life Members and Fellows.

The year under review was yet another successful year for the Association. The Treasurer's Report shows a stable financial position.

The activities of the association for the year included Continuous Professional Development programmes for members through the various professional groups. The SLLA newsletter, the communication mode to its members and the Library Review were published. On a more strategic level, the work of the association marks the revision to the Code of Professional Ethics and Conduct of the SLLA and the initiatives taken for the Strategic Plan and Strategic Directions for the first time in the history of the Association.

In the association's continuous bid of encouraging LIS research and innovative LIS projects this year a project have been identified for Certificate of Appreciation through Vijita de Silva Research Award. Preparations are also underway for the International Conference on Library and Information Science under the theme "Challenges for Information Professionals and LIS Services in the 21st Century. Research findings by LIS professionals will be presented at the conference.

In the international front the SLLA's proposal on "Development of Professional Ethics among library professionals in Sri Lanka" was accepted by the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) under its Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) programme.

The educational course which is one of the main professional activities of the association played an important part this year too, with the DIPLIS Level one programme having 223 enrolments from all the centers and all three mediums. The inauguration of the 2015 Level I course was held in May 2015 with lecturers and senior members in attendance.

The Education Committee has been engaged in work related to the revision of the DIPLIS syllabi and the application of a credit rating system for it.

The COLA course, which is recognized for promotions of professional librarians was re-launched this year, introducing minor revisions to the syllabus by the IT committee to suit modern ITC requirements.

As it is necessary to invest on Human Resource Development, staff members of the SLLA were given further training during the year.

However, it is always necessary to see to the future progress of the association as the apex professional institute of LIS. So highlighting activities of one year may not suffice to convey the work of the Association that strived to show how to meet the challenges that professionals have to face in a rapidly changing environment. It is time to get together to plan new activities and design a new business model for the association whilst planning the Strategic Plan and Strategic Directions.

I thank the Council and Executive Committee members for the extensive support extended to me and to the association to complete a very successful year. The conveners of professional groups and committees and their team members are greatly appreciated for the work done on CPD.

I also thank the SLLA staff members for their work for the smooth functioning of the SLLA.

Shivanthi Weerasinghe President

General Secretary's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present this 55th Annual Report and Auditors' Accounts of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) covering the period July 2014 to June 2015.

One of the major concerns of the SLLA was the formulation of the Strategic Plan and Strategic Directions of the Association which is underway at present. Further the Revision to the Code of Ethics of the SLLA, the Vijita de Silva Research Award and the Education activities are being carried out successfully. I have no doubt that our membership must be aware that the re-launch of the COLA Course also took place this year.

The other activities pertaining to the professional development carried out by various groups and committees during the year are highlighted separately.

The Office Assistant who joined the SLLA Office was also confirmed in her services as a permanent staff member. A fifty percent of the salary was paid to the permanent staff as an ex-gratia payment.

I take this opportunity to thank the President, Members of the Council, the Executive Committee, and also to all members of the SLLA Professional and Regular Committees for their unstinted support extended to me throughout the year.

I also wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the Staff of the SLLA office, Ms Shanthi de Alwis and her team for their hard work which we always appreciate.

Lilamani Amerasekera General Secretary

Treasurer's Report 2014/2015

After a comprehensive search for appointing the External Auditors for the Sri Lanka Library Association in accordance to the General memberships request Carter De Costa & Company, Chartered Accountants was selected as the external auditors approved by the SLLA Council. They have reviewed all the necessary documents and financial statements in relation to the audit for the year ended 31st March 2015. The statement of the auditors' is attached as annexed V.

The net income for the year was Rupees 3,752,432.00 compared with Rupees 3,688,166.00 for the last financial year. There is a marginal increase of only 1.7%.

The income from course fee and examination fee was Rupees 8,252,250.00 compared with Rupees 7,199,100.00 for the last financial year. There is an increase of 14.6%.

The other income for the year was Rupees 2,078,840.00 compared with Rupees 2,342,701 for last financial year. There is a reduction of 11.2%. The other income is mainly from the interest on fixed and savings deposit. The reduction in income is due to the drop in interest rates by the banks.

The direct expenses for the year was Rupees 2,190,821.00 compared with Rupees 1,809,886.00 for the last financial year. There is an increase of 21%.

The administrative expenses for the year was Rupees 4,950,551.00 compared with Rupees 4,404,611 There is an increase of 12.4%.

The fixed deposits as at the end of the financial year was Rupees 20,841,070.00 compared with Rupees 19,434,342.00 for the last financial year. There is an increase of 7.2%.

The cash and cash equivalent as at the end of the year was Rupees 11,760,010.00 Compared with Rupees 8,997,333.00 for the last financial year. There is an increase of 30%.

During the year under review the Sri Lanka Library Association was able to save Rupees Five Million and has invested in the Savings Account at the Bank of Ceylon which will bring an income by way of interest for the Sri Lanka Library Association.

During the past financial year it is noteworthy to mention that the workshops conducted by the SLLA has brought in a substantial income as against the previous year which amounts to Rupees 207,843.00.

Anton Nallathamby Treasurer

1.0 Council - 2014/2015

Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe - President

Ms D I D Andradi - Immediate Past President

Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga - President Elect
Ms Lilamani Amerasekera - General Secretary
Ms Swarna Jayatillake - Vice President

(Up to December 2014)

Ms Kamala Kanthappu - Vice President

(Since January 2015)

Ms Purnima Jayasinghe - Asst. General Secretary

Mr Anton Nallathamby - Treasurer

Mr W Sunil - Education Officer

Mr K G S Gunatilake - Asst. Education Officer
Ms Sunethra Kariyawasam - Publications Officer

Mr Preethi Liyanage - Information & Public Relations Officer

Mr Upali Amarasiri - Nominated Member Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne- Nominated Member

Professional Groups - 2014/2015

Academic Libraries - Mr Sunil Premaratne
Government Libraries - Ms Sandya Gunawardena
Public Libraries - Ms Chamila Samaratunga
NACLIS Group - Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga
National Library - Mr Wijeya Premadarshana
School libraries - Ms Yamuna Geeganagamage
Special Libraries - Ms Kumari Wickramasinghe

Executive Committee - 2014/2015

Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe - President

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Mr Punchi B Gallaba - Nominated Member Ms Dilmani Warnasuriya - Nominated Member

2.0 Membership

The total membership of the SLLA is 386 which includes Corporate and Non Corporate Members. Further two applications for Fellowship and Life Membership have been approved by the Council to be awarded at the 55th Annual General Meeting.

2.1 Life Membership

Life Membership have been awarded to two Corporate Members for the year 2014/2015

2.2 Fellowship

Senior Associate Members of the Association who have continuous membership and have made significant contributions to the LIS profession of Sri Lanka are eligible to apply for Fellowship of the SLLA. The applicant should provide documentary evidence of the professional achievements mentioned in the selection criteria. This year too Fellowship by Achievement will be awarded to two Corporate Members of the SLLA.

3.0 Council/Ex-Co Meetings

For the year 2014/15 the Council of the SLLA had 7 Regular Meetings and a Special Council Meetings. The Executive Committee had 6 Regular Meetings.

4.0 SLLA Activities

4.1 SLLA Education Programme

4.1.1 Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS)

The DIPLIS course has been the flagship professional course conducted by the SLLA over the years. This year too, the programme has been conducted successfully. The course is conducted in all three languages in five education centres covering the country; viz. Colombo (Sinhala, Tamil & English), Kandy (S), Galle (S), Jaffna (T) and Batticaloa (T). Professional qualifications offered by SLLA are recognized by public and private sector institutions when recruiting and promoting of library personnel of libraries and information centres in the respective sectors.

4.1.2 Distance Education Programme in Library & Information Science

This year there are around 50 students enrolled to follow Level I of the Distance Education Programme. This is specially convenient for those who are working in libraries as well as in remote areas and who are unable to attend class room lectures.

4.1.3 Bachelors Degree in Library & Information Science (Honours)

SLLA is pleased and proud to announce that the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) has agreed in principal to commence a degree programme for the those who have earned the SLLA Associateship after completing the Diploma in Library & Information Science and two years post DIPLIS work experience. The degree programme will be offered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science of the university in distance mode. The SLLA Associates will have to complete two levels (level 5 and 6) which is 60 credit hours. Those who successfully complete the programme will be awarded the Bachelors degree (B.A.) by the OUSL. We are awaiting for the final approval for the programme from the university.

4.2 Vijita de Silva Research Award

The objectives of the recently introduced Vijita de Silva Research Award are to recognize outstanding independent research carried out by the LIS Professionals in Sri Lanka, promote research culture among the local library community, encourage, especially the young LIS professionals to find new solutions to the challenges of the LIS field and generally to improve the quality of the library and information services of the country. This year two applications were received for the award. Unfortunately the award committee could not find a suitable project for the Award as both research projects were not up to the required standard. Later on the request of the donor of the award, SLLA Council decided to award a Certificate of Appreciation for those research projects with certain qualities, though they could not reach the required standard. Accordingly this year SLLA has selected one research, submitted by a senior LIS Professional from Moratuwa University for Certificate of Appreciation with a Rs.10,000.00. This Certificate of Appreciation will only be awarded when there are no suitable quality research to award the Vijita de Silva Research award.

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4.3 IFLA Programme on Building Strong Library Association (BSLA)

The SLLA proposal for the above project was submitted by the Coordinators, Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe and Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne after they participated at the convening workshop in Jakarta, Indonesia in March 2014. As reported last year the proposal of SLLA on "Development of Professional Ethics & Conduct among library professionals in Sri Lanka" was submitted in May 2014. The SLLA proposal was principally accepted by IFLA/BSLA. A Training of Trainers (ToT) to provide country wide awareness, training and advocacy, was planned to be held in March 2015, using the draft revision of the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics (CoE) the base training material. However, as it was decided by the BSLA committee of the SLLA and IFLA that the finalized CoE should be the training material to be used for the ToT, the programme was tentatively postponed. Thus the proposal will be revised as directed by IFLA/BSLA with the new timelines after the revised CoE document is approved by the general membership

4.4 Code of Ethics (CoE)

At the 53rd Annual General Meeting in 2013 of the Sri Lanka Library Association, a resolution was passed to revise the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics (CoE) of the Association published in 1998.

The Ethics committee of the SLLA had several discussions to revise the document and a draft revision of the Code was prepared.

The guidelines of IFLA Advisory Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (IFLA/FAIFE), some recently published CoEs of a few Asian countries and the existing SLLA CoE document (1998) were used as base criteria to identify core areas for drafting the revised SLLA CoE.

A meeting was called on 24th April 2015 to discuss the draft of the revised CoE as directed by the BSLA/SLLA Committee and for further improvement of the document. The group consisted of Past Presidents, and Secretaries of the Association, Key Librarians and the Council/Ex-Co members etc.

The main objective of the meeting was to draw new ideas, concepts, concerns and issues relating to professional ethics and conduct through a constructive discussion and to improve the revised draft

Code further, in order to present it at the Annual General Meeting after incorporating the feedback received at the discussion.

In revising the draft and discussion paper on the CoE for the Library professionals in Sri Lanka many areas and aspects such as new trends of the LIS profession, norms and attributes of the LIS profession that are necessary for professional sustainability of Sri Lankan Librarians and Information Specialists were incorporated.

4.5 SLLA Participation in Professional Programmes

- **4.5.1** The Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology(APIIT) in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Library Association sponsored an excellent academic and professional training programme for School Librarians in the last week in June, 2014. The objective of this programme was to educate School Librarians on technological developments relevant to knowledge dissemination in the 21st century. Pitigala-Arachchi, the Chief Executive Officer of APIIT - Sri Lanka and Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe, President, Sri Lanka Library Association, addressed the participants. Resource Persons were Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne, Dr Ruwan Gamage, Mr P G Premadasa and Ms Ruwandhi Mind Mapping in the Learning Process, Networking Through Social Media: Guidance by the Librarian to Students, Information Literacy were some of the topics covered.
- **4.5.2** Council Members of the Sri Lanka Library Association, Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga and Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne, conducted a programme on Information Literacy & Research Skills to the students of APIIT in November 2014. This was a unique opportunity to provide professional expertise of SLLA personnel to a private sector higher educational institution.

Students were provided with an opportunity to learn to develop the skills appropriate to their research. Sessions covered aspects of information literacy, from the beginning of a literature search, through keeping the research up-to-date and organizing references, right up to the ethical and practical issues to be considered when disseminating academic work. Students were able to get experience in searching specialist resources in relevant fields; to plan and develop literature searches; employ strategies to manage references and keep up with the current research in the field; and develop awareness.

- **4.5.3** National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) jointly with the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya and the Sri Lanka Library Association organized a Seminar on "Current Trends In DDC" with the objective of developing the knowledge of librarians on Dewey Decimal Classification System. It was held at the NLDSB auditorium on the 9th of December 2014. The resource persons of this highly interactive programme were Prof M P Satija, Senior Professor of Library and Information Science, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, India, Senior Prof Piyadasa Ranasinghe and Prof W A Weerasooriya.
- **4.5.4** SLLA organized "Information for Insights: a colloquium" by Dr. Ajith Rohana Colonne, the Director, Academic Studies of the Sri Lanka Institute of Training and Development, at the Auditorium of the National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS), on 10th December 2014 for its members.
- **4.5.5** A Booklet on Guide to Dewey Decimal Classification and Universal Decimal Classification System was compiled by Mr G R Padmasiri and Mr R D Ananda Tissa, two Faculty members of the SLLA. This was compiled mainly for the use of our students and copies of this booklet are available for sale at the SLLA Office @Rs. 400 per copy.

4.6 Other Activities

A team from the SLLA participated in the six a side cricket tournament organized by OPA, on 05th October 2014 at NCC Grounds, Colombo. This is the second time SLLA took part in this tournament. Members of the SLLA cricket team were Mr H M Amarasiri (Captain), Dr Ruwan Gamage (Vice Captain), Mr Preethi Liyanage, Mr L R Amarakoon, Mr Sugath Gunathilake, Mr Thushara Herath and Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe.

4.7 Awards Received

The SLLA received the National Library Award for its Contributions to Reading Promotion and Library Development in Sri Lanka on the 28th October 2014 at the Sri Lanka Foundation at the tenth anniversary of the National Reading Month. National Reading Month programme was started with the objective of promoting the reading habit and thereby creating an intellectual society in Sri Lanka.

4.8 Arrears of Membership

A positive response was received from SLLA members who were in arrears of membership for the years 2013 and 2014 in favour of our reminders forwarded to them.

5.0 Reports of Regular Committees & Professional Groups

5.1 Appointments & Resignations of Conveners & Co-ordinators

- **5.1.1** The Council appointed Mr R Maheswaran as Center Coordinator for Kandy and Ms Subashini Rodrigo as the Coordinator for Badulla.
- **5.1.2** Ms Pushpamala Perera forwarded her resignation as Convener of the NGO Group The Council decided to amalgamate the two groups i.e. NGO and Special Libraries Group to be named as Special Library Group.
- **5.1.3** Mr Sarath Nandakumara forwarded his resignation as Convener of the Special Libraries Group and the Council appointed Ms Kumari Wickramasinghe as its Convener.
- **5.1.4** The Council appointed Prof W A Weerasuriya as Convener of the Professional Ethics Group as Ms Daya Ratnayake, former Convener of the Ethics Group, resigned from all SLLA activities due to personal reasons.

5.2 Education Committee

Under the leadership of the Education Officer, Mr W Sunil, the Education Committee, Centre Co-ordinators and the Teaching Faculty together with the SLLA Office Staff contributed immensely to the success of the Education programme.

5.2.1 Diploma in Library Science (DIPLIS)

DIPLIS Level- 1 - 2014/2015

The Inauguration of the DIPLIS level I course in all three languages was held at the National Library & Documentation Services Board on 16th May 2015.

The total number of new students were 223 for the current year in all three mediums in all centers. DIPLIS Lectures commenced on 24th May, 2015.

DIPLIS Level II

DIPLIS Level II - 2014/15 Course will commence in September, 2014.

DIPLIS Level III - 2014/2015

DIPLIS Level III Examination was held on June 6^{th} & 7^{th} 2015 at Lumbini Vidyalaya, and Results are to be released in October 2015.

DIPLIS Level III -2015/16 Course will commence in July, 2015.

Revision Seminars

Revision Seminars were conducted for DIPLIS all three Levels during the year 2014/2015.

Lecturer Seminar

A Seminar for all Lecturers was held in June 2015.

Total registration for DIPLIS Level 1 - 2015/2016

Centre	Sinhala Medium	English Medium	Tamil Medium	Total
Colombo	36	11	10	57
Kandy	38			38
Galle	20			20
Badulla	15			15
Batticaloa	, -		23	23
Jaffna			24	24
Distance Course	54			54
Total	163	11	57	231

Total registration for DIPLIS Level II - 2014/2015

Centre	Sinhala Medium	English Medium	Tamil Medium	Total
Colombo	27	06	15	48
Kandy	10	-		10
Galle	17	**		17
Batticaloa			18	18
Jaffna			32	32
Distance Course	30			30
Total	84	06	65	155

Total registration for DIPLIS Level III - 2014/2015

Centre	Sinhala Medium	English Medium	Tamil Medium	Total
Colombo	44	-	-	44
Batticaloa	-	-	17	17
Jaffna	-	-	21	21
Distance Course	21	-		21
Total	65	-	38	103

Examination Results

Exam	No. of Candidates			No. of Successful Candidates		
Colombo	Sinhala	Tamil	English	Sinhala	Tamil	English
Level I - 2014/2015	159	50	6	99	39	6
Level II - 2013/2014	115	41	-	87	34	
Level III 2013/2014	33	30	-	24	15	<u>-</u>

5.2.2 Course on Library Automation

In addition to Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS), SLLA re-commenced the Course on Library Automation to enhance the skills of librarians in utilizing information technologies for dissemination and retrieval of information. Course duration will be one year.

5.2.3 Study Tour

Students of DIPLIS Level I from the Kandy and Galle Centres visited the following libraries in the Colombo District with the guidance of the Staff of the SLLA and Centre Co-ordinators.

- 5.1.3.1 On 15th August, 2014 students of DIPLIS Level Iof the Kandy Centre visited the National Library, National Archives and the ITI on their Study Tour.
- 5.1.3.2 On 23rd December 2014 students of the Galle Centre visited the National Library and the University of Colombo Library on their Study Tour.

5.2.4 In Service Training for DIPLIS Level I Students by the Reverse SLLA

Students of DIPLIS Level I were sent to the following libraries for the purpose of practical training for two weeks.

- Dr Richard Pathirana Library, Galle
- Industrial Technology Institute (ITI), Colombo
- National Library
- Public Library, Colombo
- Public Library, Kandy
- Library, Eastern University
- Library, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
- Library, University of Colombo
- Library, University of Peradeniya
- Library, University of Ruhuna
- Library, University of Sri Jayawardenapura
- Library, University of Wayamba

The Sri Lanka Library Association thanks the Librarians and Staff of the above Institutional Libraries for the support extended in training the DIPLIS Level I Students.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/14& 2014/15

S.C. Blok Memorial Scholarships

Diploma in Library and Information Science - Level I - 2014/2015

Sinhala Medium

Mr Vidana Gamage Umesh Dilanka Priyalal

English Medium

Ms Abhirame Sivasanthiran

Tamil Medium

Ms Kasirajan Sivappraragashiny

Diploma in Library and Information Science - Level II - 2013/2014

Sinhala Medium

Mr H D Prabath Menaka Hadunpathirana

Tamil Medium

Ms Y G Fernando

Gold Medal for Best Achievement at Diploma in Library andInformation Science - Level III - 2013/2014 (Final Examination)



Sinhala Medium

Ms Madusha Vidurangi Alwis Weerasinghe

A. L. B. Pethiyagoda Memorial Award – Level I – 2014/2015 (Kandy Centre)

Ms Athukoralalage Anusha Lakmali Gnanarathna

5.3 Continuing Professional Development Group(CPD)

The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Group is in the process of compiling a Directory of Experts in Library & Information Science (LIS) field. The aim of the project is to develop a tool that would be helpful for selecting appropriate supervisors, reviewers, consultants and workshop facilitators. Once compiled, the directory will be published in the SLLA website.

5.4 IT Committee

- **5.4.1** The IT Committee increased the SLLA Web Hosting Capacity to 500MB
- **5.4** SLLA Council has extended the services of Mr Ravikumar as Web Master for the year 2014/15 on the recommendation of the IT Committee.

5.5 Office Management Committee

5.5.1 Four meetings were held by the Office Management Committee during the year under review.

Various recommendations at the Office Management Committee Meetings were forwarded to the Ex-Co and Council approval before implementation.

5.5.2 **Training**

- 5.5.2.1 A half a day's training session on IT was conducted by Dr Ruwan Gamage to educate the SLLA office staff which was very beneficial.
- 5.5.2.2 The Senior Accounts Assistant was sent for a Training Programme conducted by the well known Customer Service and Inspirational Trainer Mr Dhammika Kalapuge.
- 5.5.3 The professional library of the SLLA which is housed at the premises of the National Library is opened for students on two days a week (i.e. on Thursdays and Saturdays) from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Around 50 books were added to the collection which were received from the personal collection of Mr M S U Amarasiri as well as the family members of late Ms Manil Silva.

5.6 Special Libraries Group

Special libraries group of the SLLA organized a successful seminar on the 27th February 2015 titled "Public Relations and Communication for organizational development in the Knowledge era" at the NILIS Auditorium.

Mr Ajith Jayawardhana, Head of Training, Sri Lanka Foundation, Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe, President, SLLA, Dr Ruwan Gamage, Senior Lecturer, NILIS and Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne, Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka were the Resource Persons.

5.7 Public Libraries Group

The Public Library group submitted a report on the issues relating to the recruitment process in the Public Library sector. The group members, after many discussions on these concerns reported the deliberations to the SLLA to consider taking it up with relevant authorities and with the Committee on Public Library development programme.

5.8 Academic Libraries Group

A Workshop on "Writing Winning Abstracts for International Conferences" was successfully organized at the Main Library of the University of Colombo on the 20th March 2015. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga, Librarian of the University of Peradeniya was the main resource person whilst Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe served as a discussant. It should be stated that positive feedback was received from the participants who attended this programme.

5.9 Government and School Libraries Group

A one day workshop on "Information Technology Application for Libraries" was held at the NILIS Computer Lab, University of Colombo on the 27th March 2015. The Main objective of this workshop was to support the development of the ICT skills of library staff of the Government, Public and School Libraries.

The key Resource Persons were Dr Ruwan Gamage, Ms Hiruni Kanchana, Mr A D Buddhin Kumar and Mr Norman Ravikumar. The areas covered were "IT based applications for libraries" "Working with Gmail and Google Drive," Improving efficiency and effectiveness with Google applications such as calendar, drive, email etc. and "Simplified library automation (with OpenBiblio).

5.10. National Library Group

- **5.10.1** A lecture was conducted by Ms Ruvini Dilrukshi of the National Library & Documentation Services Board who shared her knowledge gained at the training workshop on Office Automation held at the National Institute of Science Communication and Information in India. There were around 45 participants out of which around 22 were members of the SLLA.
- **5.10.2** The National Library Group organised a Workshop and an awareness program for staff of the Provincial Library Services Board (PLSB) on 15th May, 2015 at the Auditorium of the NLDSB. There were 15 participants from the Library Services Boards of Uva, Central, Sabaragamuwa and North Central Province. Resource Persons were Mr M S U Amarasiri, Mr W Sunil, Mr Gamini de Silva, Mr W Premadarshana and Mr Chaminda de Silva.

5.11 NACLIS Group - International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS)

Plans are underway to hold an International Conference on Library & Information Services (ICLIS) on 17-18 September 2015. This year's Theme is "Challenges for Information Professionals and LIS Services in the 21st Century". Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga, the convener and her team are working on the project and its in progress with receipt of about 13 abstracts. More abstracts from national and international presenters are expected with an extension given for submissions. A few sponsorship promises also have been made.

5.12 Publications Committee

Volume 13, Nos. 1 to 3 of the Quarterly Newsletter was released in a timely manner. The latest issue of the Newsletter and the Library Review will be released at the AGM 2015.

5.13 Strategic Planning & Strategic Directions Committee (SPSDC)

The Strategic Planning and Strategic Directions Committee (SPSDC) has been tasked with identifying the future strategic directions of the association and preparing a 5 year Strategic Plan for the SLLA. The Committee has conducted a SWOT analysis on the SLLA operation, recognized best practices of

· leading Library Associations in the world, identified a number of important strategic directives and key issues, studied the guidelines and directives of IFLA on the subject, examined a few newly formulated Strategic Plans of other library associations, conducted an Opinion Survey among the members of the SLLA to obtain their views and suggestions, provided an opportunity to the SLLA membership to present its proposals on the Strategic Plan and also join the operation in formulation of the plan. Strengthening the governance of the SLLA, capacity building, improving partnership with key professionalism, improving stakeholders, enhancing visibility of the SLLA, facilitating and encouraging the use of new technology, building young leadership, membership linking LIS with national development plans, strengthening the harmony among different communities and developing a new business model for SLLA are some of the identified key issues and strategic directives so far. It is expected to conduct a series of small workshops and a seminar on the subject during the coming year 2015/16 to facilitate the project. The aim of the committee is to submit the draft Strategic Plan for the 2016 SLLA AGM. The proposed SLLA Strategic plan may not follow the traditional framework of such plans due to practical difficulties in implementing such a plan in a given time frame, especially at the initial stage. It will mainly concentrate on dealing with the above mentioned key issues and also the problems and challenges face by different sub LIS sectors (e.g. Public, School, Academic, Special, Government) and trying to find the appropriate, effective and meaningful ways in dealing with them through the SLLA.

6.0 SLLA Collaborations with other institutions and Organizations

6.1 SLLA works in partnership with other National level LIS organizations, through its representation in the respective governing boards. President of the SLLA serves as an ex-officio member of the Boards of Management of the National Library and Documentation Services Board and the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences, Provincial Library Services Boards of the Central and Uva Provinces.

6.2 Organization of Professional Associations (OPA):

The SLLA is a founder member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka, which was established in 1975. The Association is represented at the OPA in its Executive Council and the Forum. This year the Association was also given the opportunity

to nominate a representative as one of the Vice Presidents of the OPA. The President was nominated for this post. The SLLA President is also a member of the Publications Committee and the Membership Committee of the OPA.

6.3 International – The SLLA strengthened its collaborative work with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). This year we are happy to announce that the Council Nominee for the Standing Committee on Asia and Oceania of IFLA, Dr. Wathmanel Seneviratne has been accepted by the IFLA. It is a great honour for the SLLA that once again we are represented in this important regional forum.

7.0. Auditors

A request was made at the last AGM to change the Auditors of the SLLA.

Quotations were therefore called from Gajma & Company, Carter De Costa & Co., Gunawardena & Co., and BDO Partners. The Council decided on Carter de Costa Company, being a reputed firm of Chartered Accountants.

8.0 Bereavements

- **8.1 Ms Sharmini Tennekoon** passed away on the 12th November, 2014. Sharmini started her career as a Library Assistant at the Public Library, Panadura in 1968 and later served at the Colombo Public Library. She then joined the Industrial Development Board in the late 1960s, where she worked till her retirement. After her retirement she was attached to Alcoholic Drugs Information Centre (ADIC). She was an active member of the SLLA and served as a Council Member for many years. She also served in the teaching faculty of the SLLA for several years.
- **8.2 Ms Swarna Jayatilake**, Vice President of the SLLA and the Librarian of Wycherley International School passed away on the 28th December, 2014 after a brief illness. She was a former Deputy Director, Trade Information Services, EDB. Ms Jayatilleke was an active member of the SLLA for many decades. She also served at key positions of the SLLA Council and in the Education Teaching Faculty as lecturer throughout her involvement with the Association.

9.0 Acknowledgements

- 1. AGM Organising Committee
- 2. All outgoing Council, Ex-Co Members and Professional Groups and Regular Committee Members
- 3. Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd.
- 4. Independent Television Network
- 5. International Federation of Library Associations & Institutions
- 6. National Institute of Library & Information Sciences
- 7. National Library & Documentation Services Board
- 8. Sri Lanka Foundation
- 9. SLLA Office Staff

Annexure I

SLLA Professional Groups

Academic Libraries Group

- 1. Mr Sunil Premaratne Convener
- 2. Mr R D Ananda Tissa
- 3. Ms Harshani Dissanayake
- 4. Ms Champa Alahakoon
- 5. Mr G R Padmasiri
- 6. Ms Chamani Gunasekara
- 7. Mr T Ramanan
- 8. Ms Nadeeka Rathnabahu

Public Libraries Group

- 1. Ms Chamila Samaratunga Convener
- 2. Ms Varuni Gangabodarachchi
- 3. Ms Sewwandi Jayasinghe
 - 4. Ms S K Muwandeniya
 - 5. Ms H,K Pathma
 - 6. Mr G A D Y I Gammanpila

Government Libraries Group

- 1. Ms Sandya Gunawardena Convener
- 2. Mr W G Lionel Kumarasiri
- 3. Mr Sugath Gunathilleke
- 4. Ms Dolitha Andradi
- 5. Ms Sumithra Meegasmulla
- 6. Ms Yanika Nandasena
- 7. Ms Urika P Munasinghe
- 8. Ms W N Rasanjalee

School Libraries Group

- 1. Ms Yamuna Geeganagamage Convener
- Ms Amara Pathirana
 Ms Damayanthi Jayasundera
 Ms Chamari Yapa

National Library Group

- 1. Mr Wijeya Premadarshana Convener
- 2. Ms D I D Andradi
- 3. Mr W Sunil
- 4. Mr G D Amarasiri
- 5. Ms Senani Bandara
- 6. Mr H M Gunaratne Banda
- 7. Ms Kusum Ekanayake

Special Libraries Group

- 1. Ms Kumari Wickramasinghe Convener
- 2. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe
- 3. Mr Preethi Liyanage
- 4. Ms Purnima Jayasinghe
- 5. Ms M R Prabodani
- 6. Ms Sunethra Perera
- 7. Ms Kumari Dissanayake
- 8. Ms Pushpamala Perera 9. Mr Anton Nallathamby
- 10. Ms Dushyanthi Daniel
- 11. Ms Chaturanga Weerasekera

NACLIS Group

- 1. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga Convener
- 2. Dr. Ms Anusha Wijeratne
- 3. Ms Pushpamala Perera
- 4. Ms Swarna Jayatillake(Up to Dec. 2014)
- 5. Ms Lilamani Amerasekera
- 6. Mr Preethi Liyanage

Annexure II

SLLA Regular Committees

Advocacy & Grievances Committee

- 1. Mr P B Gallaba- Convener
- 2. Mr Upali Amarasiri
- 3. Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne
- 4. Mr R Maheswaran

Associateship Committee

- 1. General Secretary
- 2. Education Officer
- 3. Asst. Education Officer

Continuing Professional Development Group

- 1. Dr Ms Anusha Wijeratne Convener
- 2. Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne
- 3. Ms Damayanthi Gunasekera
- 4. Dr Ruwan Gamage
- 5. Ms Roweena De Alwis

Education Committee

- 1. Mr W Sunil Convener
- 2. Mr Sugath Gunathilake
- 3. Ms Swarna Jayatillake(Up to Dec. 2014)
- 4. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga
- 5. Mr G R Padmasiri
- 6. Ms K Kamalambigai
- 7. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe

Centre Co-ordinators

- 1. Ms Kalpana Chandrasekera- Jaffna
- 2. Mr R Maheswaran Kandy
- 3. Ms P Kariyawasam Galle
- 4. Mr W Jeyaraj Eastern
- 5. Ms Subashini Rodrigo -Badulla

Information & Public Relations Committee

- 1. Mr Preethi Liyanage Convener
- 2. Mr KPG Kumarasiri
- 3. Ms Swarna Jayatillake (Up to Dec. 2014)
- 4. Ms Nanda Wanasundera
- 5. Mr C Kuruppu
- 6. Mr S. N. Jayasinghe
- 7. Ms Ranjani Aluthge
- 8. Mr Lionel Amarakoon
- 9. Ms Kumari Wickramasinghe

IT Committee

- 1. Dr Ruwan Gamage Convener
- 2. Dr Ms Nayana Wijeyasundera
- 3. Ms Harshani Dissanayake
- 4. Ms Hiruni Kanchana
- 5. Ms.Nadeeka Rathnabahu

Office Management & Finance Committee

- 1. Ms Lilamani Amerasekera Convener
- 2. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe
- 3. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga
- 4. Ms Nanda Wanasundera
- 5. Ms Swarna Jayatillake (Up to Dec. 2014)
- 6. Mr Anton Nallathamby
- 7. Ms Purnima Jayasinghe

Professional Ethics Committee

- 1. Prof. W Weerasuriya Convener
- 2. Prof Russell Bowden
- 3. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga
- 4. Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne
- 5. Ms Swarna Jayatillake (Up to Dec. 2014)
- 6. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe

Fellowship Committee

- 1. Mr Upali Amarasiri Convener
- 2. Prof Russell Bowden
- 3. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe
- 4. Mr P B Gallaba

Publications Committee

- 1. Ms Sunethra Kariyawasam- Convener
- 2. Mr Sugath Gunatillake
- 3. Ms Nanda Wanasundera
- 4. Ms Dilmani Warnasuriya
- 5. Ms Swarna Jayatillake (Up to Dec. 2014)
- 6. Ms Kumari Wickramasinghe
- 7. Mr R Maheswaran
- 8. Ms Pushpamala Perera
- 9. Ms Damayanthi Jayasundera

Social Affairs Committee

- 1. Mr R D Ananda Tissa Convener
- 2. Mr Mahindanath Amarsiri
- 3. Mr Dammika Weerakoon
- 4. Ms Indra Kolonne
- 5. Mr Preethi Liyanage
- 6. Ms Savithri Jayasinghe
- 7. Ms Damayanthi Jayasekera

Strategic Planning & Strategic Directions Committee

- 1. Mr Upali Amarasiri Convener
- 2. Ms Shivanthi Weerasinghe
- 3. Prof Russell Bowden
- 4. Dr Ms Wathmanel Seneviratne
- 5. Senior Professor Piyadasa Ranasinghe
- 6. Mr W Sunil
- 7. Ms Varuni Gangabodaarachchi
- 8. Mr Lionel Amarakoon
- 9. Ms Dolitha Andradi
- 10. Ms Dilmani Warnsuriya

Vijita de Silva Research Award Committee

- 1. Mr Upali Amarasiri Convener
- 2. Dr Ms Pradeepa Wijetunga
- 3. Mr P B Gallaba
- 4. Prof. Russell Bowden

Annexure III

List of Life, Fellow, Corporate & Non Corporate Members - 2014/2015

Life Members

- Ms Roweena C de Alwis Wickramasekera
- 2. Mr K K G Wijeweera

Fellow Members

- 1. Ms Dilmani Warnasuriya
- 2. Dr Ruwan Gamage

Corporate Members

- 1. Mr D A D N S Atukorale
- 2. Ms GHI Dilhani
- 3. Ms H L C Nanayakkara
- 4. Ms GWJLMVTM Seneviratne
- 5. Ms R C P Wijenayaka
- 6. Ms Y S Udumalagala

Non Corporate Members

- 1. Ms K G Ishani Lakmali
- 2. Ms P K S Prasadani
- 3. Ms M P J Rosemary
- 4. Ms G W P Kuruppu
- 5. Ms T S Nanayakkara
- 6. Mr E A H S K Alwis
- 7. Ms H G P S C Dilhani
- 8. Ms W A D Shermila
- 9. Ms A A L Akurana
- 10. Mr A L Kaleellurahuman
- 11. Ms I S Nanayakkara
- 12. Ms P L S W Wijesinghe
- 13. Ms Devika Weerasinghe
- 14. Ms D H Mathasinghe
- 15. Ms K Narmatha

- 16. Ms R S D S Prasangika
- 17. Ms L D R Nilmini
- 18. Ms I N Polgampola
- 19. Ms MALSilva
- 20. Ms P K S Manatunga
- 21. Ms W P G L Perera
- 22. Ms P S S Pelawatte
- 23. Ms K A D D Sanjeewani
- 24. Ms K H Melani Madusha
- 25. Ms H W Hiroshi Nanayakkara
- 26. Ms Buddhika Liyanaarachchi
- 27. Ms G M S K Girakaduwa
- 28. Ms W A D W S Jayasena
- 29. Ms C J M W K Chandrasekera
- 30. Mr K S P Perera

Annexure IV

Panel of Lecturers - 2014/2015

34 Navirathan, Ms G

1	Ms C M Abeygunasekera	35	Mr K M Nishath
2	Ms C Alahakoon	36	Ms R Pararajasingham
3	Mr S U Amarasinghe	37	Mr S Pathmanathan
4	Mr R D Ananda Tissa	38	Ms Nanda Perera
5	Ms A V M K Ankumbura	39	Ms P K Pushpamala Perera
6	Ms T Arulnandhy	40,	Mr H N Pieris
7	Mr M C M Azwer	41	Mr B Prashanthan
8	Mr A H K Balasooriya	42	Mr T Ramanan
9	Ms P Balasuriya	43	Mr K Ramanayake
10	Ms K Chandrasekar	44	Ms WAJK Ratnasekera
11	Mr A Dharmaratna	45	Mr J Ratnayake
12	Mş Nalini De S. Wijenayake	46	Ms Deepthi Ravi
13	Ms Soma De Silva	47	Mr M N Ravikumar
14	Ms Harshani Dissanayake	48	Mr M M Rumaiz
15	Mr J Garusinghaarachchi	49	Mr M M Rifaudeen
16	Mr M K C Gnanasekera	50	Ms K N Samanthi
17	Mr H M Gunarathne Banda	51	Ms Y Shanmugasundaram
18	Ms Damayanthi Gunasekera	52	Mr M S M Shiham
19	Mr R M Gunasekera	53	Mr M Sinnarajah
20	Ms C Gunasekera	54	Mr S L Siyath Ahamed
21	Mr K G S Gunatilake	55	Mr K Subramaniam
22	Ms J E A M S Jayasinghe	56	Ms I P Tilakaratne
23	Ms Swarna Jayatillake (up to Dec.2014)	57	Ms L Umashankar
24	Mr W J Jeyaraj	58	Ms M Visakaruban
25	Ms Hiruni Kanchana	59	Mer D Weerakoon
26	Ms K Kamalambikai	60	Ms W A J Weeratunga
27	Ms Sunethra Kariyawasam	61	Ms Kumari Wickramasinghe
28	Ms U G M P Kariyawasam	62	Mr K K G Wijeweera
29	Mr S Ketheeswaran	63	Dr K D G Wimalaratne
30	Mr L Kumarasiri	64	Ms C K S Yapa
31	Ms M M Mashroofa	65	Mr Anusha Yapa
32	Ms Ira Mudannayake		
33	Murugathas, Ms K		

Annexure V

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Independent Auditor's Report

To The Members of the Sri Lanka Library Association Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Sri Lanka Library Association which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31st March 2015, and the Statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, and other explanatory notes, as set out in this Report.

Executive Committees Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting standards (SLFRS for SME). This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting polices; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Scope of Audit and basis of Opinion

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit. We therefore believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, so far as appears from our examination, the Association maintained proper accounting records for the year ended 31st March 2015 and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Association state of affairs as at 31st March 2015 and its profit for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLFRS for SME).

CARTER DE COSTA & CO., CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

29th May 2015 Colombo

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SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015

Income	Note 2014/2015		2013/2014	
		Rs.	Rs.	
Membership Fees	1	300,000.00	273,250	
Registration Fees		241,500.00	245,500	
Course Fees and Examination Fees	2	8,252,250.00	7,199,100	
Surplus - Workshop	3	207,843.83	(9,038)	
Other Income	4	2,078,840.55	2,342,701	
		11,080,434.38	10,051,513	
Expenses				
Direct Expenses	5	(2,190,821.20)	(1,809,886)	
Administration Expenses	6	(4,950,551.74)	(4,404,611)	
Surplus For The Year Before Taxatio	n —	3,939,061.44	3,837,016	
Income Tax Expense	7	(186,629.04)	(148,850)	
Surplus For The Year		3,752,432.40	3,688,166	

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SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION **AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015**

	Note	31.03.2015	31.03.2014
Assets		Rs.	Rs.
Non Current Assets			
Property. Plant and Equipment	8	1,048,795.91	1,379,353
Investments	9	1,000.00	1,000
		1,049,795.91	1,380,353
Current Assets			•
Accounts Receivable	10	70,564.00	70,564
Advances and Prepayment	11	13,100.00	147,212
Short Term Deposits	12	20,841,070.69	19,434,341
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13	11,760,010.69	8,997,333
	-	32,684,745.38	28,649,450
Total Assets	-	33,734,541.29	30,029,803
Fund and Liabilities			
Fund			
Accumulated Fund	14	30,404,898.40	26,652,466
Building Fund		142,321.00	142,321
Library Rebuilding Fund	15	151,398.28	292,945
Distance Education Partnership Program Fund		979,695.00	979,695
Education Officers Fund		54,000.00	54,000
IFLA/ALP Workshop Fund	16	100,865.00	100,863
REFSALA Fund	17	76,050.00	76,050
Vijitha De Silva Research Fund		517,900.00	500,000
Hikkaduwa Public Library Fund	18	380,785.00	380,785
·	_	32,807,912.68	29,179,125
Non Current Liabilities			
Retirement Benefit Obligation	19	525,080.00	493,020
•	-	525,080.00	493,020
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	20	214,919.57	208,808
Income Tax Payable	_	186,629.04	148,850
	-	401,548.61	357,658
Total Funds and Liabilities	10	33,734,541.29	30,029,803

These Financial statements are prepared and presented by the Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka Library

Signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee.