



## Two days' workshop (Librarians Development Programme) on



## Open Access: Application in Libraries

**Two days' workshop (Librarians Development Programme) on Open Access: application in Libraries during June 13-14, 2014 was jointly organized by MANLIBNET and MES's IMCC, Pune, Maharashtra**

This workshop was organized by in association with Management Libraries Network (MANLIBNET) in association with MES's Institute of Management & Career Courses (IMCC) and was supported by ICSSR.

This workshop being organized by a management institute was really arranged differently by starting workshop presentations right at 9.30am on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014. This enabled the organizers to make optimum use of the available time.

The first session was conducted by Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Dy. Librarian of Delhi University. Dr. Tariq presented an overview of open access and open sources movement in Indian libraries. He also explained the philosophical background of OS movement. Limitations of internet and library's strengths were also discussed by Dr. Tariq.

The first session was continued with Skype presentation of Dr. Akhtar Parvez, Librarian IIM, Indore. Dr. Parvez discussed number of issues in subscription of e-resources. This included pricing, licensing, accessibility etc. Based on his personal experience, the speaker offered useful practical solutions to these issues. Dr. Parvez also suggested that the LIS schools should take note of the changes in the digital world and should accordingly make changes in the LIS curricula. Both the speakers of the morning session were thanked by Dr. S.K. Patil.

The inaugural function of the workshop took place between 11am to 11.45am. The inaugural functions started with lighting the lamp. Dr. Minal Oak, Librarian of the institute and the Programme Coordinator, LDP, Pune explained the rationality and purpose of organizing this workshop. Dr. V. H. Inamdar, Director of IMCC briefly narrated the activities of MES and special features of IMCC. He welcomed the participants and expressed the participants will certainly get benefit of the knowledge and experience of the workshop presenters. Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Executive Council Member of MANLIBNET explained the role of MANLIBNET.

Dr. E. B. Khedkar, Dean of Management Science Faculty, University of Pune was Chief Guest of the inaugural function. Dr. Khedkar, through many quotations highlighted the value of libraries

and explained the need for digitization. Shri. Rambhau Dimble, G. B. Member of MES presided over the inaugural function. During his Presidential address Shri. Dimble expressed the need of reader development programmes. Further he advised that libraries should undertake activities so as to create appetite for reading. Felicitation of Dr. S. G. Mahajan, a veteran library professional was special feature of this inaugural function. The inaugural function was concluded with vote of thanks offered by the Dr. Minal Oak.

Second session of the workshop began at 12 noon. In this session Dr. N. B. Dahibhate, Principle Technical Officer, NCL, Pune presented his thoughts on the theme 'Open source software for libraries: an analysis'. Dr. Dahibhate describes features of number of OSS, their uses, merits and limitations. Considering this he suggested that librarians should use more than one OSS for various library activities. Dr. Dahibhate, also categorized the OSS by activities they are useful for. Criteria for selection of OSS were also discussed by the speaker. The session was concluded with thanks offered by Dr. Tariq.

The post lunch session began at 2.30pm. In this session Dr. S. K. Patil, Professor and Librarian of Symbiosis International University, discussed features of Integrated Library Management Software. He also talked about the features of standalone, web based, multi-location library software. Dr. Patil basically presented the theoretical background of Koha. During his presentation he explained all the modules of koha along with their features and benefits. Dr. Anita Pradhan offered vote of thanks.

4.00pm to 6.00pm was the Laboratory session of the workshop. This session was conducted by Shri. Nagesh Londhe, Assistant Librarian, University of Pune. The session was conducted in the computer laboratory of the institute. During this session Shri. Londhe illustrated the installation procedure of Koha. Participants also practiced the already installed koha software. During his session participants enquired about the use of various components of Koha.

The organizers had organized entertainment programme during 6.00 to 7.00pm. Students of MCA course of IMCC presented the programme which was highly appreciated by the participants. First day's activity was concluded with dinner arranged during 8.00 to 9.00pm.

On 14<sup>th</sup> June the first session started at 9.15am. This session was continued up to 12.30 with a tea break. In this session Dr. M. G. Shreekumar, Librarian, IIM, Kozhikode delivered speech on Open access. During his presentation he discussed about the philosophy of OA, reason for publishing, article publishing cycle, upcoming modes of scholarly publishing, crisis in scholarly publishing, advantages of OA etc. The reasons for using DSpace were also part of his presentation. He elaborated the special features of DSpace. Dr. Shreekumar's lecture was very

lively and interactive. Many participants had number of queries which were satisfied through easy explanations. The session ended with vote of thanks offered by Dr. Anita Pradhan.

Second session of this day was a presentation of Dr. Minal Oak. In her presentation she shared her experience of developing and maintaining an institutional repository at the IMCC. In her presentation she explained the steps to be adopted in planning and creating IR. She specially highlighted librarian's role in developing an IR.

In the after session i.e. during 2.30pm to 5.30pm Shri Amit Kane conducted practical sessions on the use of DSpace software. He initially, explained the main component of DSpace and then instructed the participants in the use of DSpace.

There were two special features of this workshop. One all the sessions were interactive. All the participants were very enthusiastic and they sought explanations of many queries. A hand on experience was the second important feature of this workshop.

Hands on experience were followed by Valedictory session where, Dr V H Inamdar, Director of IMCC & Chief Guest of the function, Mr Kshirsagar, Member GB MES, Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Executive Council Member of MANLIBNET had remained present. The participants expressed their views. In general, they were of the view that the duration of such workshops should be more and that more time should be devoted towards hands on experience

DR. Rajendra Kumbhar, Professor, Dept. of library and Information Science and General rapporteur of the LDP, read out the report. Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Executive Council Member of MANLIBNET informed about the concept of LDP Programmes and role of MANLIBNET and thanked the participants and the organizers for the success of the workshop and requested Dr V H Inamdar to present memento to Dr. Mrs.Meenal Oak, Programme Coordinator, LDP on behalf of MANLIBNET. It was followed by the Chief Guests address of Dr. V H Inamdar. Mr. Kshirsagar Member GB MES presided over the function.

Vote of Thanks given by Dr Mrs. Meenal Oak; she thanked MES's IMCC, Dr H Anil Kumar, and President MANLIBNET, Dr Akhtar Parvez, General Secretary, MANLIBNET, Dr. Meeta Rathod, LDP Coordinator for the provided support in the entire journey of LDP. She thanked ICSSR for giving the financial support for organizing the LDP, Pune. She also thanked Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Executive Council Member of MANLIBNET and Dr. M G Sreekumar, Librarian, IIM, Kozhikode and Dr S K Patil, Professor & University Librarian, Symbiosis International University, Pune, along with the entire team of speakers as well as DR. Rajendra Kumbhar, Professor, Dept. of library and Information Science University of Pune and General rapporteur of the LDP, Pune for accepting the invitation & MES'IMCC Library members for their whole hearted cooperation, delegates for their presence and sponsors for the financial support.







