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6th MANLIBNET NATIONAL CONVENTION ON
Information Services in Management and Business Libraries : Recent Trends
May 12-14 2004 Mumbai, India IN Collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research Western Regional Centre
J P Naik Bhavan, Vidyanagari Kalina, Mumbai 400098

6th National MANLIBNET Convention is to be held at Western Regional Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research, ICSSR, Mumbai from May 12-14, 2004. The main theme will be *Information Services in Management and Business Libraries : Recent Trends.* The sub-themes of the convention are :

- Databases for Management and Business Libraries : Users view point.
- Internet Based Resources for the Librarians
- Information Services : Case Studies
- Networking and Consortia Approach : Plans and Programmes.

Submission of Papers

Participants are welcome to submit original unpublished papers preferably based on practical experience or research for presentation at the convention. The length of the paper should not exceed 4000 words. Two copies of the paper should be submitted in A4 size with a soft copy in 1.44MB floppy using MS Word latest by 15th April 2004. Articles can also be submitted by email at: manlibnet2004@yahoo.co.in

Title page of the paper should contain the name of the author, title of the paper, designation and official address of the author (including telephone number and E-mail address); and an abstract of the paper in about 200 words. Authors are requested to prepare a power point or Over Head Projector presentation for the convention. The authors will be communicated about the acceptance of the paper by the Organising Secretary. Authors are expected to come well prepared to present the paper. Papers are to be sent to : The General Secretary, MANLIBNET, B-2/B-223, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058

Registration / Delegation Fee

Without Accommodation	Rs.1000
With Accommodation	Rs.1750

Accommodation will be provided in the guest house and the hostel of Western Regional Centre of the ICSSR. Since the number of rooms in the guest house / hostel is limited, it may not be possible to provide accommodation to all the outstation participants. As such, prospective delegates are requested to send their registration fee well in advance so that accommodation can be reserved for them.

Completed Registration Forms with all necessary details should be sent to the General Secretary, MANLIBNET, B-2/B-223, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 alongwith a demand draft for Rs.1000 or Rs.1750 in favour of Management Libraries Network, payable at Delhi / New Delhi

Annual Conference of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST) held at Long Beach, Southern California USA During 18-22, October 2003 : A Report

For more than 60 years, ASIST has been the leader in keeping information professional on the cutting edge. ASIST provides high quality conference programmes for information system administrators, online professionals, information resource managers, librarians, record managers and other groups. A large contingent of information professionals numbering 500 or so attends its annual meet in one of the cities of USA. The purpose of the conference is to 'bride the gap' between the present and the future, between research and application and between developer and user of information systems.

Two members of the MANLIBNET Executive committee i.e. Dr. P R Goswami, General Secretary and Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Editor, MANLIBNET Newsletter had the opportunity to attend this year's conference, Dr. Ashraf secured third position in the International Paper Contest. Dr. Ashraf also got a travel grant to attend this conference.

The conference theme was Humanizing Information Technology : From ideas to Bits and Back. A number of prominent persons largely from the US universities such as Professor Jodi Forlizzi, Carnegie Mellon University, Professor, Anne J Gilliland – Swetland University of California at Los Angeles, Professor Brian Detlor, MacMaster University presented their papers in the plenary session. The theme of this session was 'New Directions in Information Science Practice". To facilitate presentation of papers on different sub-themes, the organisers held parallel sessions on the subjects like virtual reference services, information policy, future of information science organisation of information, bibliometric and related research, information design for children, user centred design etc. A conference volume containing the full texts of all invited papers was released and distributed to all registered participants. SIG – III also organised a special session on New Information Models for Rural Population in Developing Countries. Dr P R Goswami, General Secretary, presented a papers in this session in which he discussed the present state of affairs relating to access to information in rural India. Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Editor, MANLIBNET Newsletter actively participated in the ensured discussion. He Presented an overview of Information facilitation programmes in India.

The paper stressed that there is a greater emphasis on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) alone. Information or content management is yet to receive attention in India. One way to add value to information is to create suitable content in Indian languages. At local level, people are to be convinced that ICT based solutions would help them to improve their incomes and lives. Some concrete practical experiments are to be conducted to drive home this belief. In total, 4 papers were presented in this session.

ASIST has recently expanded its activities to include information professionals from developing countries. SIG-III is organising international paper contest for professionals from developing countries for the past few years. It has proved to be a boon for quite a few who have won Eugene Garfield Travel Grant to attend the annual meet. ASIST has a flagship quarterly publication, i.e. Journal of American Society for Information Science and Technology. This referred journal is held in high esteem by library and information science professionals all over the world. *.DR. P.R.GOSWAMI* ∎

IASLIC Golden Jubilee Seminar: Call For papers

Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) will be hosting International Conference on Information Management in a Knowledge Society (ICIM-2005) to commemorate its GOLDEN JUBILEE celebrations at Grand Hyatt, Mumbai (Bombay), February 21-25, 2005

Conference Theme :
Information Management In a Knowledge Society.

ICIM 2005 invites original papers and case studies on various facets of the conference theme, as listed on its website..Abstract of not more than 300 words to be submitted by June 30, 2004. Acceptance will be confirmed by July 31, 2004. Deadline for full paper submission is October 31, 2004. Papers may be sent to : Dr. D Kamalavijayan General Manager & Chief Librarian Reserve Bank of India, Central Office Mumbai - 400 001 , Tel.: 022 - 2265 5127 . Fax : 022 - 2265 4993 E-mail : kamalavijayan@hotmail.com

For Ddetails visit conference Website HTTP://WWW.ICIM2005.ORG/

Fostering Reading Habit

Although information is just a click-away yet it does not refrain the booklovers of the nation to spread the message of the 'joys of reading: And with Delhi declared as the World Book Capital 2003-2004, the Federation of Indian Publishers (FIP) couldn't have thought of a better topic for their national convention. The topic was, "Making India a book reading society".

While inaugurating the two-day convention, president, All India Council of Sports, Vijay Kumar Malhotra said: "Strong reading habits can be developed only at home especially among children. They need to be taken to the libraries as well as told that books are necessary to enhance one's knowledge base and it important to read beyond school text books."

In the keynote address, president emeritus, FIP, D N Malhotra said:" The publishing industry can play a key role in developing book reading habits.There is need to open more book shops in the country and form book clubs to develop reading habits as accessibility is very important. One can notice that there are inadequate bookshops in metro cities too."

According to eminent jurist and Member of Parliament, L M Singhvi reading habits are dying because people want instant information. They would prefer logging on the net rather than going through a book for reference. He added saying, "Books cannot compete with computers and vice-versa. Try to remem-ber that the key to professional success is building a good library."

Discussion sessions on topics like role of media in the promotion of reading habits and the role of education and libraries in developing reading habits was conducted on the second day of the convention. The event saw the active participation of eminent names in Indian publishing, writers, authors, media professionals and educationists. ■

Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) offers unique MBA Programmes

The B-schools at the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) across the country have been at the forefront of providing world-class management programmes as well as developing competencies in the frontier areas of management. Synthesising conventional and modern management thinking with a global outlook and having the capacity to adapt to the changing requirements of business are always the 'mantras' at the B-schools of IITs.

Like the B-schools at the IITs and the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, the Department of Management Studies at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (DMS-IITD) offers full-time, two-year management programmes. The DMS offers two full-time MBA programmes through JMET system, which includes an 'MBA with focus on Management Systems and an 'MBA with focus on Telecommunication Systems' Management' with the number of seats being 60 and 10 respectively-. The head of DMS IITD, Rajat K Baisya' said: "The programme on management sys-tems provides a student an opportunity to specialise in functional management streams like information technology,' finance, marketing, strategy, organisational management and manufacturing management. This programme offers a blend' of analytical and creative problem-solving skills. Similarly, the programme on telecommunication management is designed to produce. ■

Digital Library At ISB

In continuation of its tradition of introducing innovation in education, the Indian School of Business (ISB) , Hyderabad has established a digital library called ' Management classics Online'. The library was formally launched recently by B Ramalinga Raju, founder and chairman, Satyam Computer Services Ltd. According to the library director, ISB, K Mohan,.''The ISB digital library is an affirmation of our service credo to provide our customers 'anytime, anywhere' access to global management resources. " The library currently has a selection of over 100 titles in various management areas including some rare editions. It plans to add upto 50 titles each year with the aim of making it one of Asia's most impressive digital resources over the next five years. ■

The Fedora™ Project
An Open-Source Digital Repository Management System

The Fedora project was funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to build an open-source digital object repository management system based on the Flexible Extensible Digital Object and Repository Architecture (Fedora). The new system demonstrates how distributed digital library architecture can be deployed using web-based technologies, including XML and Web services.

Jointly developed by the University of Virginia and Cornell University, the system completely implements the Fedora architecture that was originally conceived of at Cornell. Fedora is a general-purpose digital object repository system that can be used in whole or part to support a variety of use cases including: institutional repositories, digital libraries, content management, digital asset management, scholarly publishing, and digital preservation.

Version 1.2 of the software contains a number of significant new features, including content versioning, the complete implementation of the Fedora Management interface, and major additions to the Fedora Administrator client to enable object creation and editing. With the advent of content versioning, the Fedora Access interfaces now support date-time stamped requests, so that a client can "go back in time" and see a digital object as it looked in the past. Additionally, this release provides a migration utility for mass export and mass ingest of objects from either directories or other repositories. The migration utility enables the moving of objects from older versions of Fedora repositories into the lastest version. It also is of general utility for copying or moving objects among repositories, for unloading repositories, and for bulk ingest of objects. The Fedora software is aimed at providing a repository that can handle one million objects efficiently using only open source software.

Upcoming versions of the software will add important functionality, such as Shibboleth-based authentication, fine-grained policy enforcement, workflow support, enhanced preservation features, and performance enhancements to support extremely large repositories.

The Fedora repository system is open source software licensed under the Mozilla Public License. The interface to the system consists of three open APIs that are exposed as web services:

Management API (API-M) — defines an interface for administering the repository. It includes operations necessary for clients to create and maintain digital objects and their components. API-M is implemented as a SOAP-enabled web service.

Access API (API-A) — defines an interface for a[ccess to] digital objects stored in the repository. It i[ncludes] operations necessary for clients to p[erform] disseminations on objects in the repository[, to] discover information about an object using reflection. API-A is implemented as a SOAP-e[nabled] web service.

Access-Lite API (API-A-Lite) — defines a strea[mlined] version of the Fedora Access Service [it is] implemented as an HTTP-enabled web service[.]

Major features:

Open Source - The Fedora repository system [is open] source software licensed under the Mozilla [Public] License.

Web Services - The interface to the Fedora rep[ository] system consists of three open APIs that are e[xposed] as web services: Management API known as [API-M,] Access API known as API-A, and Access-Li[te API] known as API-A-Lite.

Flexible Digital Object Model - The Fedora [digital] object model provides the flexibility to create [many] different design patterns for digital objects. The F[edora] digital object acts as a container for Datastr[eams] (bitstreams of content or metadata) and Dissemi[nators] (linkages to services for transformation of cont[ent or] computation).

Datastreams - A Datastream is the componen[t of a] Fedora digital object that represents conten[t or] metadata. The content may physically reside insi[de the] repository, or it may reside outside the reposito[ry and] be pointed to (by-reference). The Fedora repo[sitory] system supports content of any MIME type.

Default Disseminator - A Disseminator associa[tes a] set of behaviors with a digital object. These beha[viors] expose a set of service methods that are availab[le for] the digital object. The Default Disseminator is a b[uilt-in] disseminator that is available on every object. It pro[vides] a generic set of service methods for viewing [the] contents of a digital object and for reflecting on [the] services that may be available for the object.

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Extensible Disseminators - Fedora provides the ability to associate custom disseminators with digital objects to expose a set of behaviors beyond those offered by the Default Disseminator. Extensible Disseminators provide a means of associating service methods with digital objects to transform content, run computations on content, or present custom renderings of content. Service methods that are associated with an object can support user-supplied parameters that are handled at run time.

Content Versioning - The Fedora content versioning system is enabled with the release of Fedora 1.2. Now, any modifications made to a Datastream or Disseminator through the Fedora management interface (API-M) will automatically result in a new version of that Datastream or Disseminator being created by Fedora. The Fedora repository maintains all versions of all Datastreams and Disseminators, thereby creating a history of how objects change over time. Additionally, Fedora maintains an audit trail record of the nature of the object change events (e.g., who, what, when, why)..

XML Ingest and Export - Digital objects can be submitted to a Fedora repository as XML-encoded files that conform to an extension of the Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard (METS) schema. The schema for the extended version of METS used by Fedora can be found at http://www.fedora.info/definitions/1/0/mets-fedora-ext.xsd. Digital Objects can also be exported from the repository in this format. In future releases, additional ingest and export formats will be supported.

Digital Object Storage - The Fedora repository stores digital objects in XML. Datastream content is stored in its native format within the repository system. Datastream content that is "by-reference" is not stored in the repository, but URLs are stored for these Datastreams. A Fedora repository also maintains a cache of its digital objects in a relational database. The database stores the most current view of every digital object. The database cache is used to enhance run-time performance for requests made on the Fedora Access web service (API-A).

Access Control and Authentication - Release 1.2 includes a simple form of access control to provide access restrictions based on IP address. IP range restriction is supported in both the Management and Access APIs. In addition, the Management API is protected by HTTP Basic Authentication. In upcoming releases, look for new Shibboleth-based Authentication and access control policies expressed using XACML!

Searching - Fedora automatically indexes the primary Dublin Core record for each digital object, as well as selected Fedora-specific metadata fields. The Fedora repository system provides a search interface as part of the Fedora Access API (API-A).

OAI Metadata Harvesting Provider - The OAI Protocol for Metadata Harvesting is a standard for sharing metadata across repositories. Every Fedora digital object has a primary Dublin Core record that conforms to the schema at: http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/oai_dc.xsd. This metadata is accessible using the OAI Protocol for Metadata Harvesting, v2.0.

ILA SEMINAR DURING WORLD BOOK FAIR

Indian Library Association organised a Two Days National Seminar on February 21-22, 2004 during the World Book Fair on 'The Role of MARC-21 in the Standardisation of Bibliographic Format'. The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. P Jayarajan, former head, The British Council Libraries in India and Ms Heera Kapasi, former director, american center was the guest of honour.

The seminar witnessed a lively Penal discussion on the role of MARC-21 in the standardisation of bibliographic format. The penalists included Dr. H K Kaul, Director, Delnet, Mr. Anil K Jain, Product Director, Libsys Corporation, Ms Sunita Murthy, US Library of Congress and Mr Surya Mittal, D K Agencies Pvt. Ltd.

Dr J P Singh, Joint Director, DESIDOC presented an informative paper on 'Copyright in India: a contemporary necessity of Knowledge Managers in the second technical session.There was an informal discussion between the LIS Professionals and Publishers/Booksellers on second day of seminar. Penalist included Dr Neela Jagannathan, Former Librarian,IGNOU, Dr Sukumar Das, UBS Publishers & Distributors, Dr Shailender Kumar, Head, Dept of Library Science, University of Delhi, and Mr Ramesh Mittal, Director, D K Agencies Pvt Ltd.

Mr Sukumar Das spoke on the problems of Book Industry in India and Mr Ramesh Mittal dwelt upon different publishing techniques and how publishers can help in building good Libraries. Prof S Ansari chaired the valedictory session of the seminar and advised ILA for taking up different project which would ultimately help the librarians.■

GYANODAYA LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

National Institute of Financial Management, (NIFM) is an autonomous Society under Ministry of Finance, Government of India, set up in 1992. The Institute has since emerged as an educational 'Centre of Excellence' in the area of Financial Management and Accounting in EDP environment and all other related disciplines, including research and consultancy. With the objective to promote automation and greater use of libraries National Institute of Financial Management has developed a Library Management Software "Gayanodaya".

- It is a state-of-the-art library automation software designed and developed by NIFM, Faridabad.
- Highly user-friendly software developed to work under client-server environment as also on stand-alone PCs.
- The Front end developed with Visual Basic and SQL Server 2000 as back-end to store and retrieve data. It is compatible with Windows 95, 98, NT or 2000 Server/operating system.
- It is flexible for automating all types / size of library.

HARDWARE/SOFTWARE REQUIRED

STANDALONE
- Pentium @200 MHZ with 64 MB RAM
- 1.2 GB HDD
- 32xCDROM Drive
- 1.44" Floppy Drive
- Colour Monitor (SVGA)
- Windows 95/98/2000 Professional

SERVER
- Pentium @200 MHZ with 64 MB' RAM
- 1.2 GB HDD
- 32xCDROM Drive
- 1.44" Floppy Drive
- Colour Monitor (SVGA)
- Ethernet card 10/100 Mbps
- Windows NT/2000 Server

CLIENT
- Pentium @200 MHZ with 32 MB RAM
- 1.2 GB HDD with 2 MB free Space
- 1.44" Floppy Drive
- Colour Monitor (SVGA)
- Ethernet card 10/100 Mbps
- Windows 95/98/2000 Professional

STRONG FEATURES:

- Windows based user friendly software.
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DEMO VERSION:
DEMO CD of this Software is available which can be installed in the system. The validity of the DEMO CD is for 6 months.

COST OF THE SOFTWARE :- RS. 40,000/-
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I have read the rules and regulations of the Network and undertake to abide by them.

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Signature

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SIS 2004 22nd Annual Convention and Conference on Digital Information Exchange: Pathways to Build Global Information Society held at Indian Institute of Technology Madras during 21-23 January 2004

22nd Annual Convention and Conference was jointly organized by the Central Library, IIT Madras and Society for Information Science, New Delhi during 21st to 23rd January 2004. As a part of the Convention, Pre-Conference Tutorials were also organized on 21st January on two major themes namely:

Tutorial I : ISO 9001: 2000 Application in Libraries and Information Centers

Tutorial II: Management and Development of Digital Resources

The Tutorials were inaugurated by Shri H.R.Mohan of The Hindu and Dr.Harish Chandra, Organizing Secretary welcomed the delegates. In Tutorial I there were four special presentations on the major theme by Dr.Srinivasa Raghavan, Dr.Harish Chandra, Dr.G.Srinivasan and Dr.M.Kumaravel. In the post lunch Tutorial, there were seven presentations by Mr. R.Ganesh Kumar, Dr. K. Mangala Sundar, Dr. P. Pichappan, Dr.Vijay Ayyappan, Dr. Harish Chandra, Shri. Yogender Singh and Dr. Shailendra Kumar. Prof. M.S.Ananth, Director of IIT Madras inaugurated the Annual Convention and also released the Pre-Conference Volume on 22nd January, Professor S. Narayanan, Dean (Academic Research) IIT Madras welcomed the delegates and also released the Souvenir, Dr. TAV Murthy, Director INFLIBNET and the President, SIS delivered presidential address, Prof. S.V.Raghavan, Dean (Planning), IIT Madras delivered keynote address, Dr. Ramesh Kundra, Secretary, SIS felicitated the dignitaries on the dais and also announced the SIS annual awards to Mr. Yogendra-Singh and Dr. V.S.Cholin, Mr. N. V. Sathyanarayana, Managing Director, Informatics India and Vice President of SIS outlined the tremendous changes in the information profession and the role being played by information industry in bridging the gap in information access and retrieval. Dr. Harish Chandra, Organising Secretary proposed a Vote of Thanks. Over 200 participants from the entire country including two participants from Kenya participated. 99 papers were included in the Pre Conference Volume & discussed in Technical Sessions Prof. V.G. Talawar from Mysore University acted as the Director of the Conference, Prof. B.Ramesh Babu, from Madras University served as the Repporteur General and Dr. S. Chandrappa from IIM Bangalore acted as Associate Repporteur General. These Sessions were chaired by eminent professionals:

On 23rd January Prof. Raizda Memorial Lecture was delivered by Mr. P.C. Saha on "Towards Self Sufficiency through Information Marketing". Various leading Information and E-Publishing Industries and Institutions including Balani Infotech, Edutech, Informatics India, Inflibnet, Total Library Solutions, Olumpus Infotech made special presentations about their products and services. Prof. P. T. Manoharan, Former Vice Chancellor, Madras University was the Chief Guest of the Valedictory function. Dr. Harish Chandra, Organizing Secretary proposed a vote of thanks. More details about SIS 2004 are posted on the Conference site http://www.cenlib.iitm.ac.in/sis2004 ■

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