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Quote of the Month

“A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life”

*- Henry Ward Beecher,
American social reformer*

Appeal to Readers

News from different regions / states are solicited from IASLIC members for inclusion in the newsletter. Send such news to the Editor.

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IASLIC ACTIVITIES

New IASLIC Team, 2017-2019

The elections for different post of office-bearers and individual Governing Body members of IASLIC for the period 2017-2019 were held during November-December 2016 and the results were declared in the Annual General Meeting of IASLIC held on December 23, 2016 at the venue of the 27th National Seminar of IASLIC at Pt. Ravishankar University, Raipur. The posts, which remained vacant for non-submission of nominations, were later filled by the new Governing Body at its first meeting held at IASLIC Office on February 19, 2017. The Governing Body also nominated editors of different publications of IASLIC and the conveners of different divisions and sections. The details of the new team are given below.

IASLIC GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS FOR THE PERIOD 2017-2019 Office-bearers

No. Post	Name	Membership No	Zone
1 President	Jatindra Nath Satpathi	1778	No Restriction
2 Vice-President	T Ashok Babu	549	Zone-1
3 Vice-President	Medha Vasant Joshi	1124	Zone-2
4 Vice-President	Nabi Hasan	1058	Zone-3
5 Vice-President	Ramesh Ch. Gaur	2528	Zone-4
6 Vice-President	Narendra Lahakar	1269	Zone-5
7 Vice-President	Krishnapada Majumder	1300	Zone-6
8 General Secretary	Sajal Kanti Goswami	1004	Zone-6
9 Treasurer	Gour Chandra Basak	609	Zone-6
10 Jt. Secretaries	Nitai RayChoudhury	1673	Zone-6
11 Jt. Secretaries	Pradip Kumar Sarkar	1759	Zone-6
12 Jt. Secretaries	Abhijit Kumar	1235	Zone-6
13 Librarian	Moumita Ash	2465	Zone-6

Individual Governing Body Members (from different zones)

No.	Post	Name	Membership No	Zone
1	G B Member	Venkateswara Rao Lella	1640	Zone-1
2	G B Member	Amruth Sherikar	1861	Zone-1
3	G B Member	R Sevukan	1818	Zone-1
4	G B Member	Surya Nath Singh	1920	Zone-2
5	G B Member	Tapaswi Murari Purushottam	1589	Zone-2
6	G B Member	Shailesh R Yagnik	3680	Zone-2
7	G B Member	Aditya Tripathi	2000	Zone-3
8	G B Member	Suparna Sengupta	3447	Zone-3
9	G B Member	Aftab Ahmed	3151	Zone-3
10	G B Member	V K J Jeevan	1106	Zone-4
11	G B Member	Abdul Majid Baba	545	Zone-4
12	G B Member	Harbinder Pal Singh Kalra	1137	Zone-4
13	G B Member	Apurba Jyoti Majumder	3388	Zone-5
14	G B Member	Prangya Das	831	Zone-5
15	G B Member	Sanjay Kumar Singh	1912	Zone-5
16	G B Member	Banasree Roy	1690	Zone-6
17	G B Member	Nausad Kabir	3866	Zone-6
18	G B Member	Pranabananda Jana	1092	Zone-6
19	G B Member	Pijushkanti Panigrahi	1510	Zone-6
20	G B Member	Saptarshi Ghosh	2583	Zone-6
21	G B Member	Sudip Ranjan Hatua	1059	Zone-6

Individual Governing Body Members (Open Zone)

No.	Post	Name	Membership No	Zone
1	G B Member	Achala Munigal	3757	Zone-1
2	G B Member	Geeta Girish Gadhavi	3469	Zone-2
3	G B Member	Intekhab Alam Siddiqui	2481	Zone-2
4	G B Member	S M Kulkarni	1232	Zone-2
5	G B Member	Sanjiv Saraf	3271	Zone-3
6	G B Member	Hirak Kanti Chakraborty	3044	Zone-3
7	G B Member	Akhandanand Shukla	2658	Zone-5
8	G B Member	Ibhal Singh Charoibam	736	Zone-5
9	G B Member	F B Roy Sumer	3811	Zone-5
10	G B Member	S B Banerjee	584	Zone-6
11	G B Member	Arjun Dasgupta	843	Zone-6
12	G B Member	Parikshit Mondal	2754	Zone-6
13	G B Member	Gurudas Ghosh	2613	Zone-6
14	G B Member	Jayati Ghosh	967	Zone-6
15	G B Member	Jagamohan Das	825	Zone-6
16	G B Member	Arun Kumar Chakraborty	698	Zone-6
17	G B Member	Salil Chandra Khan	1190	Zone-6
18	G B Member	Amitabha Chatterjee	740	Zone-6
19	G B Member	Harendra Nath Basu	615	Zone-6
20	G B Member	Juran Krishna Sarkhel	1768	Zone-6

Institutional Governing Body Members

No.	Post	Name	Membership No	Zone
1	G B Member	Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre,	493	Zone-1
2	G B Member	Malaviya National Institute of Tech	3433	Zone-2
3	G B Member	Indian Institute of Forest Management	220	Zone-3
4	G B Member	Indian Institute of Advance Study	223	Zone-4
5	G B Member	Jawaharlal N Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya	273	Zone-5
6	G B Member	Visva-Bharati University	105	Zone-6

Conveners of Divisions

No.	Division	Name	Membership No	Zone
1	Library Service Division	Moumita Ash	2465	Zone-6
2	Publication Division	Arjun Dasgupta	853	Zone-6
3	Education Division	S B Banerjee	584	Zone-6
4	Information Service Division	Gurudas Ghosh	2613	Zone-6
5	Serial Division	Banasree Roy	1690	Zone-6
6	Study Circle Division	Sudip Ranjan Hatua	1059	Zone-6
7	SIG Division	Spatarshi Ghosh	2583	Zone-6

Editors of IASLIC Newsletter, IASLIC Bulletin and ILSA

No.	Division	Name	Membership No	Zone
1	IASLIC Newsletter	Amitabha Chatterjee	740	Zone-6
2	IASLIC Bulletin	P K Panigrahi	1510	Zone-6
3	ILSA	J K Sarkhel	1788	Zone-6

Conveners of Sections

No.	Division	Name	Membership No	Zone
1	Academic Library Section	Parikshit Mondal	2754	Zone-6
2	Public Library Section	Jagamohan Das	825	Zone-6
3	Government Library Section	Jayati Ghosh	967	Zone-6
4	Corporate Library Section	Harendra Nath Basu	615	Zone-6

CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS**National****Workshop on Open Data Repositories**

DRTC/ISI and ICSU/CODATA International Workshop on Open Data Repositories is being held at DRTC, Bangalore during March 1-3, 2017. For details visit: <http://drtc.isibang.ac.in/odr>

Workshop on Citation Analysis

Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Library of Manonmanium Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, is organizing a National Level Workshop on 'Using Bibexcel for Citation Analysis' during March 3-4, 2017. For details visit: http://api.ning.com/files/*ix1zXEQDKMjHNvzu9r9T4aCDLXm-fuexa4baVfjrHqAuH5hjDUqyRE08H*XJ50Ck5-oqvZZw4IuTPabJwirceCe-da-1ZpH/MSUNLWUBCALibraryInvitation2017.pdf

DELNET Workshop

DELNET, in collaboration with Integrated Academy of Management and Technology (INMANTEC), Gaziabad, UP, is conducting a Workshop on 'DELNET Discovery Services, Open Source Software and Communication Skills for LIS Professionals', on March 4, 2017. For details visit: http://api.ning.com/files/C31AgRiB4u6yZ8sVgG2XluTtbuEqd6EPf_KA5rkR5hwJYUMoL2JsFiUhIj7JzyjLgjkvMVppqBLGCK**iJFqK*X6NJDnN3kp/INMANT ECGhaziabad0001.pdf

Workshop on Resource Digitization

DLIS and University Business Collaboration Centre of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, jointly with INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, are organising a National Workshop

on 'Digitization of Resources using Open Source Software EPrints' during March 6-7, 2017. For details email to: thanuskodi_s@yahoo.com

Workshop on e-Resource Utilization

Dr. B R Ambedkar Memorial Library of Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, is organizing a UGC sponsored National Workshop on 'Utilization of e-Resources' during March 10-11, 2017. For details email to: eresourcesworkshop2017anuaml@gmail.com

Seminar on Content Management

Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai, in association with Madras Library Association, is organizing a National Seminar on 'Content Management of Digital Resources in Libraries' on March 11, 2017. For details visit: www.dragic.ac.in or mala.managedbiz.com

Workshop on Indigenous Knowledge Preservation

A Workshop on 'Role of ICT in Preservation of Indigenous Knowledge in North Eastern Region' is being jointly organized by IGNC, New Delhi and NIT Silchar, during March 15-17, 2017 at NIT Silchar. For details visit: <http://piknei.blogspot.com/>

Seminar on Comparative Librarianship

The DLIS, Gauhati University, in collaboration with Central Reference Library, Kolkata, is organizing a National Seminar on 'Comparative Librarianship' (NSCL), as a part of its Golden Jubilee Celebration, during March 27-18, 2017. For details visit: <http://www.gauhati.ac.in/lis.php>

Workshop on Koha

Guru Nanak College of Education, New Delhi, is organizing a National Workshop on 'Open Source software Koha' during March 18-19, 2017. For details email to: praveenvasu.crl@gmail.com

Conference on Social Responsibilities of Libraries

A National Conference on 'Conceptualising the Social Responsibilities of Libraries (ConSoReL)' is being organized by DLIS, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, in association with Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi, during March 19-20, 2017. For details visit: http://api.ning.com/files/JomcnL50vYBU4M7ZqIExhIErV7S-yvpmWp55CQWalDBp8*9vyLyJVMmA4hP*HBD5F7*4szIssxvZOiDj5HeczSzGuFQrNFN0/consorel2017brochure.pdf

Multidisciplinary Conference

Sonubhau Baswant College of Arts & Commerce, Shahapur, Thane, Maharashtra, is organizing a Multidisciplinary International Conference on 'Human Concerns and Issues in Literature, Sciences, Commerce, Science and Technology' on April 8, 2017. The sub-facets of the conference include LIS topics. For details visit: <http://sbclshahapur.blogspot.in/search?updated-min=2017-01-01T00:00:00&updated-max=2018-01-01T00:00:00&max-results=5>

Conference on Agricultural Libraries

Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Haryana, in collaboration with Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists of India (AALDI), is going to organize a National Conference of 'Agricultural Libraries & User Community (NCALUC-2017)' during May 4-6, 2017. The theme of the conference is 'Libraries Beyond Borders: Navigating Towards Global Dissemination'. For details email to: aaldiconference2017@gmail.com

Workshop on Koha: Brief report

Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), in collaboration with Assam Don Bosco University, organized a 'Workshop on Open Source Software for Library Automation' during January 23-25, 2017 at the University's Azara campus. The use and application of the open source software 'Koha' was taught with hands-on practice. Prof. ARD Prasad and Prof. Devika P Madalli of ISI, Bangalore; Dr Sunita Barve of NCI, Pune and Dr. Gautam Kr Sarma, of IDOL, Guwahati, served as resource persons. Altogether 23 library and information professionals from various parts of the north-eastern region participated in the workshop.

International

Symposium on Paper writing in Information Science

A Symposium on Research Design, Paper Writing & Publishing in Information Science will be held at the

University of Hong Kong during March 22-15, 2017. For details visit: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/11cGX2noF7MjcVev23vg5nwFxnHSPtJfzXpkMPPKBWbM/edit>

Workshop on Linked Data

The 1st International Workshop on 'Linked Data and Distributed Ledgers (LD-DL 2017)' will be held in Perth, Australia, on April 4, 2017. For details visit: <https://sites.google.com/site/lddlworkshop2017/>

e-Society Conference

The 5th International Conference on 'e-Society 2017' will be held in Budapest, Hungary, during April 10-12, 2017. For details visit: <http://esociety-conf.org/>

Symposium on Information Security

The 2017 Spring Global Symposium on 'Information and Network Security' will be held during April 20-21, 2017, at Los Angeles, California, USA. For details visit: <http://www.uofriverside.com/conferences/management-conferences/global-symposium-on-information-and-network-security/2017-spring-global-information-and-network-security-symposium/>

Conference on Big Data Analysis

The 2nd IEEE International Conference on 'Cloud Computing and Big Data Analysis (ICCCBDA 2017)' will be held during April 28-30, 2017 at Chengdu, China. For details visit: <http://www.iccbd.com>

Conference on Information Science

The 4th International Scientific Conference on 'Information Science in the Age of Change: Innovative Information Services' will be held during May 15-16, 2017 in Warsaw, Poland. For details visit: <http://infolog.wdib.uw.edu.pl/?lang=en>

Conference on Informatics

The 2nd International Conference on 'Electronics Engineering and Informatics (ICEEI 2017)' will be held during June 25-27, 2017 in Beijing, China. For details visit: <http://www.iceei.org/>

LISA Conference

The Library and Information Services in Astronomy (LISA VIII) Conference will be held at Strasbourg, European Doctoral College, France, during June 6-9, 2017. The theme of the conference is 'Astronomy Librarianship in the era of Big Data and Open Science'. For details visit: <http://cds.u-strasbg.fr/meetings/Lisa8/>

Conference on Information and Social Science

An International Conference on 'Information and Social Science' will be held during June 27-29, 2017 at Kyoto, Japan. For details visit: <http://iainst.org/iss/>

Conference on Books and Libraries

The 15th International Conference on 'Books, Publishing and Libraries' will be held on July 7, 2017 in London, UK. For details visit: <http://booksandpublishing.com/2017-conference/call-for-papers>

Conference on Industrial Information

The 5th International Conference on 'Industrial and Intelligent Information (ICII 2017)' will be held during July 11-14, 2017 at Krakow, Poland. For details visit: <http://www.icii.org/>

Conference on Information Management

An International Conference on 'Business and Information Management (ICBIM 2017)' will be held during July 23-25, 2017 in Beijing, China. For details visit: <http://www.icbim.org>

Conference on Knowledge Management

The 'Knowledge Management Australia 2017' Conference will be held during August 1-3, 2017 in Sydney, Australia. For details visit: <http://www.kmaustralia.com>

Conference on Cyber Security

The 3rd International Conference on 'Cyber Security' will be held during August 12-13 at Kota, Rajasthan. For details visit: <http://www.iccs2017.iaasse.org/>

Workshop on Network Security

The 4th International Workshop on 'Networks and Information Security (ICNIS 2017)' will be held during August 13-16, 2017 at Taichung, Taiwan. For details visit: <http://www.icnis.org/>

Conference on Information System Management

The 11th European Conference on 'Information Systems Management (ECISM 2017)' will be held during September 14-15, 2017 at Genoa, Italy. For details visit: <http://www.academic-conferences.org/conferences/ecism/>

UDC Seminar

International UDC Seminar 2017 will be held in London during September 14-15, 2017. The theme of the seminar is 'Faceted Classification Today: Theory, Technology and End Users'. For details visit: <http://seminar.udcc.org/2017/>

Conference on Information Management

The 9th International Conference on 'Information Management and Engineering (ICIME 2017)' will be held during October 9-11, 2017 in Barcelona, Spain. For details visit: <http://www.icime.org/>

Conference on Medical Information

The 2nd International Conference on 'Medical Information and Bioengineering (ICMIB 2017)' will be

held during October 9-11, 2017 in Barcelona, Spain. For details visit: <http://www.icmib.org/>

ASIST Annual Meeting

The 80th Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology will be held in Washington D.C. (Crystal City, Virginia), USA, during October 27-November 1, 2017. The theme of the meeting is 'Diversity of Engagement: Connecting People and Information in the Physical and Virtual Worlds'. For details visit: <https://www.asist.org/events/annual-meeting/annual-meeting-2017/asist-2017-call-for-papers/>

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Award for Health Science e-Library

Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences (NTRUHS) has been recognised as having the second highest usage of medical educational resources among 70 members of the Electronic Resources in Medicine (ERMED-India) Consortium managed by the National Medical Library, New Delhi, according to a report published in *The Hindu*. The award was presented at the National Seminar on 'E-Resources in Health Science-Role of ERMED Consortium' held in New Delhi recently. NTRUHS Vice-Chancellor T Ravi Raju said in a press release that the university had established an Electronic Medical Library two years ago for strengthening medical education and to increase the readership among students and faculty. NTRUHS distributes nearly 6,000 medical journals and 400 textbooks free of cost through its electronic gateway to students and also faculty at all affiliated medical and dental colleges. The publications are accessible either from home or hospital through laptops or even smartphones. For details visit: <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/NTRUHS-e-library-has-second-highest-usage-among-ERMED-members/article16948537.ece>

DLA Best Paper Award

The paper entitled 'Koha Web OPAC- Customising it to make a Library Portal: A case study of Assam University Library', by Dr. A K Sharma, Dr. D P Tripathi and Shri Vinod Kumar Mishra, published in *Library Herald*, Vol.54 No.2 June 2016 has been selected for DLA-Dr Ramesh Chandra Vashishth Best Paper in Library Herald Award-2016. The first author will get a token sum of Rs. 3100 and a shawl, while the co-authors will get a certificate each.

Digital Platform to Provide Books to Every Child

With more than 800 languages spoken in India, access to written stories in every native tongue is limited. In Himachal Pradesh, about 45 miles from the Dalai Lama's residence, lies a village called Suja, where Tibetan Children's Villages is located. While the school's library has enough books for teens in their native language, contemporary, entertaining material for younger readers is completely missing. "Books for primary grades have hardly

been written in Tibetan,” says Tenzin Dhargyal, a senior English teacher at TCV School. A few months ago, Dhargyal discovered StoryWeaver, a digital storehouse of multilingual books for kids where users can read, write, translate, modify, and even download books. He fell in love with it. “It has so many relatable stories for children,” he says. Dhargyal requested Tibetan script be added to the platform, and in no time he had translated the first story and was using it with his students. Seeing his work, a few more Tibetan educators jumped onto the bandwagon. Today, StoryWeaver has 52 stories in Tibetan, of which Dhargyal will soon be printing three into books for his library. And this month, his secondary school students will be introduced to StoryWeaver so that they can translate at least one book as part of their winter break homework. Tibetan-language speakers are not the only ones benefiting from this first-of-its-kind open-source publishing platform. Suchana, a community group that focuses on education and health, is translating stories on StoryWeaver in Santali and Kora, two tribal languages that lack written stories. The above write-up by Priti Salian has been published on www.takepart.com website. For more details visit: <http://www.takepart.com/article/2016/12/25/storyweaver>

Changing Role of Libraries

A new survey of approximately 1,000 participants sponsored by McGraw-Hill Education that indicates the librarian-faculty relationship is strong. However, a disconnect exists between what faculty perceives is the role of a library and what usage statistics from libraries shows. This discrepancy in perceived value and actual usage is the real issue: There is misalignment in what makes libraries most useful, and therefore misalignment in how their success should be measured and how budgets should be allocated, the report on the survey stresses. For details visit: <https://learn.mheducation.com/rs/303-FKF-702/images/The%20Changing%20Role%20of%20Libraries.pdf>

Travel Grant for LIS Students

Shri Vinod Kumar Mishra, Assistant Librarian, Biju Patnaik Central Library (B P C L), NIT Rourkela, has announced a Travel Grant, named Haridurga Travel Grant after his father (Shri Harikant Mishra) and mother (Late Smt. Durga Devi). The grant will be given once in a year to any Indian student of Master/Bachelor of Library and Information Science, whose paper will be accepted for publication as the first author in the ILA or IASLIC conference (will be finalized later). The travel grant will be for journey in sleeper class train/bus within India. For details visit: <http://mishravk.com/2017/01/haridurga-travel-grant/>

Librarians on Information Literacy

Only about one-quarter of librarians say their libraries support information literacy instruction, even though virtually all of them believe it has a positive impact on graduation rates and success in the work force, a new study by the library-service provider ProQuest has found. The

217 high school and college librarians surveyed also said they were not sure if library visitors understood the importance of being able to find, analyse and incorporate information - only 21.2 per cent of the respondents said so, compared to the 34.1 per cent who disagreed. While most of the surveyed librarians (90.8 per cent) said that they taught information literacy skills through one-on-one sessions with visitors, many librarians (42.4 per cent) said that they lacked a way of assessing visitors' level of information literacy. For details visit: <http://media2.proquest.com/documents/surveyresults-information-literacy-2016.pdf>

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Supreme Court wants Net 'Firewall'

The Supreme Court has recently directed Internet search engines Google, Microsoft and Yahoo and social media Facebook and WhatsApp to develop a "firewall" of the kind evolved in China to prevent by default the uploading of offensive material, like rape and gang-rape videos, says a report published in *The Telegraph*. The court granted them three weeks to come out with the mechanism, brushing aside a plea by Google and others that they would remove such material within "48-72 hours" of receiving a complaint. For details visit: https://www.telegraphindia.com/1170202/jsp/nation/story_133630.js?#.WJHGFN97IU

Kindle to support e-books in five Indian languages

Amazon's e-book reader, Kindle will now support content in five Indian languages, including Hindi, Gujarati and Malayalam, a move that will help the US-based firm tap into the niche but growing 'digital regional content' market in India, says a PTI report published in *The Hindu*. “We are adding thousands of digital books in Hindi, Tamil, Marathi, Gujarati and Malayalam, including the largest digital selection of best sellers, hundreds of exclusive titles and free classics to the Kindle Book Store,” Amazon Kindle Director (Content) Sanjeev Jha told PTI. Readers can access these books on Kindle eReaders as well as the free Kindle apps for Android and iOS, he added. “Subscribers of Kindle Unlimited will also have access to the Indian language content. The new language selection is in addition to over three million books that are already available on the Kindle Book Store”, he said. For more details visit: <http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/technology/gadgets/Kindle-to-support-e-books-in-five-Indian-languages/article16735619.ece>

YouTube's Library for Kids in India

Making it easier for today's tech savvy kids to find videos on topics they want to explore, popular online video community YouTube recently launched “YouTube Kids” a huge library of learning content for children in India. “YouTube Kids comes to India at a great time for millions of Indian families, as it provides children access to content that will enrich their lives and create new opportunities for

learning,” Malik Ducard, YouTube's Global Head of Family and Learning, has said in a statement. For details visit: <http://tech.firstpost.com/news-analysis/google-launches-youtube-kids-in-india-a-library-of-learning-oriented-video-content-346262.html>

NEW LIS LITERATURE

[Note: Publishers of books enlisted here and/or any new books in LIS may send copies of such books to the Editor, *IASLIC Bulletin*, for review]

Foreign

1. CULLINGFORD (Alison). The Special collections handbook. 2nd ed. 2016. Facet Publishing, London. £59.95. ISBN: 9781783301263.

(Covers all aspects of special collections work: preservation, developing collections, understanding objects, emergency planning, security, legal and ethical concerns, cataloguing, digitization, marketing, outreach, teaching, impact, advocacy and fundraising)

2. EVANS (Wendy) and BAKER (David), Eds. The End of Wisdom?: The Future of Libraries in a Digital Age Paperback. 2016. Chandos Publishing, Oxford. £8.34. ISBN: 9780081001424.

(Provides a picture of current trends and likely futures for libraries of all types)

3. PRATCHETT (Tracey) et al. Practical tips for developing your staff. 2016. Facet Publishing, London. £49.95. ISBN: 9781783300181.

(Offers a wide range of ideas and methods for all library and information professionals to manage the development of those who work for and with them)

4. RICE (Robin) and SOUTHALL (John). The Data librarian's handbook. 2016. Facet Publishing, London. £54.95. ISBN: 9781783300471.

(Unpicks the everyday role of the data librarian and offers practical guidance on how to collect, curate and crunch data for economic, social and scientific purposes)

PERSONALIA

Prof. M. P. Satija, Former Head, and UGC Emeritus Fellow, DLIS, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, has been honoured by IATLIS with the second Ramdev-IATLIS Lifetime Achievement Award, 2014. The award was conferred on him by Prof. R C Sobti, Vice-chancellor, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, at the inaugural ceremony of the XXXII IATLIS National Conference held on December 19, 2016 at the SES Conference Hall of the BBAU, Lucknow. Hearty congratulations to Prof. Satija from IASLIC!

OBITUARY

Dr. Shyamal Kr. Roychoudhury, President, Bengal Library Association (BLA); and Vice-President, Physiological Society of India and South Asian Association of Physiologists, passed away on January 13, 2017. An M Sc in Physiology and Ph D (in Biochemistry) degree holder of the University of Calcutta, Dr. Roychoudhury started his career as a Lecturer in Physiology in Tamralipta College, Tamluk, West Bengal, in 1969 and retired as Head of the Department of Physiology of that college in 2001. He passed Certificate in Library Science examination of BLA in 1963 and B Lib Sc examination of the University of Calcutta in 1970. He served as a Guest Faculty in DLIS, Jadavpur University for many years and also as Guest Faculty in Physiology in three universities, viz., University of Calcutta, Presidency University, Kolkata and Kalyani University, Kalyani. He also served as a teacher of Certificate Course in Library Science of BLA and also as the Director of Training Course of that organization. He was the editor of the monthly organ of BLA, *Granthagar*, during 2002-2007 and also Executive Editor of *Indian Journal of Physiology and Allied Sciences*. He was a life member of BLA, ILA and IASLIC. He was first elected as President of BLA in 2014 and re-elected in 2016. He served the organization in that capacity till his death. He was also very close to IASLIC and served as its Election Officer twice. In a condolence meeting organized by BLA and IASLIC in Kolkata on January 28, 2017 to mourn his death, rich tributes were paid to the departed soul.

Shri S G Bhat, former Sr. Assistant Director and Head, Library and Documentation Division, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur, passed away on January 21, 2017 at Nagpur at the age of 83. He started his career as a sub-editor of Indian National Bibliography (Marathi Section), at Central Reference Library, Kolkata, in 1961. He joined NEERI (then known as Central Public Health Engineering Research Institute) as Senior Technical Assistant in 1964. Subsequently, he was promoted successively to the posts of Documentation Officer, Sr. Documentation Officer, and Assistant Director and finally retired as Sr. Assistant Director and Head, Library and Documentation Division in July 1993. As the In-charge and later as Head of Library and Documentation Division, he developed the library as an information centre of high repute in the field of Environmental Science and Engineering both at National and International level. The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) designated NEERI as a special sectoral source of information in Environmental Engineering and Science. He introduced a number of documentation services and developed information products, which received appreciation in the country and abroad. He was awarded WHO fellowship, under which he visited UK, France, Switzerland and Ireland to study environmental information systems of those countries. He was also conferred Associateship of the Institute of Information Scientists (London). He was actively associated as a project leader for a UNEP sponsored project, which resulted in the compilation of “Directory of Institutions in the ESCAP region, active in environmental quality monitoring”. International Reference Centre (IRC) on community water supply and sanitation, The Hague, Netherlands, invited him as a consultant at IRC, to prepare a monograph and conduct regional workshop on “Program on Exchange and Transfer of Information (POETRI) at Lima (Peru). Shri Bhat also served as a visiting faculty of DLIS, RTM Nagpur University for 20 years. IASLIC deeply mourns his death.

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