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President's Message

It is my pleasure to send this message to this special issue of the Sri Lanka Library Review (SLLR) marking the 55th anniversary of the SLLA. It is also fitting that I acknowledge the contribution made by this professional journal towards the Library and information (LI) field, as a whole. The journal has been issued since 1962, and this is itself a significant achievement. It is a major publication in the country and is the avenue for Library and information professionals to gain knowledge in the LI and related fields and also to publish their own research and conceptual articles that are reviewed by experts in the profession.

The SLLR therefore serves as an essential and important tool in a learning environment. Learning and continuous learning is highly important today to keep up with the rapid changes taking place in all spheres of activity and disciplines. It is appropriate to quote from Reginald Revans who is widely regarded as the founder of action learning for managers—"learning must be equal to or greater than the rate of change" (<http://www.action-learning-management-education.com/Reg-Revans.html>). It is necessary to share knowledge to learn and the SLLR is the appropriate platform for this purpose.

I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the Publication Officer Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam, and her team for their hard and dedicated work in successfully publishing the SLLR and the Newsletter of the SLLA.

Marking anniversaries is also a time for reminiscing the past to learn for the future. I thank Ms. Nanda Wanasundera for her initiative taken to interview one of the senior, distinguished librarians and a member of the SLLA Ms. Ishvari Corea and provide the transcription of it to the Journal. Undoubtedly it will add much value to relive the history of librarianship in Sri Lanka and SLLA.

My appreciations also goes to the contributors of papers, reviewers and all those who rendered support to this endeavor.

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Preface

The Library Review is the professional journal of the Sri Lanka Library Association. Commenced in 1962, the journal is one of the oldest professional journals in the LIS field in Asia.

There are 12 peer reviewed articles in the current issue, in Sinhala, Tamil and English and a write up on Mrs. Ishvari Corea, a distinguished pioneer librarian in Sri Lanka. The subjects of the articles are diverse which reflects the current trends in the LIS field. By reading the articles, hopefully readers will not only acquire new knowledge, but also be motivated to do their own research and produce more new knowledge. Research and publications are essential ingredients for the success of any professional field. As LIS professionals we are lagging behind in this important sphere and it is our collective duty to make a genuine effort to improve the situation. The Library Review will be delighted to extend every possible assistance in this area.

I would like to thank the authors of the articles for their excellent contribution. I also extend my gratitude to the reviewers for their hard work, especially for submitting the reviews on time.

Members of the Publication Committee extended me a tremendous support in many ways and I am genuinely grateful to them. My special thanks go to senior members of the committee, Mrs. Nanda Wanasundera and Ms Dilmani Warnasuriya for their quality contributions and support. Finally the assistance extended by the President and the Council of the Sri Lanka Library Association and the staff of the SLLA office is gratefully acknowledged.

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