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Editorial

Modern Librarianship and User connectivity

The growth of information is exponential and in this technology driven environment and tech-savvy society its expansion is unimaginable. The information exists in both print and digital formats. In digital formats, again content is available in various file types and formats. As long as digital contents exists, its overload is a concern for the professionals with respect to its acquisition, organization, management and catering to the user needs.

The new concepts drive the professionals not only towards managing the information resources, but also, emphasize on customizing the contents as per the needs of end users. In this digital culture, the major challenge faced by the professionals is not about solving the information overload, but, on how to manage and to enable the contents accessible even at the remotest location of user and his device. The information contents are available in varied formats and file types. The challenge to librarians is to enable these file formats and ensure they open, display and play on end user devices. The technology is changing dramatically. It is the duty of professional to identify, ensure the selected technology is stable, reliable and compatible with many devices. Simultaneously, implementing and integrating the technology that is user friendly on the majority of devices.

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The role of librarian has evolved into one of the most challenging and involves multifaceted skills on the job. The librarians attached to special libraries are expected to engage their users with the latest resources and technological developments and introducing them in the system is one of the challenging jobs of the modern librarianship.

The new trends include understanding publishing models of e-books and e-journals, open access and open educational resources, scholarly communication patterns, online databases, cloud storage solutions, impact assessment and metric tools, data management, institutional repositories, discovery tools, remote access resources, altmetrics, and research analytics. In the coming years, Modern Librarianship involves new responsibilities to shoulder and to carry out challenging tasks that will have direct impact on educating users' community with seamless connectivity.

Dr. Satish Munnoli
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National Conference on Modern Librarianship: Opportunities and Challenges (ICML 2018)

The nature of information environment is changing dramatically with the advancement in ICT and emerging trending technologies. Ever changing user needs and expectations have made library and information science profession as one of the most exciting profession to work in and provide plethora of opportunities for LIS professionals.



To address the issues and challenges of modern librarianship, a National Conference on **Modern Librarianship: Opportunities and Challenges** is jointly organized by the Resource Centre, National Institute of Fashion Technology, Mumbai and Bombay Science Librarians' Association, Mumbai during June 8-9, 2018.



Dr. A. N. Bandi, Organizing Secretary, Head, LRC, NIFT, invited the dignitaries and two day national conference was inaugurated by lighting the lamp. All the dignitaries were felicitated by the Organizing Committee and BOSLA EC members. Dr. B.S. Kademani, Chairman, BOSLA introduced the Bombay Science Librarians' Association (BOSLA) and its activities to the august audience.

The conference volume was released by all the dignitaries on the dais. Dr. B.S. Kademani was felicitated by the Chief Guest Prof. C.R. Karisiddappa and released the Dr. B.S. Kademani's festschrift volume of on his superannuation. Dr. B.S. Kademani shared his views and experiences on the occasion.





Dr. M. M. Koganurmath, former Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, Dr. G. Ravi Kumar, Head, Scientific Information Resource Division, BARC, Mumbai, Prof. Ruchita Beri, Mr. Sven Carlson, Head, Scientific Information Resource Division, Bibliotheca were present on the occasion. Prof. C.R. Karisiddappa, Chief Guest of the inaugural function in his address mentioned the importance of three types of Knowledge viz. Tacit, Explicit and Implicit in IT driven society.

He explained how new technologies are emerging especially Google Generation creating hurdles and imposing challenges to the LIS professionals. He further focused on the impact of social media platforms on the delivery of services to the users. Dr. Brijesh Deore, Joint Director, NIFT, Mumbai presided over the function. Shri Nitin Kulkarni proposed vote of thanks.



Best Librarian Award

Dr. R. Prabakaran, Head, SIRC, TIFR, Mumbai and General Secretary, BOSLA, announced the

BOSLA – Koganurmath Best Librarian Award of the year 2017. The award was received by Dr. Vinita Jain, Librarian, Maharshi Dayanand College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Parel, Mumbai. Prof. C.R. Karisiddappa in his Key note address emphasized on the innovations that transformed the libraries especially from Gutenberg’s Printing Machine to Mark Zuckerberg’s Facebook.



He further explained that library services are inadequate due to the growing demands of users who operate in the networked and virtual environment. He also touched upon the different phases of library management like modernization and transformation. He summarized the keynote address with the statement given by Richard Rohr, “Transformed people Transform people”. There were five Invited Talks by the eminent scholars in LIS profession. Mr. Sven Carlson, Founder and CEO of leading Automated Materials Handling, Bibliotheca presented his views on “Trending Tools and Techniques”. Prof. B. Ramesha, Professor, Department of LIS, Bangalore University, Bengaluru presented on “SMAC – Social Mobile Analytics Cloud for Libraries”



He presented statistics on Internet, Social media and mobile users of the World in general and country specific stats in particular and summarized SMAC is the convergence to enhance user experience.



Prof. B. Ramesh Babu, former Professor, Department of Information Science, Madras University, Chennai presented on "Is Modern Librarianship as a Profession in India is at Cross Roads? Issues, Challenges and Suggestions!". Dr. Ranjit Kumar Das, IIT, Mumbai presented on "Human Resource Management" at libraries. He focused on the importance of Human Resource Management in the Library and Information Centres.



Prof. B.D. Kumbar, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Karnatak University, Dharwad presented "Public Library System and Acts in India". He touched upon the implementation of Library Legislation in India scenario. He identified that Finance is the crucial problem for all the states and union territories in India and south Indian states in particular.

The national conference was organized in eight Technical Sessions with various themes. The Technical Session 1 'Digital Libraries' was chaired by Prof. B. Ramesh Babu, former Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Madras University, Chennai and Co-Chaired by Dr. J. Shivaram, TISS, Mumbai. Out of 9 papers in the technical sessions, 6 papers were presented by the delegates. Most of the presented papers highlighted on institutional repositories and open access tools.



The Technical Session – 2 Library Technologies and Trends" was Chaired by Dr. R. Prabhakaran, Head, Scientific Information Resource Centre, TIFR, Mumbai and Co-Chaired by Dr. Ishappa Bandi, Deputy Librarian, BITS Pilani, Jaipur. Out of 13 papers there were 8 papers presented in the technical session. Cloud computing, RFID and social media platforms were some of the areas covered in the technical session.



The Technical Session - 3 on "Library Resource Sharing and Consortia" was Chaired by Dr.

Mallikarjun Vaddankeri, Librarian, PDA Engineering College, Kalaburgi and Co-Chaired by Dr. P.S. Kattimani, Librarian, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburgi. Four papers were presented in this session.

The Technical Session 4 on "Scientometrics, Webometrics and Altmetrics" was chaired by Dr Praveen Kumar and Co-chaired by Dr Mavin. Out of 13 papers, 8 papers were presented by the authors in this technical session. Scientometrics analysis on different disciplines was the major issues presented by the presenters.



Technical Session – 5: "Human Resource Management" was chaired by Dr Brijesh Devre Joint Director, National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Mumbai and Co-chaired by Dr Agadi Assistant Librarian, Central University Library, Gandhinagar Out of 13 papers there were 8 papers presented in the session. . Marketing of Library products and Knowledge Management were some the issues emphasized by the presenters.

Technical Session-6 "Public Library System and Acts in India

Technical Session 7 "Copyright and IPR" was Chaired by Ms. Tripti Shah, Chief Librarian of Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Mumbai and Co- Chaired by Dr. Iranna Setter Assistant Librarian, National Institute of Technology, Surathkal. Out of 13 papers there 8 papers presented. The presenters focused on public library system, Intellectual Property Rights, Plagiarism.

Technical Session – 8: "Harnessing Web Resources" was chaired by Ms. Savita Rao Chief Librarian at Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) and co-chaired by Mr. Ganesh Yadav Assistant, Resource Centre, National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Mumbai. Out of 05 papers there were 03 papers presented. Search engines, Federated search were the topics covered in the session.

Best Paper Awards:

A jury of two members was constituted for the selection of best paper presented in the conference. The award consisted of a certificate and cash prize. The following three paper presenters got the best paper awards:



1. Ms. Shraddha Uapadhyay, Library Assistant, Mody University of Science and Technology, Rajasthan.
2. Ms. Udaya Varadarajan,

Documentation Research and Training Center, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore. 3. Ms. Priyatama Tiwari, Librarian, DAV International School Library, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai.

Product Demonstrations

There were product demonstrations by BSBEDGE, Clarivate Analytics, Springer, Sage publications, Edutech, Remote XS.

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BOSLA Annual General Body Meeting

Annual General Body Meeting of the association was held on 9th June 2018 at 5.00 pm at NIFT, Navi Mumbai to present the activities of BOSLA, Audited Accounts and to elect the new office bearers. Dr. B. S. Kademani, Chairman, BOSLA and Dr. R. Prabakaran, General Secretary, BOSLA welcomed the members. Dr. Prbakaran required Dr. K. Praveen Kumar, Treasurer, BOSLA to present the accounts. Treasurer read out the balance sheet and the audited statement of account for the period April 2016 to March 2018 by circulating the copy to the members. Chairman proposed to accept the audited account and it was seconded by the Dr. J. Shivarama.

As per the announcement, Dr. Praveen Kumar Returning Officer, conducted election for the new office bearers of the Executive Committee. Three applicants withdrawn their nominations and a nominee was absent during the election, and the voting was held for Chairman and Joint Secretary posts as there were no second contestants for the remaining posts.

The final list of newly elected office bearers is as follows.

Dr. A. N. Bandi, Chairman
Dr. R. Prabakaran, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Satish Munnolli, General Secretary
Mr. N. D. Raut, Joint Secretary
Dr. K. Praveen Kumar, Treasurer
Dr. Mallikarjun Angadi, Executive Member

Dr. J. Shivarama, Executive Member
Dr. Alka Wadwana, Executive Member
Mr. Rajiv Gupta, Executive Member
Ms. Vasundhar Deshpande, Executive Member
Ms. Manju Kalita, Executive Member
Ms Vandana Karande, Executive Member
Mr. Ganesh D. Surwase, Executive Member
Dr. M. F. Kumbar, Executive Member

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks and outgoing Chairman, Dr. B. S. Kademani, congratulated and wished all the new office bearers.

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BOSLA Annual Lecture Series - Next Generation Libraries: The Way Forward

The BOSLA Annual Lecture Series 2018 with a theme – Next Generation Libraries: The Way Forward along with the 126th Birth Anniversary of Father of Library Science - Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, was organized on 8th December 2018 in the Committee Room, MMRDA New Office Building, Bandr-Kurla Complex, Bandra, Mumbai.



Ms. Vasundhara Deshpande, the Librarian of MMRDA Library and the Organizing Secretary, welcomed the august gathering. While inviting the guests and the audience, she remembered the contributions of the great legend – Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. The invited guests, speakers and members paid the floral tributes to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and inaugurated the Annual Lecture Series by lighting the lamp. Dr. A. N. Bandi, Chairman, BOSLA, briefed the audience about the BOSLA

activities and initiatives and remembered the contributions of Padmashree Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. In his speech, he encouraged the young professionals to actively participate in the BOSLA seminars and conferences and share the knowledge for the benefit of all.



The Chief Guest of the event, Prof. Prabhuda Ganguli, CEO, Vision-IPR and Visiting Professor, IIT, Kharagpur, in his inaugural address 'Peeping into the Librizon – Libraries beyond the horizon', gave the vision of library professionals and their need to address hybrid society in line with artificial intelligence. He connected Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's five laws of library science on the present day and gave the insight of what would be coming in the next 25 years down the line and advised librarians to develop the skills in line with AI to deliver future information services.

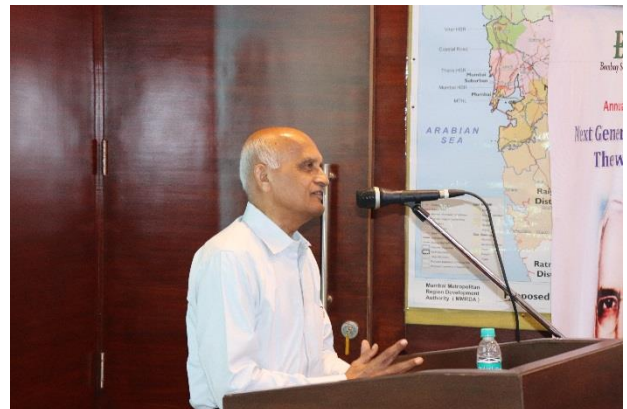


Dr. Maya Awasia, Former Librarian, TIFR, shared her association with BOSLA and remembered the contributions of founders of the association and conveyed best wishes to take BOSLA to a greater heights. Mr. Vishram Patil, MMRDA highlighted the concerns of

drop in the number of visitors to library as the required information is reaching and available to individuals on their hand held devices.



Dr. V. N. Patkar, Ex-MMRDA Manager, in his keynote speech – 'New Horizons for the library Opportunities Galore' emphasized on the needs of 21st century society and their demands and how best librarians can deliver and fulfil their information needs.



He also touched upon the future services and different roles professionals have to play and covered the concepts of SMART library, Print on Demand and Drone in Library environment.



Ms. Poonam Kanwal, Director, BPP, Mumbai gave a talk on 'The Future Business of Libraries'. In her talk she covered and compared the concept of App based business models and how best these can be conceived to bring them in library system and services as most of the clients are smart mobile users.

An innovative and interactive session of sharing the experiences of librarians was conducted by posing questions those were common in libraries. The session was interactive, interesting and informative as many participants shared their practices in their libraries. Young and promising professionals actively took part in sharing their thoughts.



Dr. S. K. Savanur, former Librarian, WRIC, Mumbai in his speech – 'Looking Inward: Next Generation Librarianship' has sensitized the participants about the reduced skills in professionals and emphasized, how best the Librarians can improve their Personality, Dynamism, Instant Responses, Proactive nature, Just for You, Never Say No attitudes and touched upon developing the soft skills for young professionals.

New PhD Awardees

Its' a practice, BOSLA recognizes and felicitates BOSLA members for their academic achievements. On the occasion, new Ph.D. awardees - Dr. Ishappa Bandi, Dr. Kuljeet Kalhon, Dr. Sanjay Munavalli and Dr. R. Perumal were felicitated with a memento and appreciated for their academic excellence. BOSLA member and senior professional, Ms.

Savita Rao, Librarian, CDAC, Mumbai was honoured with a citation and a memento for her professional contributions for the development and shouldering various positions in the association. In her speech, Savita Rao shared her experiences and involvement with the association.





In the entire days' proceedings, three demonstrations and services were presented by the representatives of Titan, Mr. Hemant Deshpande; Creative Books and Periodicals, Mr. Biswajit Dey, and a Reporter, Mr. Ganesh from The Hindu. The event was summed up by Ms. Deepali Kuberkar. General Secretary, BOSLA, Dr. Satish Munnolli, proposed Vote of thanks to all the invited guests, speakers of the event and the Management, MMRDA for facilitating the infrastructure with all the requisite support and services.



The Chairman and the EC felicitated Ms. Vasundhara Deshpande and her MMRDA team for organizing the event meticulously.



All the participants had a plenty of new ideas to take away, had a group photo session, breakfast, snacks and delicious lunch and a BOSLA memento to showcase on their desktops. The day long proceedings ended with distribution of Certificates and high tea.



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To emerge as a centre of excellence and innovation, proactively catalyzing growth of future fashion designers by empowering them through professional education and leadership qualities.

