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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Member,

In this season of holidays and feasts, I wish to share fellowship and good will amongst the professional colleagues. A peep back into the last 2006 reflects MALA's initiatives to be stimulating and scintillating. Substantially, increased membership strength, focused programmes of activities, excellent members' participation, beneficial collaboration, and spinning interaction have all enhanced and enriched the statuesque of MALA. Let us work together with much more commitments and interests and look for more fruitful and interesting partnerships, participation, proposals, promotional programmes in the days ahead. Let us look forward that 2007 shall bestow all of us and MALA with fruitful mission and vision. The 2007 mission of MALA is a demonstration of the high - and growing - level of professional visibility for MALA and by MALA.

Happy New Year to Each One of You.

With best wishes.

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SUCCESS STORIES

OCOTBER: MALA collaborates with Connemara Public Library, Chennai

On October 16, 2006, for the first time in the history of MALA, we collaborated with the Connemara Public Library, Chennai and hosted a talk by Mr. S. Muthiah, a Cultural Historian and Writer on *Early Libraries of Madras*. The programme was attended by more than hundred professionals and members of the public.

(See picture at right)

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Mr. S. Muthiah on 'Early Libraries of Madras'

NOVEMBER - Workshop on TQM at IGCAR, Kalpakkam

In association with our Kalpakkam Chapter, MALA has organized a one day Workshop on 'Total Quality Management', s on Saturday, November 18, 2006 at Anupuram Convention Centre, DAE Township, Anupuram - 603109. The programme was well attended by nearly hundred library professionals from academic, corporate and special libraries. Free transport facility was arranged

from the Guindy Campus Library, University of Madras. The participants from Chennai thoroughly enjoyed the trip as well as the workshop.

DECEMBER - MALA Co-sponsors Three Programmes

On December 8, 2006 MALA co-sponsored three programmes. The first one was a lecture in association with Ranganathan Centre for Information Studies (RCIS), Computer Society of India (CSI) and the Department of Information Science, University of Madras on *Knowledge Empowerment through Information and Collaboration Grids* by Dr. K.R. Srivathsan, Director, IIITM-K.

The second one was with the Madras Book Club in organizing Kumar Memorial Lecture on the same day. Mr. V. Sundaram I.A.S. (Retd) spoke on *Great Voices from the World of Poetry*. As a long time friend of Mr. and Mrs. Kumar he also presented the gold medal sponsored by Kumars' family to the best outgoing student of the Department of Information Science, University of Madras in 2005 to Ms. Kamatchi, TCS, Chennai (See picture)



On December 22, 2006, in collaboration with the Department of Information Science, University of Madras, we organized a lecture by Dr. S. Venkadesan, Librarian, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore on the *Electronic Resources*. We were able to host the program though Dr. Venkadesan's arrival in Chennai was delayed.

All the above mentioned events were attended by a good number of information professionals.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FROM MALA - Workshop on Greenstone Digital Library at CMC, Vellore

On February 8 – 10, 2007 in association with Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore we are organising a three day regional Workshop on Greenstone Digital Library Software at CHTC Auditorium , CMC Bagayam Campus, Vellore. Dr M.G. Sreekumar, UNESCO Coordinator, Greenstone Support Network South Asia and Librarian & Head, Centre for Development of Digital Libraries (CDDL), Indian Institute of Management – Kozhikode and Ms. K. T. Anuradha, Scientific Officer, NCSI, IISC, Bangalore will serve as resource persons.

Since the participants are limited to thirty, kindly send your applications as early as possible. Please write to madraslibraryassociation@gmail.com or dodd@cmcvellore.ac.in for more details.

Talk on “Innovative Services of a Special Library”

On February 26, 2007 Dr. Rafael Ball, Central Library of Research Centre Jülich, Germany will talk on Innovative Services of a Special Library at the Department of Information Science, University of Madras, Chennai at 4.00 p.m. The programme is also co-sponsored by Max Muller Bhavan, Chennai and Ranganathan Center for Information Studies (RCIS).

NATIONAL

XXVI All India Conference of IASLIC – 2007 on Digital Media and Library & Information Science will be organised during December 26 –29 , 2007 at Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University), New Delhi. Please contact the Secretary Dr. Gayas Makhdumi University Librarian &

Head Dr. Zakir Husain Library Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central) Jamia Nagar, New Delhi 110 025.
Tel: (Off) 011-2698-4190 (Direct) Ph(Off) 011-2698-8044 (Extn. 1500)

INTERNATIONAL

International Conference on Semantic Web and Digital Libraries (ICSD 2007)

organized by Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC) and Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Bangalore during February 21-23, 2007 at Bangalore. Write to Dr. A.R.D. Prasad, Convenor at icsd2007@gmail.com for further details.

Information Access for the Global Community: an International Seminar on the Universal Decimal Classification,

4-5 June 2007 at Koninklijke Bibliotheek/National Library of the Netherlands. Log on to: <http://www.udcc.org/seminar2007.htm> for more details.

The IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship Programme

This programme, jointly sponsored by the American Theological Library Association, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), OCLC Online Computer Library Centre and OCLC PICA, provides early career development and continuing education for library and information science professionals from countries with developing economies. More information is available at: <http://www.oclc.org/education/earlycareer/default.htm>

<p>“No man can become rich without himself enriching others” – Andrew Carnegie</p>
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NEWS DESK

Department of Information Science, University of Madras offers short term course on Effective Communication

A MOU has been signed recently by the Department of Information Science, University of Madras and JMPS Sanjivini Consultants (P) Ltd., Chennai to conduct short term courses on Effective Communication to students, scholars, professionals and executives of academic institutions and corporate sector.

Knowledge Commission Reports to Prime Minister of India

In December 2006, The National Knowledge Commission has submitted its report to the Prime Minister. Some of the important recommendations on Library and Information Science related issues are to:

Set up a National Commission on Libraries, Prepare a National Census of all Libraries, Revamp LIS Education, Training and Research facilities, Re-assess staffing of libraries, Set up a Central Library Fund, Modernize library management, Encourage greater community participation in library management, Promote Information Communication Technology (ICT) applications in all Libraries, Facilitate donation and maintenance of private collections, Encourage Public Private Partnerships in LIS development

In order to facilitate the coordinated development of libraries across different sectors and to provide the legislative framework, required legal support and financial backing to the, library sector, the Government could, in course of time consider including Libraries in the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India. This should be done without in any way, abrogating the existing responsibilities of the States towards Libraries. Please access <http://knowledgecommission.gov.in/> for more details.

Digitization of books by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam

Chennai, Dec. 23 (PTI): The Sri Venkateswara Digital Library (SVDL), a wing of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, has initiated work on digitizing books in several libraries, in conjunction with Carnegie Mellon University, US. Launching a sub-centre at the more than a century old Connemara Library here, where books will be digitized, SVDL Director B S Reddy said. He said the SVDL had been granted permission by the *Thiruvaduthurai Adheenam* (Shaivaite Ashram Head) to digitize 50,000 books. SVDL was in the process of doing similar work in Vetapalem Library in Andhra Pradesh and had already completed the task at the CP Brown Library in Cuddapah (AP). SVDL would also be digitizing books at Maharaja Serfoji's Sarasvati Mahal Library at Thanjavur. Mr. Reddy also requested publishers, library authorities, institutions and individuals, who have a valuable collection of books, manuscripts, palm leaves and copper plates, to spare the material for digitization. – The Hindu, December 23, 2006

Legal Information Centre Inaugurated at Delhi

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India Y. K. Sabharwal and Chief Justice-designate K. G. Balakrishnan inaugurated a Legal Information Resource Centre at the Indian Law Institute here (ILI) on Thursday. The computerised centre will provide access to a large number of Supreme Court cases as well as cases from other important courts across the world. Cases dealt with by international courts, case studies of various law institutions, commissions and human rights commissions would also be available online. The ILI library, one of the leading law libraries in Asia, has a collection of more than 70,000 volumes, including parliamentary debates of India and Great Britain, law reports and federal court reports. It also subscribes to over 300 legal journals and 200 periodicals – The Hindu, January 5, 2007

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Our members M. Koteswara Rao and G. Velumani were awarded Ph.Ds by the Department of Information Science, University of Madras recently. Congratulations to the Awardees!

Our Vice-President Dr. Samyuktha Ravi and EC member Dr. V. Chandrakumar participated at the ICDL Conference held at New Delhi in December 2006. At the Conference, a paper authored by our member T. Koteswara Rao of Satyam Computers, along with his colleague Satyajaya titled "WeBlog: A tool for Communication and Information Dissemination" has been awarded as *one of the Best 5 papers in the poster presentation session among 111 papers*.

NEW MEMBERS

We are proud to present the following new members:

Life

From Vellore Institute of Technology:

Mr. L. Amarsanth

Mr. S. Kalaivani

Mr. J. Varadharajalu

Mr. M. N. Venkatesan

From Christian Medical College, Vellore

Mr. I. Azariah Jeba Kumar

Mr. P. Manuelraj

Mr. V. Newton

Mr. A. Vijayakumar

From Auxilium College (Evening), Vellore

Ms. A. Arockia Mary and Ms. P Vijayalakshmi

From Guindy Campus Library, University of Madras, Chennai

Dr. K. Ganesh and Mr. S. Perumal

From Pearl Academy of Fashion, Chennai

Ms. K. Kousalya and Ms. R. Sujatha

Mr. S. Jaiganesh, Navadisha Montessori School, Chennai

Ms. V. Kamatchi, Tata Consultancy Services Chennai

Mr. Muthukumaran, Omayal Achi College of Nursing, Chennai

Mr. G. Rangunathan, St. Peter's Engineering College, Chennai

Mr. J. Ramakrishnan, The Tamilnadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Chennai

Mr. R. Ramakrishnan, Muthayammal Engineering College, Rasipuram Namakkal District

Mr. J. Sallabakumar, Wisdom Educational Service, Chennai
 Mr. R. Senthil Kumar, IDA Scudder School, Vellore
 Ms. T. Sumitha Ananthi, Valliammal College for Women, Chennai
 Mr. T. Thamodaren, TPEVR Govt. Polytechnic, Vellore
 Ms. Vimala Jayakaran, College of Nursing, Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore
 Mr. D. William Abraham, Trichy Engineering College, Trichy

Annual Members

Mr. P. Johndris Kribakaran, P S G College of Technology, Coimbatore
 Ms. D. Kavitha, Library Professional, Chennai
 Mr. A. Kumaresan, Adhiparasakthi College of Arts & Science, Vellore District
 Mr. C. G. Saravana, Kuppam Engineering College, Chittoor District
 Mr. K. Sekar, Library Professional Coimbatore

LIFE IS LIKE THAT



Please encourage your professional colleagues to become members of the MALA. Membership fee is Rs.100.00 for annual, Rs.500.00 for Life and Rs.3,000.00 for institutional members. The amount could be paid by cash/local cheque/demand draft in favour of The Madras Library Association. The registration form can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.accel-india.com/mala/o700.htm>. Please mail the filled-in application form along with the cheque/demand draft to our Treasurer Dr. G. Krishnamurthy at: No.15, Nehru Nagar, 3rd Main Road, Adyar, Chennai 600 020.

Mr. M. Shanmugham, Mookambigai Engineering College, Pudukkottai
 Ms. G. Thenmozhi, D K M College for Women, Vellore

Condolences

Our sincere condolences on the untimely death of S. Srinivas, son of our former President Sankaraiah, due to brief illness, on January 7, 2007 at Bangalore.

We hope you like the new format of the Newsletter and we welcome your contributions for our next Newsletter. Programmes organised by your library, awards/rewards received by you, your significant contributions to the field or simply your feedback on this publication. We are also looking forward to hear your suggestions/co-sponsorship of MALA events. Please feel free to write to us. Our Email ID is: madraslibraryassociation@gmail.com

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A CLICK AWAY

Tips for Library Marketing:

How to Identify, Understand, Target, Track and Satisfy Library Customers: http://www.sls.lib.il.us/infotech/presentations/tech_trends

Wiki and Your Library: Share about your library's best practices and success at: http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Main_Page

RSS: What it is, Where to get it, How to make it, How to use it <http://www.interleaves.org/~rteeter/rss.html>

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