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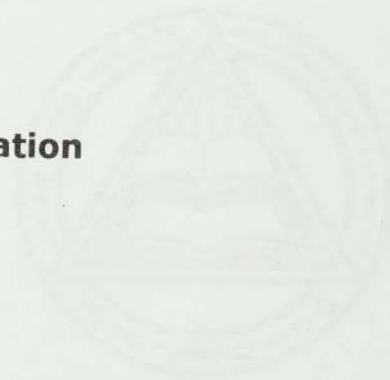
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# Sri Lanka Library Association Council 2016/2017



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 Dr (Mrs) Pradeepa Wijetunge (President), Mrs S Arulanathan (President Elect), Mrs Shivanthi Weerasinghe (Immediate Past President), Mrs Varuni Gangabada Arachchi  
 (Nominated Member).

Standing 2<sup>nd</sup> Row : Mrs Neetha Damayanthi Peiris (Publications Officer), Ms Chandani Senerath (School Libraries), Ms Sumithra Meegasmulla (Government Libraries), Mrs Chamani Gunasekera  
 (Academic Libraries), Ms Wathsala Kodituwakku (Information & Public Relations), Mr Hasitha Korlage (Assistant Education Officer), Mr S M Shiiam (Assistant General Secretary),  
 Mr N S J Edirisinghe (National Library), Mr G M P Gallaba (Nominated Member), Mr B G N Kumarasinghe (Special Libraries).

Standing 3<sup>rd</sup> Row : Mrs Sewwandi Jayasinghe (Public Libraries), Dr. Ruwan Gamage (Education Officer), Mr T Ramanan (NACLLIS).  
 (L to R)

Absent : Mrs. Dilmani Warnasuriya (Nominated Member).



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## **President's Message**

It was with great honour and pride that I took over the Presidency of the SLLA and it is a pleasure for me to present the 57th Annual Report and Auditors' Report of the Sri Lanka Library Association for the year 2016/2017.

When reflecting on the activities of the past one year, it can be said that it was a significant year for the SLLA, as many new initiatives were implemented. The highlight was the commencement of the implementation of the Strategic Plan (2016-2022) approved at the last Annual General Meeting, by the membership. About fifty professionals, including the Professional Group conveners of the Council, are developing many new proposals to be implemented in the years to come.

A series of Human Library sessions were implemented as a pilot project with the financial support from Deutsche Gesellschaft Fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)/Facilitating Initiatives for Social Cohesion and Transformation (FLICT). A series of workshops were conducted under the Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) Programme which was supported by IFLA, and NACLIS was successfully completed under the theme "Social Impact of Librarianship: scholarship towards sustainable development goals".

The Education programmes which are the core activity of the SLLA, were conducted successfully and the collaborative effort of the SLLA with the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) to provide a progressive path for our diplomates to obtain an honours degree from the OUSL was a great success. In order to enable members to receive the highest professional qualification in the SLLA, an alternative path was developed to achieve the Fellowship by Research. The long felt need to place the SLLA education programme on the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework was completed and all these activities will be implemented within the next couple of months strengthening the SLLA's position as the main professional body for the LIS professionals in the country.

However, impediments were not absent. The untimely demises of Professor Piyadasa Ranasinghe, a stalwart in the profession and Dr. (Ms) Anusha Wijayaratne, a blossoming professional, both of whom have contributed immensely to the SLLA was devastating.

Finally, I would like to thank the General Secretary, the Treasurer and all the members of the Council, the Executive Committee and the members of the professional groups, committees, Centre Co-ordinators and lecturers of the education programme and the general membership for their invaluable support rendered throughout the year.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Shanthi de Alwis, Administrative Secretary, Ms. Edna Malkanthi, the Senior Accounts Assistant, and all the other staff of the SLLA for their valuable contribution towards the SLLA and to the newly appointed Administrative Manager, Mr. Ian Bertus for the constructive support extended to make the AGM a success.

Dr. (Ms.) Pradeepa Wijetunge  
President

## **General Secretary's Report**

I am much honoured to be part of the Council of the Sri Lanka Library Association as its General Secretary for the term 2016/2017. It gives me immense pleasure to present the 57th Annual Report and Auditors' Report of the Sri Lanka Library Association for the year 2016/2017.

Events such as the National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS), a series of Human Library Projects and a series of workshops under the Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) Programmes were conducted and a very successful year has passed with the commencement of the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2016-2022.

The Education programmes being the major activity of SLLA, was carried out successfully during the year. Various activities undertaken by the professional groups and committees, throughout the year are highlighted separately. The SLLA newsletter was published in a timely and efficient manner.

An Administrative Manager was recruited on the recommendation of the Strategic Planning and Strategic Directions Committee (SPSDC) of the SLLA. The contract of the Administrative Secretary was extended by a year. The annual increments for senior staff were granted and 50% of the salary was paid as ex-gratia to the permanent staff members.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep sorrow on the untimely demise of Professor Piyadasa Ranasinghe who rendered yeoman service to the SLLA, especially whilst he was the President of SLLA during 2007-2009 and Dr. (Ms.) Anusha Wijayarathne who contributed immensely to the educational programmes of the SLLA. Their invaluable service is highly appreciated by the council and the entire membership.

I would like to thank the President and members of the Council, the Executive Committee and all other members of the professional groups, committees and membership for their invaluable support rendered throughout the year.

I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Ian Bertus, the Administrative Manager, Ms. Shanthi de Alwis, Administrative Secretary, Ms. Edna Malkanthi de Silva, the Senior Accounts Assistant, and all the other staff of the SLLA for their untiring work and service rendered to make the Annual General Meeting a huge success.

**Padma Bandaranayake**  
**General Secretary**

### **Treasurer's Report 2016/2017**

Carter De Costa & Co., Chartered Accountants, continued to serve as the SLLA's Auditors for the year 2016/2017. They have done a comprehensive audit and have reviewed all the necessary documents. The Statement of the Auditors is attached as Annexure V.

The net income for the year was Rs. 4,349,075 compared with Rs. 2,779,805 for the last financial year. There is an increase of 56%.

The income from course fees and examination fees was Rs. 9,737,100 compared with Rs. 8,016,825 for the last financial year. This is an increase of 21%.

The other income for the year was Rs. 1,918,001 compared with Rs. 1,715,531 for last financial year. This is an increase of 11%.

An amount of Rs. 1,216,965 was incurred on purchases of fixed assets.

The direct expenses for the year was Rs. 2,846,466 compared with Rs. 2,858,921 for the last financial year. There is a marginal decrease of 0.5%.

The administration expenses for the year was Rs. 4,922,571 compared with Rs. 4,813,804 for the last year. This is a marginal increase of 2%.

The Fixed Deposits at the end of the financial year was Rs. 30,546,509 compared with Rs. 27,081,498 for the last financial year. A new fixed deposit for Rs. 2 million was placed with the Bank of Ceylon.

The cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year was Rs. 8,879,728 compared with Rs. 8,851,077.

The surplus generated from the workshops conducted by SLLA has brought an income of Rs. 170,279 as against Rs. 383,797 of the last financial year.

**Lilamani Amerasekera**  
**Treasurer**

## **1.0 Council - 2016/2017**

Dr.(Ms) Pradeepa Wijetunge -	President
Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe -	Immediate Past President
Ms. S. Arulanantham -	President Elect
Ms. Padma Bandaranayake -	General Secretary
Mr. Anton Nallathamby -	Vice President
Mr. M. S. M. Shiham -	Asst. General Secretary
Ms. Lilamani Amerasekera -	Treasurer
Dr. Ruwan Gamage -	Education Officer
Mr. Hasitha Koralage -	Asst. Education Officer
Ms. Neetha D. Peiris -	Publications Officer
Ms. Wathsala Kodituwakku -	Information & Public Relations Officer
Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya -	Nominated Member
Mr. P. B. Gallaba -	Nominated Member

## **Professional Group Conveners – 2016/2017**

Academic Libraries -	Ms. Chamani Gunasekera
Government Libraries -	Ms. Sumithra Meegasmulla
Public Libraries -	Ms. Sevbandi Jayasinghe
NACLIS Group -	Mr. T. Ramanan
National Library -	Mr. N. S. J. Edirisinghe
School Libraries -	Ms. Chandani Senerath
Special Libraries -	Mr. B. G. N. Kumarasinghe

## **Executive Committee – 2016/2017**

Dr. (Ms)Pradeepa Wijetunge -	President
Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe -	Immediate Past President
Ms. S. Arulanantham -	President Elect
Ms. Padma Bandaranayake -	General Secretary
Mr. Anton Nallathamby -	Vice President
Mr. M. S. M. Shiham -	Asst. General Secretary
Ms. Lilamani Amerasekera -	Treasurer
Dr. Ruwan Gamage -	Education Officer
Mr. Hasitha Koralage -	Asst. Education Officer
Ms. Neetha D. Peiris -	Publications Officer
Ms. Wathsala Kodituwakku -	Information & Public Relations Officer
Dr.(Ms)N. D. Wijayasundara -	Nominated Member
Ms. V. Gangabadaarachchi -	Nominated Member

## **2.0 Membership**

The total membership of the SLLA is 445 which include Corporate, Non-Corporate members and Fellows.

### **2.1 Fellowships awarded**

Two senior members were awarded the Fellowship in 2016/2017.

### **2.2 Corporate Memberships awarded**

Eighteen Corporate Memberships were awarded in 2016/2017.

### **2.3 Non-Corporate Memberships awarded**

Fifty Four Non-Corporate Memberships were awarded in 2016/2017.

Annexure III contains the list of names.

## **3.0 Council/Ex-Co Meetings**

For the year 2016/17 the Council and the Executive Committee of the SLLA had 8 and 6 Regular Meetings respectively.

## **4.0 SLLA Activities**

### **4.1 SLLA Education Programme**

Apart from the routine education programmes, the main focus was on revising the DIPLIS curriculum. The Curriculum Revision Committee convened twice. The last meeting was held on 14th November 2016. The outline of the revised syllabus has been completed. The detailed curriculum is yet to be finalized. The Education Officer was on overseas leave from 16th December 2016 to 03rd April 2017. The Immediate Past President Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe was the Acting Education Officer during the said period. Recognizing resource libraries for students in regional centres, streamlining assigning student registration numbers, writing textbooks/course notes and making such resources available for teachers in regular courses, were some of the efforts that were made during the period. These projects are due for completion. The revision of the syllabus of the Course on Library Automation (COLA) was initiated. At the request of the Education Committee, the Convenor of the IT Group has submitted a proposal for revision. The Council has advised further changes to this proposal.

#### **4.1.1 Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS)**

**4.1.2** There was much debate on the status of DIPLIS as against National standards. Accordingly, the course was re-evaluated with the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) by a committee comprising of Dr. (Ms.) Wathmanel Seneviratne and Dr. Ruwan Gamage. They proposed that DIPLIS is equal to a Higher Diploma (SLQF Level 4, and NVQ level 6). They also recommended to change the name of the course as Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science, with the implementation of the new curriculum and to obtain accreditation by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission, Sri Lanka.

##### **4.1.2.1 DIPLIS Level I (2016/17)**

Revision seminar for DIPLIS Level I (2016), was held on 18th February 2017 at the National Library and Documentation Services Board. The examination was held at the Lumbini College, Colombo on 4th and 5th March 2017. For the first time in the history of the SLLA, a visually impaired student sat for the examination. He was provided with all the necessary facilities including writing in braille and additional time for completion. The answer scripts were translated in to Sinhala before marking.

##### **4.1.2.2 DIPLIS Level II (2016/17)**

Revision Seminars for DIPLIS Level II were conducted on 8th October 2016 and the examination was held on 5th, 6th & 12th November 2016.

##### **4.1.2.3 DIPLIS Level III (2016/17)**

DIPLIS Level III (2016/17) examination was held on 23rd and 24th July 2016.

##### **4.1.2.4 New registrations and commencement of courses**

The inauguration ceremonies of DIPLIS Level I (2017) were held in Colombo, Badulla, Batticaloa and Jaffna in February 2017 and the lectures commenced from March 2017.

#### **4.1.2 Distance Education Programme in Library & Information Science**

There are 76 new students registered for the DIPLIS Level I.

**4.1.3 Appointment of New Centre Co-ordinators are as follows.**

- Badulla - Mr. T.G. Padmasiri (Replaced Mr. R.M. Gunasekera)
- Batticaloa - Mr. M.N. Ravikumar (Replaced Mr. Wilfred Jeyaraj)
- Colombo - Mr. J.P.C. Wedasinghe (No coordinator in the past)
- Galle - Ms. Palika Kariyawasam (Same coordinator continues)
- Jaffna - Ms. Potselvi Sriranjjan (Replaced Dr. ( Ms.) Kalpana Chandrasekar)
- Kandy - Mr. B.N.G.S. Premaratne (Replaced Mr. R. Maheswaran)

**4.1.4 BA in Library & Information Science (Honours)**

The SLLA has worked with the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) since 2014, to provide the opportunity for those who complete DIPLIS Level III, to obtain the Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in Library and Information Science from the OUSL.

The Senate of the OUSL and the UGC has now approved the Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in Library and Information Science, giving the opportunity for DIPLIS holders of the SLLA to enter the programme at Level 5 of the degree programme. Thereafter on completion of two years and on obtaining 60 credits they will be awarded the BA Honours in LIS which will be at Level VI of the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF).

**4.2 Vijita de Silva Research Award**

One application was received for the year 2016/2017 and the Council approved the Vijita de Silva Research Award for the two joint applicants, Dr. (Ms.) W. Seneviratne and Mr. R. M. Gunasekara for the project titled "Status of information delivered through community radio and its impact over the community development in Sri Lanka" as the project fulfilled the criteria of the award.

**4.3 Other Activities**

The Social Affairs Committee (SAC) of the SLLA organized a donation to the Children's Ward at the Apeksha Hospital in Maharagama on October 1 2016 in view of World's Children's Day. Ms. Indra Colonne, the convener of the committee and her team made a valuable contribution to make this worthy cause a success.



## **5.0 Collaborations of SLLA with other Institutions and Organizations**

**5.1** As in the previous years, SLLA worked in close collaboration with the other key LIS institutions, through its representations. The President served as an ex-officio member in the Boards of Management of the National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) and the National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS), University of Colombo.

Mr. P.B. Gallaba, Council Member represented the President at the Provincial Library Board of Uva Province and Ms. Chamani Gunasekara represented the President at the Provincial Library Boards of Central Province.

## **5.2 Organization of Professional Associations (OPA)**

The SLLA is a founding member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka, which was established in 1975. The Association is represented at the OPA in its Executive Council by Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe as a member of the Executive Council. Mr. Anton Nallathamby, Vice President of the SLLA and Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Education Officer of the SLLA served as Forum Members of the OPA.

## **6.0 International Projects/Participation**

### **6.1 IFLA Programme on Building Strong Library Association (BSLA)**

The second phase of the IFLA sponsored Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) project was implemented during 2016/2017.

Three workshops were conducted across the country to familiarize the 'professional Code of Ethics and Conduct' among library professionals in Sri Lanka. The SLLA's vision for this programme is to establish and promote professional ethics among Library and Information (LIS) professionals in Sri Lanka and ensure sustainability of a strong ethical culture in the LIS sector.

The first workshop was held in the Northern Province on 28th September 2016 at the Public Library of Jaffna, the second in the Western Province on 29th September 2016 at the National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) and the third in Uva Province on 16th February 2017 at the Uva Provincial Library Services Board, Badulla.

There were 106 participants in Jaffna, 38 in Colombo and 40 in Badulla representing various geographical regions and library sectors.

The resource persons were identified from the group of Librarians trained as trainers by Prof. Gillian Hallam, Adjunct Professor of Queensland University of Technology (QUT), in 2016 under the Phase One of the BSLA Project.

## **7.0 Reports of Regular Committees & Professional Groups**

### **7.1 Appointments & Resignations of Conveners & Co-ordinators**

**7.1.1** Ms. Indra Colonne resigned from the post of Convener of the Social Welfare Committee in December 2016 and Mr. P. D. Manamperi was appointed as the Convener in January 2017.

**7.1.2** The following members were added to the relevant group/committee;

Ms. Savithri Weerakoon	-	Social Welfare Committee
Mr. Thushara Herath		do
Mr. A. M. Wasantha		do

**7.1.3** Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe served as the Acting Education Officer while Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Education Officer was on overseas leave from 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to 03 April 2017.

### **7.2 Education Committee**

#### **7.2.1 Report on the Education Committee**

Under the leadership of the Education Officer, Dr. Ruwan Gamage, the Education Committee, Centre Co-ordinators and the Teaching Faculty together with the SLLA Office Staff contributed immensely to the success of the Education programmes. A new regulation was implemented to appoint centre co-ordinators every two years through open applications from among the Corporate members. Applications were called for all centres, and new co-ordinators were appointed accordingly, for 2017-2018. The Education Committee also acknowledge the significant contribution extended towards the SLLA education programmes by the outgoing co-ordinators.

### 7.2.1 Open Day for DIPLIS Programme

The first ever Open Day of the SLLA was held on 30th October 2016 at the SLLA Auditorium. The President, the Education Officer and several Council members were in attendance and nearly fifty prospective students participated in the event, along with their parents to learn about the SLLA programmes. Mr. B. G. N. Kumarasinghe, and Ms. Kumari Wickramasinghe shared their experiences as past students, with the gathering. On-the-spot interviews were also conducted to enroll students for the 2017 academic year.

### 7.2.2 Total registration for DIPLIS Level 1 – 2017/2018

Centre	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English Medium	Total
Colombo	31	18	11	60
Kandy	53	-	-	53
Galle	24	-	-	24
Badulla	13	-	-	13
Batticaloa	-	19	-	19
Jaffna	-	37	-	37
Distance Course	76	-	-	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>282</b>

### 7.2.3 Total registration for DIPLIS Level II – 2017/2018

Centre	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English Medium	Total
Colombo	28	10	-	38
Kandy	20	-	-	20
Galle	16	-	-	16
Batticaloa	-	-	-	-
Jaffna	-	-	-	-
Distance Course	49	-	-	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123</b>

**7.2.4 Total registration for DIPLIS Level III – 2016/2017**

Centre	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English Medium	Total
Colombo	39	-	-	39
Batticaloa	-	17	-	17
Jaffna	-	24	-	24
Distance Course	42		-	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>122</b>

**7.2.5 Examination Results**

Exam	No. of Candidates			No. of Successful Candidates		
	Sinhala	Tamil	English	Sinhala	Tamil	English
Colombo						
<b>Level I - 2016/2017</b>	116	33	01	100	14	01
<b>Level II - 2016/2017</b>	96	38	00	61	20	00
<b>Level III 2016/2017</b>	68	12	00	40	05	00

**7.2.6 Study Tour**

Students of DIPLIS Level I from the Kandy & Galle Centres visited libraries in the Colombo District viz. the National Library, National Archives and the ITI Library on a study tour with the guidance of the staff of the SLLA and Centre Co-ordinators.

**7.2.7 In-Service Training for DIPLIS Level I Students by the SLLA**

Students of DIPLIS Level I were sent to the following libraries for the in-service training for two weeks.

- Universities of Colombo, Eastern, Peradeniya, Rajarata, Ruhuna & Sri Jayawardenepura.
- Public Libraries of Badulla, Colombo, Galle, Jaffna, and Kandy.
- Uva Provincial Library Services Board.
- Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute.
- Rubber Research Institute.

The Sri Lanka Library Association acknowledges the contribution of the Librarians and the Staff of the above libraries for the support extended to the students of the SLLA.

### **7.3 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16 and 2016/17**

#### **S.C. Blok Memorial Scholarships**

##### **Diploma in Library and Information Science Level I – 2016/2017**

Sinhala Medium	-	Ms. A.G.L. Anosika
English Medium	-	Ms. S.M.S. Zakeeya
Tamil Medium	-	Ms. N. Sahana

##### **Diploma in Library and Information Science Level II – 2015 /2016**

Sinhala Medium	-	Ms. R.A.L.Y. Ranasinghe
Tamil Medium	-	Ms. Kobitha Kandaiya

##### **A. L. B. Pethiyagoda Memorial Award – Level I – 2016/2017**

Kandy Centre; Presented by Ms. Nanda P. Wanasundera

Ms. P.B.M.N.K. Basnayake

##### **Gold Medal for Best Achievement Diploma in Library and Information Science Level III – 2015/2016 (Final Examination)**



Mr. H.D.P.M. Hadunpathirana

#### **7.4 Continuing Professional Development Group (CPD)**

In 2016/2017 there was no separate group appointed for CPD but the conveners of all other Professional Groups were considered as the CPD Group so that they can engage in CPD activities in collaboration.

#### **7.5 IT Committee**

**7.5.1** The IT Committee attended to and advised the SLLA Office on IT issues and made recommendations for purchasing ten desktop computers, a laptop computer, a multimedia projector, an air-conditioner, and a photocopier for the SLLA office. In addition, recommendations were made to increase bandwidth of the SLLA website which facilitate the upcoming changes of the educational programmes using Moodle.

**7.5.2** The members of the IT committee of SLLA (2016/17) provided training for SLLA office staff to handle Ms-Office packages such as word, excel, etc., and solved some of the computer related issues.

**7.5.3** The members rectified computer network related issues in the SLLA office and connected all staff's computers to the network. Moreover, printers were shared with all computer terminals in the SLLA office enabling staff to take printouts from their own terminals

**7.5.4** SLLA Council extended the services of Mr. M. N. Ravikumar as Web Master for the year on the recommendation of the IT Committee.

**7.5.5** The IT Committee conducted a workshop for rural public librarians in the Eastern Province on 'Using Social Media networks & Google Apps to provide effective library services' on 4th May, 2017 in Batticaloa. There were 43 participants attending the workshop.

**7.5.6** The IT Committee also redesigned the COLA syllabus and submitted to the Education Officer for approval.

## **7.6 Office & Financial Management Committee**

**7.6.1** Four meetings were held by the Office & Financial Management Committee during the year under review.

Many recommendations made by the Office Management Committee to purchase IT equipment and other resources and to improve the SLLA Office and Financial Management were implemented.

### **7.6.2 Training for the SLLA Office Staff**

A training programme on Office Management for the SLLA staff was organized by the Office Practices Committee working under the SPSDC, and conducted on 05th June 2017 at the SLLA.

### **7.6.3 The SLLA Library**

The library of the SLLA which is housed at the premises of the National Library is open for DIPLIS students on two days a week (i.e. on Thursdays and Saturdays) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We wish to mention with gratitude that in accordance with the wishes of the late Professor Russell Bowden, his collection of books was gifted to the SLLA library. There were 202 items, including books and journals and the Council highly appreciates the invaluable addition to the SLLA collection.

## **7.7 Public Libraries Group**

Public Library and Academic Library Groups of the SLLA in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft Fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)/Facilitating Initiatives for Social Cohesion and Transformation (FLICT) conducted three pilot Human Library sessions.

The objective of this project was to fulfill the social responsibility of the librarians, by addressing critical issues encountered by the community, through providing vital information in a non-conventional manner. The main target group was not the habitual library-users who visit the library to obtain information, but those who have need for information but do not visit the library for some reason or another. So far, the libraries have seldom catered to this group of citizens.

The first session was conducted at the Athurugiriya Public Library on 25th September 2016 on cancer, diabetes and arthritis with resource persons drawn-in from both Western and Ayurvedic medical spheres. The second session was conducted in collaboration with the library of the South Eastern University and the Samanthurai Public Library on 30th October 2016 on reconciliation. The resource persons were drawn from the University and the community. The third session was conducted on 6th November 2016 at the Independence Square, in collaboration with the library of the University of Colombo and the Colombo Public Library. The topics were Sports, Exercise and Nutrition. Six Resource persons were drawn from Western and Ayurvedic medicine and from the field of Injury Management. Each of these programmes was attended by over 50 participants as well as representatives from GIZ/FLICT and received very positive feedback with requests for repeat programmes.

#### **7.8 School Libraries Group**

The School Library Group organized a programme on "New Technical Knowledge and Sharing Experience for School Library Staff". Staff attached to school libraries of national schools in Colombo, Sri Jayawardenapura, Kurunegala, Kegalle and Ratnapura educational zones participated in this workshop. The programme was successfully held on 6th December, 2016 at the National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB), Colombo. Mr. P. G. Pemadasa (Senior Lecturer of NILIS) and Mr. Mihira Aravinda (Deputy Director of NLDSB) served as resource persons.

#### **7.9 Government Libraries Group**

The Government Libraries Group organized a programme on "Using Internet for searching information" on 8th May 2017 and 29 government librarians participated. This was offered in collaboration with NILIS and Mr. N.M. Karannagoda, Asst. Librarian, University of Colombo served as the resource person.

#### **7.10 National Library Group**

National Library Group collaborated very closely with all the other groups i.e. Academic Group, School Library Group and Education Committee etc. in providing facilities of the National Library for the activities conducted by them.



## **7.11 Academic Library Group**

### **7.11.1 Guest lecture on "Metadata in the Linked Open Data environment"**

The Academic Library Group organized a Guest lecture on "Metadata in the Linked Open Data Environment – Basic Concepts and some Metadata Projects for Non-Traditional Library Resources" by Prof. Shigeo Sugimoto of the Faculty of Library, Information and Media Science, University of Tsukuba, Japan. The lecture was held on 18th August, 2016 and the National Library Group collaborated by providing the Conference Room of the National Library and Documentation Services Board, Colombo.

### **7.11.2 Workshop on Stock Verification in University Libraries**

A workshop on "Stock Verification in University Libraries" was organized on 27th January 2017 at the Seminar Room of the University of Colombo Library. Mr. S. Mayadunne, Former Auditor General and Ms. T.S. Jayasooriya, Bursar, University of Colombo, served as the resource persons of the workshop. There were 38 participants including Librarians and Senior Assistant Librarians from 14 state universities and two private institutions.

### **7.12.1 NACLIS -2016**

The NACLIS Committee organized the 12th Annual Conference at the Sri Lanka Foundation on 23rd June 2016, the day prior to the Annual General Meeting of SLLA. The theme of NACLIS was "Marching towards excellence: Contributions of LIS professionals in building a better society". Prof. Gunapala Nanayakkara, HRD Consultant, Ministry of Education was the Chief Guest and delivered the keynote address on "Towards a Cultured Knowledge Society". In conjunction with this event there was an exhibition to showcase software and other IT accessories related to library automation which provided an opportunity for the librarians to obtain an awareness of available products. Bank of Ceylon, Asia Foundation, United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), and several book publishers and suppliers sponsored the event.

### **7.12.2 NACLIS - 2017**

The 13th NACLIS will be held at the Grand Oriental Hotel in Colombo on 29th June 2017 the day prior to the Annual General Meeting of SLLA. The theme of NACLIS will be "Social Impact of Librarianship: Scholarship towards sustainable development goals".

### **7.13 Publications Committee**

Volume 33, Nos. 1 to 3 of the Quarterly Newsletter were released in a timely manner. The latest issue of the Newsletter: Volume 33, Issue 4 of the Newsletter and Volume 30 of the Sri Lanka Library Review will be released at the AGM 2017.

New Guidelines for paper submission for the Sri Lanka Library Review were formulated and received Council approval. At present, Publications Committee has taken the initiative to translate four significant documents from IFLA in to Sinhala and Tamil as a recommendation of the SPSDC and the work is in progress.

### **7.14 Information and Public Relations Group**

The Information and Public Relations Group manages the external communications of the SLLA to ensure a strong, positive public image by bringing the SLLA to the notice of the public to understand, its initiatives.

#### **7.14.1 Media Programme held on the occasion of the 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sri Lanka Library Association.**

On the occasion of the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sri Lanka Library Association, the Independent Television Network (ITN) featured a discussion in its Coffee Table Programme. Dr. (Ms.) Pradeepa Wijetunge, the Librarian of the University of Colombo who is the newly elected President of the SLLA and Mrs. Varuni Gangabadararchchi, Chief Librarian of the Colombo Public Library participated in this programme. The discussion covered proposed goals to be achieved in the coming two years in keeping with the sustainable development goals, the participation of local libraries, the enhancement of the reading habits among people and the new challenges before us.

#### **7.14.2**

A brochure in English and Sinhala with regard to the activities of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) highlighting its three year Diploma Programme was designed and distributed at the International Book Fair and also at the first ever Open Day held for the first time in its history of the Sri Lanka Library Association. This enabled the creation of awareness about the SLLA among the public and resulted in a fair number of new students being recruited this year.

### **7.14.3**

Press releases were published in both Sinhala and English newspapers highlighting the newly elected Council in July last year and also news items referring to the Open Day, Human Library and about the three year Diploma Programme, to inform the public, prospective students, employees working in libraries, and other stakeholders. In addition, the Group is working with the Strategic Planning & Strategic Direction Committee (SPSDC) on ways to improve the Public Relations activities further in the future.

### **7.15 Committee of Monitoring and Assisting the Implementation of Strategic Plan (COMAISP)**

The responsibility of the COMAISP is to assist the implementation of the 1st Strategic Plan of the SLLA which was approved at the SLLA AGM in 2016. The SLLA Council appointed the COMAISP in August 2016. As the first step, COMAISP identified a number of priority projects from the plan for implementation, including a) Membership development, b) Improving the productivity of SLLA Office and streamlining its activities, c) Creating a digital archives at SLLA through digitizing the Council information, Ex-co minutes, NACLIS proceedings etc, and d) Advocacy. The Council appointed 4 Special Committees to handle these key areas.

Following this, the COMAISP interacted with the conveners of the SLLA Groups and Committees in order to identify suitable projects for them to implement. As a result, by the end of 2016 the majority of the professional groups and committees identified their projects from the Strategic Plan, prepared the project proposals and obtained the approval from the COMAISP and the SLLA Council. A total of 25 projects were identified for implementation. In addition the SLLA Council initiated the process to recruit a CEO/Administrative Manager for the SLLA to streamline the administration of the SLLA as recommended in the Strategic Plan.

In February 2017 a seminar was conducted at the OPA auditorium to discuss the issues related to implementation of the identified projects. The Conveners of 16 groups presented their action plans and strategies for the 25 projects. The project plans were then deliberated upon by the members and the Conveners and the members of the committees received useful suggestions and feedback on how to improve their plans. During the last few months the conveners and the other members of the committees were actively occupied with the projects. After a three month period, the second seminar was organized by the COMAISP to assess the progress of the implementation of these projects at the OPA Auditorium in May 2017. The Conveners and/or their representatives presented the progress of the work. It was evident that

the majority of the groups were carrying out their projects successfully and at a satisfactory pace, while a couple of groups were slow in implementing the projects. COMAISP is planning to have special sessions with them to help overcome the difficulties they face.

COMAISP plans to launch the 2nd phase of the implementation of the Strategic Plan at the beginning of the 2017/18 academic year in July/August 2017. SLLA has already invited the NLDSB, NILIS, LIS Department of Kelaniya University, School Library Development Unit of the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Library Services Boards of Central, North-Central, Sabaragamuwa and Uva Provinces to select projects relevant to their areas of interest from the plan and join the project. An open invitation has been extended to the entire membership of the SLLA to assist in implementation of the plan. NILIS and Kelaniya University LIS Department have been requested to encourage their postgraduate students to select their research topics from the SLLA Strategic Plan.

It was a productive and successful year for the COMAISP. The commencement of implementation of the Strategic Plan with 25 projects is indeed a remarkable achievement. As expected with any new project there were challenges and difficulties. Since this is the very first Strategic Plan of the SLLA, it was a new experience for a majority of the SLLA members. In the Plan it was stated that for the success of the project, SLLA needs leaders who can lead from the front. Fortunately COMAISP found a reasonable number of such quality professionals to take the initiative in implementation of the plan. The COMAISP is indeed grateful to all those members who responded so readily to act as conveners of these projects and follow them through, and also to the members who volunteered to serve on these committees. We sincerely hope that there will be others following their footsteps in time to come which will be vital for the success of the projects and make SLLA a quality professional forum.

On the recommendation made by COMAISP, a workshop was held on "Quality Management, 5S concepts, File and Financial Management" for the SLLA staff on 5th June 2017 at the SLLA Auditorium. Mr. H. M. P. B. Herath, former Senior Advisor of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA), Ms. Harshani Dissanayake, Senior Assistant Librarian of the University of Peradeniya and Ms. Thushara Abeysekera, Senior Research Scientist of Industrial Technology Institute served as resource persons.

### **7.16 Fellowship by Research**

The objective of this proposed method to obtain the Fellowship is to provide an alternate path to those who do not get an opportunity to get involved closely with the SLLA activities. The proposed Fellowship by Research (FbR) will be of one year's duration and comprise of two components; 45 -hour lecture series on Research Methods and a field research with a final report of 10,000 words.

Those who have fulfilled all the other criteria to be eligible to apply for Fellowship by Achievement, but have not been able to make a significant contribution through direct involvement, to the SLLA activities, due to various practical issues, are eligible to apply. Course fee will be decided by the Council and the programme will commence as soon as the applicants are enrolled.

### **7.17 Fellowship by Achievement**

The Fellowship Committee discussed the changes that should be made in the Fellowship by Achievement (FbA).

The Committee recommended that marks allotted to certain categories must be changed. It was also decided to make provision to assign marks to recognize contributions made to the SLLA Strategic Plan. The changes to be made in the FbA were recommended to the Council.

## **8.0 Auditors**

Carter De Costa & Co., Chartered Accountants continued to serve as the SLLA's Auditors for the year 2016/2017.

## **9.0 Bereavements**

### **9.1 Professor Piyadasa Ranasinghe**

Professor Piyadasa Ranasinghe passed away on 4th August 2016. Professor Ranasinghe, after his graduation, started his career as a Lecturer in the Department of Sinhala of the University of Kelaniya in 1971. Before commencing his career in librarianship he had served as an Assistant Editor of the Sinhala Dictionary between 1977-1978. His library profession began in 1979 on being appointed as an Assistant Librarian of the University of Sri Jayawardenapura. In 1990 he joined the University of Kelaniya as a Senior Assistant Librarian and was appointed as the Head of the Department of Library and Information Science (LIS) of the University in 1998. In 1992 he won an Australian Government Scholarship to study at the University of New South Wales

and obtained Master's degree in 1994. Later, he was appointed as Acting Librarian of the University of Kelaniya in 1994. He became the founder Librarian of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka in 1996. In 1998, he joined the University of Kelaniya again and served many years in multifaceted scholarship in LIS. He was a prominent researcher who had researched in the areas of indigenous knowledge, Buddhism, manuscripts, bibliographies, and intangible cultural heritage.

He served the LIS profession being the President of the Sri Lanka Library Association for the term 2007-2009. He also served as an expert in local and international workshops sharing his expertise generously. His multidisciplinary and meritorious achievements led him to win the Asian Library Leaders Life Time Achievement Award -2014. Undoubtedly, his untimely demise made a huge loss to the LIS profession.

May he attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana !

## **9.2 Dr. (Ms.) Anusha Wijayaratne**

Dr. (Ms.) Anusha Wijayaratne, Senior Assistant Librarian, colleague, researcher, mentor and friend passed away on 12th March 2017.

She joined the library of the Open University as an Assistant Librarian in the year 2000. She was a past Visakhian and graduated from the Open University in 1998 with a BSc. Second Upper in Bio Sciences and obtained the Diploma in LIS from SLLA in the same year. She completed her Masters Degree in Library & Information Sciences from the University of Colombo, Faculty of Graduate Studies in 2004. She then proceeded to Malaysia to read for her PhD. in 2006 and completed her studies in 2009.

Anusha had authored many publications in refereed and peer reviewed journals and also attended many local and foreign conferences during the past 17 years. She won several reputed awards such as the Blok Memorial scholarship for the best performance in the first and intermediate examinations at the SLLA and the SLLA Gold Medal for the most outstanding student of the year, in 1998.

She also rendered her services as a visiting lecturer at NILIS for the (Masters) students following the Masters program in Library & Information Sciences. She held the post of Associate member of the SLLA since 2003 and was appointed to serve in several committees.

A courageous and dedicated academic, Dr. Anusha never gave up and despite the illness she suffered managed to achieve many goals in life. Although she is no longer with us she has left a great legacy showing us the way to persevere no matter what the circumstances are.

May she attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana !

## **10.0 Acknowledgements**

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10	Dr. (Ms.) K Chandrasekar	46	Mr. B. Prashanthan
11	Mr. A. Dharmaratna	47	Mr. T. Ramanan
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13	Ms. Soma De Silva	49	Ms. W. A. J. K. Ratnasekera
14	Ms. Harshani Dissanayake	50	Mr. J Ratnayake
15	Mr. J. Garusingh Aarachchi	51	Ms. Deepthi Ravi
16	Mr. M. K. C. Gnanasekera	52	Mr. M. N. Ravikumar
17	Mr. H. M. Gunarathne Banda	53	Mr. M. M. Rumaiz
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33	Ms. Ira Mudannayake	69	Dr. K. D. G. Wimalaratne
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35	Ms. G. Navirathan	71	Mr. Anusha Yapa
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### Independent Auditor's Report

#### To The Members of the Sri Lanka Library Association

##### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Sri Lanka Library Association which comprise the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, and the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended and other explanatory notes, as set out in this Report.

##### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLFRS for Smaller Entities). This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

##### Scope of Audit and basis of Opinion

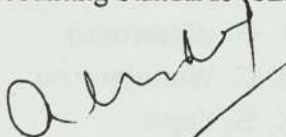
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit. We therefore believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

##### Opinion

In our opinion, so far as appears from our examination, the association maintained proper accounting records for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the association's state of affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and its surplus for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLFRS for Smaller Entities).



**CARTER DE COSTA & CO.,**  
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05<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
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**SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017**

	Note	<u>2017</u> <u>Rs.</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Rs.</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Membership Fees	1	283,000	275,500
Registration Fees		257,500	198,500
Course Fees and Examination Fees	2	9,737,100	8,016,825
Surplus – Workshop	3	170,279	383,797
Other Income	6	1,918,001	1,715,531
		<u>12,365,880</u>	<u>10,590,153</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Direct Expenses	7	2,846,466	2,858,921
Administration Expenses	8	4,922,571	4,813,804
Surplus For The Year Before Taxation		<u>4,596,843</u>	<u>2,917,428</u>
Income Tax Expense	9	247,767	137,623
Surplus For The Year		<u><u>4,349,075</u></u>	<u><u>2,779,805</u></u>

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**SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2017**

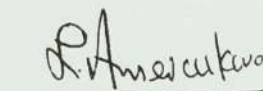
	Note	2017 Rs.	2016 Rs.
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	13	1,579,831	643,350
Investments	10	1,000	1,000
		<u>1,580,831</u>	<u>644,350</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Accounts Receivable	11	70,564	70,564
Advances and Prepayment	12	-	17,900
Short Term Deposit	14	30,546,509	27,081,498
Cash and Cash Equivalents	15	8,879,728	8,851,077
		<u>39,496,801</u>	<u>36,021,039</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><u>41,077,632</u></u>	<u><u>36,665,389</u></u>
<b>Fund and Liabilities</b>			
<b>Fund</b>			
Accumulated Fund	16	37,569,903	33,203,460
Building Fund	17	142,321	142,321
Library Rebuilding Fund	18	-	-
Distance Education Partnership Program	19	979,695	979,695
Education Officers Fund	20	54,000	54,000
IFLA/ALP Workshop Fund	21	100,865	100,865
Refsala Fund	22	81,229	78,071
Vijitha De Silva Research Fund	23	582,382	552,400
Building Strong Library Association Pro	24	60,959	260,457
Hikkaduwa Public Library Fund	25	380,785	380,785
		<u>39,952,139</u>	<u>35,752,054</u>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>			
Retirement Benefit Obligation	26	647,700	557,890
		<u>647,700</u>	<u>557,890</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	27	230,026	217,823
Income Tax Payable		247,767	137,623
		<u>477,793</u>	<u>355,445</u>
<b>Total Funds and Liabilities</b>		<u><u>41,077,632</u></u>	<u><u>36,665,389</u></u>

These Financial statements are Prepared and Presented by Sri Lanka Library Association Management Committee

Signed for and on behalf of the Management Committee.

  
President

  
General Secretary

  
Treasurer

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