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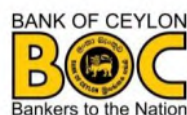
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Message from the President, SLLA



It is my pleasure to write this brief message as the President of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA), to the proceedings of the 13th National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS), which is the most accentuated annual academic event of the SLLA.

This year the theme of the conference is Social Impact of Librarianship: scholarship towards sustainable development goals which is a topic being discussed in the global context. There is no argument that the libraries have been playing an immeasurable role since the day they were established, towards the sustainable development of the society. However, in the contemporary society in which not only the needs for information, but also the means of providing information to satisfy those needs have become complex, the intervention of the libraries are felt more than ever. There are many who need information to solve their economic, social, health and many other issues, yet have poor access to information. Internet has become a convenient source of information for many. In such an environment, libraries become vital institutions in providing access to authentic, current and relevant information.

The theme was selected considering its relevant to the Sri Lankan context as well, so that the opportunity will be provided for the national library community to engage in a discourse on the role the libraries have to play in future to support the sustainable development goals of the country.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the Chief Guest, Keynote Speaker, the Convener and the conference organizing committee, and the staff of the SLLA for making this event a success and am positive that it will be an academic forum to expand the horizons of knowledge of the participants.

Dr. (Mrs.) Pradeepa Wijetunge
President
Sri Lanka Library Association

Message from the Chief Guest



It is with much pleasure that I convey this message of felicitation to the Thirteenth Annual Conference, NACLIS 2017, of the Sri Lanka Library Association.

Twenty-first century is marked as an era of dependency on information with accessibility through modern technology which has made a profound impact in all walks of life. Behaviour of this millennial population demands information

before making any decision for their learning, working, personal health etc. and also for upgrading their skills and credentials.. It is my belief that the theme of this year's conference, "Social impact of librarianship and attaining SDGs" is both timely and relevant to the present day, especially when the United Nations wants to achieve Sustainable Development in the world we live in by 2030. For this goal to be reached, everyone needs to do their part: governments, the private sector, civil society and people like us. I am convinced that the libraries and librarians, as information mediators, have a great responsibility in catering to achieve this goal and to be prepared to take up the associated challenges.

I am sure that this important event will provide a time and space to bring scholars and professionals in Library and Information Science together to lobby their ideas and exchange their professional practices and viewpoints.

I would like to congratulate the Sri Lanka Library Association and NACLIS committee for organizing this type of knowledge exchange forums and sincerely wish that the deliberations of the conference would go a long way in providing novel project ideas, new research avenues and establishing the best practices to strengthen the Library and Information Science profession.

I am confident that the Thirteenth Annual Conference, NACLIS 2017, of the Sri Lanka Library Association would be an enriching and rewarding experience for all the presenters and participants and wish the event all the success.

Prof. Anbahan Ariadurai
Vice Chancellor
Open University of Sri Lanka

Message from the Keynote Speaker



It is a great pleasure to have been invited by Sri Lanka Library Association when it is organizing its National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS 2017) under the theme "Social Impact of Librarianship: Scholarship towards Sustainable Development" on 29th June 2017 at Colombo. In a world of rapid and constant change, the theme of the conference is relevant to the

libraries scenario all over the world with challenges to the role of librarians to serve society. From those who speculate the future of the books and the end of libraries, librarians can consider how libraries necessary for a great parcel of society worldwide. Looking at the history of libraries, librarians have always embraced technologies to improve societies. Globally, librarians realize that sustainable development occurs due to public access to information. Libraries are potentially agents that largely enable positive transformations in social, economic and environmental contexts. Since 2014, IFLA gathers samples concerning as to how libraries contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda. Librarians have a major responsibility to achieve the progress of Sustainable Development for better society.

Sri Lanka Library Association is also conscious about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of UN agenda. In this line, I expect to share my experience, and to hear from my colleagues their experience and knowledge. NACLIS 2017 will bring several library experts together on this big day, and will enable to expand UN 2030 agenda across developing world.

My best wishes for grand success of the Conference.

Dr. Eduardo Alentejo

Dean of Library Sciences School, UNIRIO, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Message from the NACLIS Chair - 2017



On its successful progression, Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) has proudly organized 13th National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS). Being one of the most important annual events on library and information science, NACLIS 2017 provides an arena to share and communicate valuable knowledge, experience and research findings of librarians working in various sectors in Sri Lanka. In this line, I am highly honoured to serve as the Conference Convener for NACLIS 2017.

Conference theme of 13th National Conference of Sri Lanka Library Association was formulated to address the elements of UN 2030 Agenda, thus the theme reads “Social Impact of Librarianship: scholarship towards sustainable development,” which has serious concerns with social responsibility of libraries. With increasing concerns over sustainable development, libraries in Sri Lanka are expected to be engaged more in activities and services that support community and natural resource development.

Our Chief Guest Professor S.A. Ariyadurai – Vice Chancellor of Open University of Sri Lanka –, who is a prominent intellectual with vast academic experience, will address the gathering at NACLIS 2017. This gathering presents a rare opportunity to listen to an interesting keynote address by Professor Eduardo Alentejo – Director of the School of Library Science, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (UNIRIO), Brazil. Meanwhile, an invited speech from Ms. Shafina Segon from Taylor & Francis is focusing on Social Media and Academic Publishing.

NACLIS 2017 would not have seen the light of the day without of the commitment, efforts and assistance from our precious members of SLLA, sponsors, presenters, and participants.

It is my hope that this conference will be a huge success!

T. Ramanan
Convener
NACLIS 2017

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