National Seminar on

Issues related to the Library and Information Science Profession in the North-Western Region of India

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Libraries in the modern world are facing immense challenges due to the advent of Information Communication Technology (ICT). On one hand it has helped a lot in disbursing the services but on the other hand it has also created many challenges to the Library and Information (LIS) Professionals.

Information Communication Technology (ICT) has been the driving force of change that has occurred in many fields. Library and Information Science is one such field where ICT has influenced a lot. ICT has increased the canvas of the subject many times. It has led to the creation of digital information which is getting generated in all academic areas. Not only this, digitized material is also adding to the bits that need to be preserved for future generations. This information needs to be properly stored, and managed, so that it becomes searchable and easy to find. Challenges exist to ensure standards are developed which are cross platform based so that data can be used for a longer period of time.

Collection of print and digital information has now also become a challenge that need to be addressed so that access to each bit of information is provided to the future generations.

There are many systems, standards in place for providing metadata to the digital information. Library and Information Professionals need to learn these standards and cope with the digital information produced in terabytes daily all over the world.

Information retrieval is another area where Library and Information Professionals need to be expert because of the expectations of the user community. The data stored must be easily retrieved and for that data need to be organized and managed as per the international standards. Although Google and other search engines provide huge information but the quality is too low. This quality can be addressed by the highly trained professionals of Library and Information Science.

There are also legal challenges faced by the Library and Information Professionals in the age of digital information. LIS professionals have to ensure that their own data abides with the copyright law and the information they provide, either in digital form or print form, also abides the copyright law.

Most of the issues faced by the Library and Information Professionals can be sorted out if we plan to provide good LIS education and training to the professionals.
Keeping all the needs in mind, there is a dire need to sensitize the brains of the Library and Information Professionals regarding the challenges ahead to them. A platform in the form of a Seminar can do a lot in achieving this aim. The seminar will also try to showcase the role that libraries are playing all across the globe in terms of improving the research output of the institutions.

**Theme:**

**Issues related to the Library and Information Science Profession in the North-Western Region of India**

**Sub-Themes:**

This conference will address some of the issues faced by the Library and Information professionals related to **(but not limited to):**

- Academic and Public Libraries
- Library Legislation
- Collection development of resources, Organization of Electronic Resources
- Digital Library Development, Architecture, Management, Archiving, Multi-linguality and interoperability issues
- Best practices in Digital Library environment
- Resource Discovery Tools-Search Engines, Directories, Intelligent Retrieval
- Metadata interoperability and standards, Metadata harvesting, extraction, management
- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), The Laws of Cyberspace and Copyright issues
- Digital information: Licensing and pricing issues
- Technology enhanced services in Digital Environment
- Library Automation: Software, Issues and Best practices
- Mobile Technologies and Mobile information retrieval
- Open Access Library software – their standards, implementations, utilizations, advantages
- Digital Reference
- Digitization projects: issues and challenges
- Issues linked to long-term digital and physical preservation
- Changing approach to information and meeting user expectations
- Marketing of library services in digital era.
- Change Management (Organization, Staff, Delivery of Services, Migration of software/hardware) Change Management Issues and Strategies for libraries
- Skill Development Issues
- Knowledge Management
- Content Management
- Library and Information Networking, Consortia, etc.
- Open Resources (Software, e-Journals, e-books, socio-economic data, search aids, etc)
- Information Literacy
- Social media and user generated innovation, Social Media in libraries
- Cultural diversity in late modern societies
- Ethics for library professionals and users in the Digital Environment
- Information Policy, Copyright Law, Licenses and Fair Use
• Management of indigenous knowledge system in digital era
• e-Learning Organizational Issues, Evaluation and Assessment, Virtual Learning Environments and Issues
• Issues in (Biblio/Sciento/Infor/Webo/Techno) metrics
• Human Resources Management
• Essential Skills for LIS Professionals
• Life Long Learning
• Leadership Qualities
• LIS Education and Training
• LIS Curriculum: Contents, Duration
• Distance learning and LIS education
• LIS Education: Problems and Issues
• Quality Assurance Issues in LIS

Apart from the above mentioned sub-themes, following sub-themes shall also be discussed during the Seminar
• Changing role of University libraries
• Modern vs. Traditional Libraries
• Building the “civilizational competence” through University libraries
• Information literacy and lifelong learning through University libraries
• From print to the digital world: Changing dimensions of University libraries
• Scholarly communication and role of University libraries in supporting research
• Role of Information professionals in the changing times
• Digital libraries: Issues and Challenges
• Digital Librarians and their role
• Issues in e-learning environments
• Sharing expertise and innovation in University libraries
• Re-inventing the library spaces and services in Universities
• Electronic resources: Use and Impact
• Electronic resources: Issues and Challenges
• Digital Libraries and Environmental and Health concerns
• Open access resources: Types and Platforms
• Designing a University library management model for student’s learning support
• Research data management services in academic research libraries and perceptions of librarians
• Future of e-libraries in Universities
• University libraries and preservation of tacit knowledge
• Research collections and University libraries
• Developing corporate culture in University libraries
• Marketing of information resources in University libraries
• Networking activities in University libraries
• Consortia activities in University libraries
• Web 2.0 and its impact on the University libraries culture
• Social media, academic research and the role of University libraries
• Leadership culture in University libraries
• Evolving University library specialties
• Disaster Management and University libraries
• Role of University libraries in Conflict Zones
• Governing role of University library committees
• Gender roles and use of university resources and services
• University libraries: Social and learning spaces
• Role of Libraries as quality checking platforms (checking plagiarism)
Important Dates *(Last Date of Abstract Submission Extended to February 28, 2015)*

- Last date for Abstract Submission: February 28, 2015
- Notification of Accepted Papers: March 05, 2015
- Last date for full paper submission/PPT: March 10, 2015

Papers can be forwarded to efdl.dlis@gmail.com

**Registration**

The registration will cover conference kit, working tea and lunch. Additional charges for boarding and lodging will be based on first-come first-serve basis. Interested persons may contact seminar Director or Coordinators: Dr. Sumeer Gul (Sr. Assistant Professor, DLIS) at sumeersuheel@gmail.com/8803050076 OR Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Lone (Assistant University Librarian, Allama Iqbal Library) at ishaq109@gmail.com/9419025326 for any kind of assistance regarding the seminar well in advance.

- **For Participants / Delegates / Part-time Research Scholars:** Rs. 2000.00
- **For Students and Full-Time Research Scholars:** Rs. 1000.00

**Note:**

Payments can be also made in cash apart from the draft/cheque option.

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