

Brief Report of the ILA Conference
Date: 24 – 26 March 2022, Dravidian University
Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh

Day - 1, Thursday, 24th March 2022

Inaugural Session

Inaugural session started with invocation by offering prayer to the almighty. Dr. M. Doraswamy Librarian, Dravidian University and Organizing Secretary of Annual Conference of Indian Library Association – 2022 welcomed the dignitaries and the delegates to first ILA conference in the divided state of Andhra Pradesh. The dignitaries on the inaugural dais are

- Prof. Thummala Ramakrishna garu, Vice Chancellor, Dravidian University, Kuppam
- Dr. Muttayya Koganuramath, Director General of Basava International Information Centre
- Dr. B. Ramesh Babu, Professor (Retd.), University of Madras, Chennai
- Dr. A.K. Venugopal Reddy, Registrar, Dravidian University, Kuppam
- Prof. Aquter Babu, Dean, Academic Affairs, Dravidian University, Kuppam
- Prof. B.D. Kumbar, President, ILA
- Dr. O.N. Chaubey, General Secretary, ILA
- Sri. K.C. Kalkura, President, AP Library Association
- Dr. Raavi Sarada, General Secretary, AP Library Association
- Dr. M Doraswamy

Prof. Ramesh Babu inspired the audience and set the tone for the conference by giving overview about the conference theme and status of submissions. The dignitaries lighted the ceremonial lamp released the pre conference proceedings in print (2 volumes) and digital format. Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Thummala Ramakrishna garu in his address, said that “Maha Medhavulu – Born from Libraries” gave the mantras for the library professionals i.e. “Knowledge Bhandaram”, “Preservation of Knowledge through Libraries”, “Expansion of Knowledge through Libraries” “Carry a Book” “Reading a book means Reading the World”. Dr. Muttayya Koganuramath, DG of BIIC in his keynote address emphasized to “integrate tools and techniques for knowledge dissemination”, “qualities of librarians for services” and “adopt innovative tools”. Dr. B.D. Kumbar, President, ILA in his address, complemented Dr. Doraswamy and his team for organizing this conference. He briefed the audience about the ILA history, activities and shared the good news about the purchase of land for ILA office New Delhi. The registrar of Dravidian University, Dr. AK Venugopal Reddy stressed that Libraries must reach the users. Sri. K.C. Kalukura, President APLA insisted that the “Knowledge must be available to all” [as air is available to all]. Dr. Raavi Sarada has briefed about the history of AP Library Association and its activities and recently initiated activity “Book Hundies”. Dr. S Aquter Babu, Dean Academic Affairs of Dravidian University, in his speech, he advised “online resources” must supplement “traditional resources”. Inaugural function was closed with vote of thanks proposed by Hanumanathrao Kulkarni, PHD scholar of Dravidian University.

Technical Session

The first technical session on “Open Educational Resources” has began under the chairmanship of Dr. B. Ramesha, Librarian of Bangalore University. Dr. B.K. Singh of Allahabad University was the Co-Chair and Dr. Srinivasulu of National Sanskrit University, Tirupati was the rapporteur. Nine papers were presented in this session on various open education resources used during the pandemic period. The outcome of this session theme are: OER initiatives in Indian Education system; adapt the new technology; and licences for OERs.

In the same technical session, “Second Dr. C. R. Karisiddappa Endowment Lecture” was scheduled. Dr. Rajendra Kumbar from Savitribhai Phule Pune University was invited and he delivered the talk on “Opportunities for Demonstrating the Professionalism”. In his talk, he revealed new prospects for the Library Professionals viz., Personal Librarians, Reading Consultants, Services for the Writers and more.

The second and last technical session of the day 1 was on “Open Access Tools & Information Services and Covid-19. Dr. Srinivasa Raghavan, University Librarian, Bharatidasan University was the Chair, Dr. Surendra Babu, Librarian, SV University, Tirupati was the co-chair and Rapporteur was Srinivas. Seventeen Papers were presented in this session. A few outcome of all the presented papers are: Listed open access tools, viz, Vidwan, IRINS, OA journals, and their ranking, contribution to OA journals, Social media usage, sustainable library transformation, mobile applications; case studies, etc.

Day - 2, Friday, 25th March 2022

Technical Session 3

Theme: Metric Studies on Open Access Sources

Chair: Dr. Rajendran

Co-Chair: Dr. Gururaj

Rapporteur: Dr. Mamata Amarpuri

No. of Papers Presented – 9

Major outcome of this session are:

Research outputs; bibliometrics, scientometrics. retractions, authorship patterns, citation patterns, and case studies

Technical Session 4

Theme: Information Seeking Behaviour and Open Access Sources

Chair: Dr. Mallinath Kumbar, Librarian, Mysore University

Co-Chair: Dr. K Veeranjanyulu, NIT Warangal

Rapporteur:

No. of Papers Presented – 5

Major outcome of this theme are: Digital Resource sharing; awareness and use of social media; research scholar perception on OSS; awareness of OSS and information seeking behaviour

Technical Session 5

Theme: Open Access & Scholarly Communication and Free & Open Source Softwares

Chair: Dr. V. Kasi Rao, Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai

Co-Chair: Dr. Sonkar, University of Lucknow

Rapporteur: Dr. Natarajan Naidu

No. of Papers Presented – 4

Outcome of the session: Psychological perspective of open access; Case study on National Agricultural Research and Education system was highlight of this session.

Technical Session 6

Theme: Digital Libraries, IRs & Application of ICT

Chair: Pradeep Roy

Co-Chair: Sudip Pillai

Rapporteur: V R Rajan

No. of Papers Presented – 6

Outcome of the session: Digitization; Digital Library Services; ICT; Evaluation Studies

The third and the last day, Saturday 26th 2022 has began with the last thematic session 7 on Information Literacy, Best Practices and others & Plagiarism, IPR and Library Management Chaired by Dr. S.K. Ashok Kumar with the support of Co-Chair Dr. Prabhat Pandey and Rapporteur Dr. Hamsaveni.

The five of papers were submitted in this theme. The cases on the thematic areas were discussed. All the papers presenters were honoured with the mementos. The distinguished library academicians and practitioners were invited to present the mementos to the papers presenters.

The conference was closed with the valedictory addresses by Sri. M. Seshagiri Rao, Chairman, A P Parishad, Govt of AP; Prof. Tummala Ramakrishna garu, VC, Dravidian University and Dr. AK Venugopal Reddy, Registrar, DU Kuppam,


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