

National Conference on Information Literacy Competencies for Higher Learning and Research

21-22 October 2011

Department of Post Graduate Studies in Library and Information Science in association with Centre for Rural Social Documentation organized two-day National Conference on Information Literacy Competencies for Higher Learning and Research on 21st and 22nd October 2011. The Conference was held at Sir M Visveswaraya Auditorium, University College of Science, Tumkur University.



Sri N V Sathyanarayana inaugurating the Conference. Also seen are (from left to right) Prof. D Shivalingaiah, Prof. A Y Asundi, Prof. P Sadashivamurthy, Dr. P V Konnur, Prof. C R Karisiddappa and Ms. Hemavathi.

Inauguration

The Conference was inaugurated by Sri N V Sathyanarayana, Chairman and Managing Director, Informatics India Ltd., Bangalore. Prof. D Shivalingaiah, Registrar, Tumkur University delivered the introductory speech and welcomed the dignitaries. Prof. C R Karisiddappa, UGC Emeritus Professor and Formerly Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Karnatak University, Dharwad

delivered the Keynote address. Prof. P Sadashivamurthy, Chairman, Department of PG Studies in Library and Information Science, Tumkur University, presided over the inaugural event. Dr. P V Konnur, University Librarian, Bangalore University Library was the Director of the Conference and Dr. A Y Asundi, Professor (Rtd), Department of Library and Information Science, Bangalore University, Bangalore, assumed the responsibility of the Rapporteur General. Ms. Hemavathi B N, Assistant Professor, Dept. of PG Studies in Library and Information Science, Tumkur University was the Organizing Secretary.

The inauguration of the Conference was followed by the release of Conference Proceedings. The Call for papers for the Conference received a great response. About 65 papers were submitted, of which 33 research papers were reviewed and selected by the Advisory Panel for publishing in the Conference Proceedings. 15 papers were selected for Poster presentation.



Release of the Conference Proceedings

Paper Presentation

On the first day of the Conference, four technical sessions were held in which 16 research papers were presented. There was a product demonstration by Easylib Library Automation Pvt. Ltd. The themes of the sessions were: Information Literacy Framework, Information Literacy & Research Literacy Standards, Information Literacy and Information Skills and Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning respectively.

On the second day, three technical sessions were conducted. The themes of the sessions were: Information Literacy and Academic Partnership, Information Literacy and Technology Literacy, and Information Literacy in Web 2.0 and Social Networking. 12 papers were presented during these three sessions.

Panel Discussion

A Panel discussion was held with experts on the theme “Should Information Literacy be part of curriculum at all levels of education?” Prof. A Y Asundi was the moderator of the discussion. The panelists were Dr. K P Vijay Kumar, Associate Professor & Hon. Director, Centre for Studies in Information Literacy, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. N Parvathamma, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Gulbarga University, Gulbarga and Dr. Stanley Madan Kumar. Dr. Vijay Kumar spoke on Curriculum for Information Literacy at different levels, Dr. Stanley Madan Kumar on Information Literacy for special education.

Valediction

The valedictory ceremony commenced at 4 pm. Prof. H A Ranganath, Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore, was the Chief Guest of the event. Sri K G Venkatesh, Director, Department of Public Libraries, Government of Karnataka was the special invitee. Dr. A Y Asundi, Rapporteur General, presented the report of the Conference.

Dr. H A Ranganath, during his valedictory address, made a presentation on information literacy and urged the participants to take an oath to spread information literacy. He said that 21st Century teachers and students can be served effectively with 21st Century librarians. A 21st Century librarian must have multiple skills. Libraries should be like “information sanctuaries” which provide conducive environment for breeding of ideas and generation of new knowledge. To equip

librarians with multiple skills, library and information science curriculum should be updated. There is a need to rethink and redesign the profession of librarianship.



Prof. H A Ranganath, Director, NAAC delivering the valedictory address

Sri K G Venkatesh, in his speech, opined that information literacy is not just for searching and retrieving information, it is a skill for life. Prof. D Shivalingaiah, Registrar, Tumkur University presided over the event. In his presidential remarks, he spoke on the impact of information literacy on higher education. He urged that quality-monitoring bodies like NAAC must take necessary measures to make information literacy programmes mandatory in all educational institutions and the responsibility of assessing the quality of such programmes should be entrusted to Library and Information Science teachers and librarians.

Dr. H A Ranganath, Prof. P Sadashivamurthy, Dr. P V Konnur and Prof. A Y Asundi were felicitated on the occasion. Ms. Hemavathi B N, Organizing Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. More than 150 delegates from across the country participated in the two-day event.