



# SALIS Newsletter

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## SALIS News

### SALIS General Body Meeting on 8.8.2008 at Coimbatore

Notice is hereby issued for conducting the Annual General body Meeting of SALIS during the National Conference at Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore on 8th August 2008 at 5.00 p.m.

#### Agenda

1. Address by President
2. Report by General Secretary
3. Statement of income and expenditure by Treasurer
4. Election/Nomination of office-bearers for SALIS  
Governing Council (President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Joint-Secretaries, Treasurer, Governing Council Members)  
For and on behalf of SALIS  
L.Parisutharaj, General Secretary, SALIS

#### Forthcoming Conference and Seminar

SALIS 2008: National Conference on 'Re-Building the Libraries: Learning from the Past to Plan for the Future', Organised by SALIS & Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore.

August 7, 2008 : Pre-Conference Tutorial

August 8-9, 2008 : Conference

Last date for registration : 06.08.2008

#### Pre-Conference Tutorial

Topic : Computer Networking, Configuration and Troubleshooting for Practicing Librarians  
Date : 7<sup>th</sup> August 2008 (Theory & Practical Sessions)  
Panel Discussion on **HRD in LIS** on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2008

#### REGISTRATION FEES

##### Conference & Tutorial

Individual Rs.1000

Individual (Deputed) Rs.1500

##### Conference

Individual Rs. 700

Individual (Deputed) Rs.1000

##### Tutorial

Individual Rs. 300

Individual (Deputed) Rs. 500

20% concession in registration fee will be given to regular students and trainees. Non-member has to pay Rs.100/- extra. The registration fee and accommodation charges should be paid through D.D. in favour of "The Principal, Kumaraguru College of Technology" payable at "Coimbatore".

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For conference updates, visit at [autolib-india.net/salis](http://autolib-india.net/salis)

**International Conference on "Knowledge Networking in ICT era". 22-24, January 2009.** Organised by SALIS and B S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Engineering College, Chennai

#### Call for Papers

Articles/papers are invited for presentation in the following themes (but not limited to) in conformance with the main theme. Original case studies, research papers, new ideas, innovations and reports on good practices will be given preference.

#### Main Themes and Sub-Themes

##### 1. ICT

Next Generation Knowledge Networks, ICT – New tools, Internet Technology and Applications, Mobile Networks & Services, Taking ICT to rural areas, Future ICT technologies, Access, Security and Network Technology, etc.

##### 2. Emerging Web Technologies

Wikis-WEB 2.0-LIB 2.0, RSS Feed, Web Blog, Podcasting, Ajax - CSS-Mashup, Interactive web applications using WEB 2.0 for information activities, etc.

##### 3. Information Systems and Next generation Search engines

Information system: Processing, Management and Applications, Next generation search engines, Text mining- Data Mining, etc.

##### 4. Content Creation and Management

Standards – tools & techniques, E-Publishing, Site management, etc.

##### 5. Technology Enhanced E-learning - Virtual Learning Environment

Learning Management Systems (LMS), Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), Components - Tools and Techniques for E-learning Module- features – Applications, Designing and Implementation of Web based Online Courses, etc.

##### 6. Knowledge Management (KM)

KM: Initiatives – Practices – Strategies – Vision, Cultural change in an Organization. Business Process Reengineering, Implementation of KM in Software and Corporate offices, etc.

##### 7. Digital Library (DL) of the future

Design- Methodology-Standards- innovations -Requirements-Implementation, Open Access Initiatives (OAI)-Protocols and Standards, Institutional Repositories / Archives, E-Resources, Semantic Web- Ontology, etc.

##### 8. Next generation Library Interfaces

New Web tools and techniques for information services, Global resource sharing, Redefining Library services, Creating LIB 2.0 applications using WEB 2.0, Electronic Document Delivery services, etc.

##### 9. Security Systems and Implementation

RFID- Antenna- Reader- Standards, Smart card-Biometrics, Wireless networks-Mobile applications, Implementation – problems and solutions, etc.

## 10. ICT/Information Literacy

Standards and Models, IL Skills and assessment, early literacy and life long learning, Outreach programmes for capacity building, etc.

## 11. IPR and copyrights in the networked environment

IPR and Copyrights, Information ethics, ICT ethics, Privacy, Security, etc.

## 12. Capacity Building Initiatives and Strategies

Human Resources Development and Management, ICT Skills Development for the new environment, Leadership Skills, Soft Skills, Customer Service Management, Managing Information/Knowledge Centers in changing environment, etc

## Pre - Conference Tutorial

Topic: E-Learning: Creating online virtual courses using Moodle.  
Date: 22.1.2009 (theory & practical sessions)

## Submission of Papers

The abstract should be 250-300 words with a minimum of 5 keywords. Accepted abstracts will be intimated to the author by e-mail. Authors are requested to submit two copies of full paper in **IEEE format (double column - per sheet)** on A4 size paper (Times Roman 12 points) in camera-ready form and also a softcopy on CD in MS-Word along with the registration fee. Charts, graphs, photographs, if any, should be inserted at the proper place in the paper. The full paper should not exceed 8 pages of A4 size paper. **Papers without registration fee will not be accepted.** The decision of the Review Committee regarding the acceptance of the paper will be final.

Last date for submission of abstracts: 30.09.2008

Intimation of selection by the organizers: 30.10.2008

Last date for submission of full paper: 30.11.2008

## Registration Fee

Early Bird Registration or before 30.11.2008	Amount	Registration (Between 01.12.08 and 31.12.08)	Amount
Sponsored Candidates	Rs.2000	Sponsored Candidates	Rs.2500
Individuals	Rs.1000	Individuals	Rs.1500
Students (Regular)	Rs. 750	Students (Regular)	Rs.1000
SAARC Countries	Rs.2000	SAARC Countries	Rs.2500
Other Countries	US\$100	Other Countries	US\$150

Tutorial : Rs.500/ in addition to the registration fee

The registration fee may be paid through DD in favour of the "Organising Secretary, KNICT 09" payable at Chennai, India.

*Address for communication (Paper(s) submission, Registration, Accommodation, Sponsorship, etc.)*

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## SALIS Awards

SALIS has already instituted one national and two regional awards. The following three new awards have been instituted by SALIS from the year 2008 onwards for the best paper submitted to SALIS Annual Conference every year.

**1. A.N.Marappan Memorial National Best Young Librarian Award**, sponsored by the trust Amaran A.N.Marappan Ninaivu Elakiaya Mandaram', Athani, Erode Dist, Tamil Nadu. **A.M.Venkatachalam**, Librarian, Jansons School of Business, Coimbatore established the trust in the memory of his father in the year 1998.

**2. Shri N.P.K.Memorial Best Paper Award for LIS Professionals**, sponsored by Shri N.P.K.Memorial Trust, Chinnadharapuram, Karur Dist, and Tamil Nadu. **Dr.C.Nateson**, Professor, Jansons School of Business, Coimbatore established the trust in memory of his brother in the year 1985.

**3. Shri S.Rajunaidu Memorial Best Paper Award for LIS Students**, sponsored by **Mr. R.Palaniswamy**, Professor, Jansons School of Business, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

The aim of instituting all these awards is to encourage excellent contributions by young library professionals as well as to nurture young talents in the field of LIS.

## Birth of SALIS Karaikudi, Chapter

SALIS Karaikudi Chapter has been formally inaugurated on 9.4.2008 at Alagappa University, Karaikudi. The following members were formally nominated as office bearers for the Karaikudi Chapter.

### Chairman

Dr. K. Chinnasamy

Head, SLIS, Alagappa Univeristy, Karaikudi.

### Secretary

Shri. M. Nagaraj

Annamalai Polytechnic College, Karaikudi

### Treasurer

Shri. U. Shanmugham, Senior Librarian, ACTECH, Karaikudi

### Members

Mr. C. Bhaskaran, Dy.Librarian

Mr. P. Ganesan, , Asst. Librarian

Mr. S. Kishore Kumar, Asst. Librarian, Alagappa University

Mr. Muniasamy, A. Hariharan,, Dr. Srinivasa Raghavan, Bharathidasan University, Mr. Nagaraj, Mr. Shanmugham, Treasurer spoke on the occasion. They highlighted the various achievements of SALIS and its contributions to the profession.

SALIS thanks the initiatives taken by Mr. Muniasamy and Dr. Chinnasamy, for establishing a Chapter at Karaikudi.

**Report of the State Level Seminar on Information Technology and Information Literacy for School Librarians** organised by the Connemara Public Library and SALIS on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2008.

The seminar was inaugurated by Padmashree Dr. Nalli Kuppusamy Chetty. In his inaugural address, he appreciated the good service rendered by the Connemara Public Library and SALIS to the society. He stressed the need for library hours in schools. Thiru.A.Natarajan, former Director,

Doordarshan, Chennai spoke about the importance of library services to the society, in his presidential address.

Thiru N. Avadaippan, Director, Connemara Public Library delivered the welcome address and stressed the importance of Information Literacy Skills for Librarians.

This seminar provided unique opportunity for School Librarians working in various types of schools in the state, to meet, discuss, understand and share knowledge and information about IL and IT concepts and skills for planning and implementing effecting IL programmes for the students and teachers in their schools.

Mr. A. Sankaran, Mrs. M. N. Thangam, Mrs. B. Prabha Priya, Ms. Chithra Kala, Mr. P. Meenakshisundaram, and A.Hariharan delivered lectures on various aspects of IT and IL for School Librarians. The participants were divided into four groups. IT and IL skills of each group was assessed by a test. School librarians from various parts of Tamil Nadu participated in the seminar. Mr. P. Panneerselvam, Secretary, SALIS proposed the vote of thanks.

**Report on Workshop cum Training Programme on Web Page Design** organised by Sri Sai Ram Engineering College, Chennai and SALIS between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at Sri Sai Ram Engineering College. Dr.S.Seetharaman, Dean delivered the welcome address and appreciated the important role played by Librarians in educational institutions. Dr. Dr.R.Kannappan, Principal felicitated the participants and stressed the importance of timely and value added service to the users. Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian, IITM inaugurated the workshop and explained the need and importance of websites for libraries. He also explained various steps involved in creation and maintenance of library websites. Mrs. N. Sivagami, Librarian, proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. A. Hariharan explained about the importance of workshop.

Lectures cum practical sessions on various topics such as HTML, XML, Web page design, Flash, Dreamweaver and Photoshop by experts were arranged for the participants.

The valedictory address was delivered by Dr. R. Ramasamy, RRLF on 10<sup>th</sup> April at 4 pm. He explained the role of RRLF for library development and also the importance of libraries for the national development. Dr.S.Seetharaman and Dr.R.Kannappan felicitated the participants and wanted SALIS to conduct regular programmes for the Librarians at their college.

#### **Speech Competition for Corporation School Children**

A speech competition on 'Library as a Self learning Centre' was organised for the Corporation school children by SALIS and Connemara Public Library. The programme aims to motivate the corporation school children about the importance of libraries and also to promote reading habits among them. Students from 26 corporation schools participated in the competition. A panel of judges selected the winners. Padmashree Dr. Nalli Kuppusamy Chetty presented the cash awards and certificates to all the winners on 5.1.2008 in the presence of Thiru N. Avadaippan, Director, Connemara Public Library. Mr. G.G.Shivakumar, Chairman, SALIS Mr. Karunairaghavan, Treasurer and P. Meenakshisundaran made all the arrangements for the programme. Congrats to all the winners.

#### **Special Lecture**

Ms. Nalini Persad, Curator, South Indian Language Collection, British Library, London delivered a special lecture on 'British Library – London' in Thanjavur on 9.6.2008. The lecture was organised by SALIS, National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) and Besant Literary Forum. Dr. P. Perumal, Chairman, Special Library, SALIS has taken initiatives for organising the programme.

#### **SALIS Service to the Professionals**

##### **SALIS efforts to get pay parity on par with Teachers**

A Committee consists of Mr.L.Parisutharaj, General Secretary, SALIS, Mr.Jesudas Manalan, Secretary, Tiruchi Chapter and a few other members was formed to press various Govt. agencies to implement the pay parity on par with the teaching staff. The Committee met office-bearers of AUT, MUTA, etc in this regard and got their support and sent several representations to various Govt., agencies such as MHRD, UGC, etc. and MHRD finally issued the order.

A representation requesting the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to implement the order issued by the MHRD regarding CAS for the Librarians/pay parity for the Librarians working in Colleges/ Universities, has been prepared by the Committee, and sent to the Chief Minister, Minister for Higher Education, Secretary, Higher Education and Director of Collegiate Education of Tamil Nadu. The Govt. of Tamil Nadu has considered our request and issued a G.O to implement the MHRD Order. Govt., of TN cited SALIS representation in the G.O which is available at SALIS web site.

SALIS sincerely thanks the Chief Minister of T.N, Higher Education Minister and Secretary, Directorate of Collegiate Education for considering and implementing our request.

##### **Representation submitted to Vice-Chairman, TNCHE.**

A delegation consists of Mr. Muniasamy, Dr. Chinnasamy, Dr. Srinivasa Raghavan, Mr. Venkatachalam, A. Hariharan, etc submitted a representation to Dr. A. Ramasamy, Vice-Chairman, Tamilnadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai on 9th April at Karaikudi to include LIS as one of the optional subjects for UG and PG students in the CBCS stream which will be introduced from the academic year 2008- 2009. The importance of the course was explained to the Vice-Chairman by the delegation. He assured us to do the needful. This attempt is eventually to make Librarians into teachers. The delegation also requested him to fill-up the Librarians posts at Government and aided colleges and mentioned about our earlier representation in this regard for filling-up the posts. SALIS thanks Dr. S. Suriyanarayanan, Mr. S.Swaminathan, and Mr. Venkatachalm for their timely help in preparing the representation.

##### **Representation to Hon. Legislative Members to raise our problems in TN Assembly**

A delegation consisting of senior SALIS members submitted a memorandum and appealed to Hon. Legislative Members Thiru. Govindhaswamy at Tirupur and Thiru S.K. Mahendran

at Chennai. The delegation discussed various issues such as filling-up vacant posts in Govt. and Aided Colleges, appointment of Librarians in Schools, changing the designation of Librarian as Lecturer in LIS, etc with the Hon. Members. Mr. S.K. Mahendran, spoke on 6.5.08 on "Demands for grants for Higher Education" in the T.N. Assembly, urged the Govt., to fill-up the vacant post of Librarians in Govt., and Aided Colleges immediately.

This was the first time the problems of Librarians were brought to the attention of the Govt., by SALIS. SALIS thanks the following members for their efforts in this regard.

1. Mr. R. Karnamoorthi, A.L, MSSW
2. Mr. Mr.S.Swaminathan, Librarian, SRKVCOE
3. Dr. A.Sokkalingam, Librarian, SRKVPOLY
4. Mr.A.Manikandan
5. Mr. Senthil, Librarian Kongunadu Arts College
6. Dr. M. Tamizhchelvan, Librarian, SKECT, Coimbatore
7. Mr. Karthikeyan, Librarian, Ramakrishna Engg. College
8. Mr. S. Ramkumar, ATO, Bharathiar University
9. Mr. S.Sivakumar, Asst Librarian, MIT
10. Mr. A.Sankaran, The Hindu
11. Mr.P. Panneer Selvam, Librarian, B.S.Crescent Engg College
12. Ms .S. Kamatchi, N.K.T.R. College of Edun. for Women
13. Mr. R.Raja M.L.I.Sc for preparing the draft and
13. A. Hariharan, SALIS

#### **Important G.O on SALIS website**

A copy of T.N. Govt. G.O on CAS to Librarians on par with Lecturers, stock verification(loss of books) – latest G.O and the AICTE Norms for Engineering College Libraries (UG and M.C.A/M.B.A- Library) are available on the SALIS website for ready reference and benefit of LIS professionals.

#### **Report of the National Workshop on Building Digital Libraries using DSpace and GSDL, organised by IHMR, Jaipur and SALIS NCR Chapter, Delhi.**

Mr. Sandeep Verma, I.A.S, Special Secretary, Govt., of Rajasthan inaugurated the workshop and stressed the need for digitization of documents in public and private libraries. Dr. L.P. Singh, (Dean Research), IHMR welcomed the delegates and gave a brief introduction about IHMR. Dr. Sanjay Kataria, Dr. I.R. Kumar also welcomed the delegates, on behalf of SALIS and briefed about the workshop. Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian, IITM delivered the keynote address and stressed the need for creation of knowledge repositories. Dr. S.D. Gupta congratulated the organisers and thanked SALIS for selecting IHMR as the venue. Mrs. Lata Suresh proposed the vote of thanks.

Prof. B.S. Nigam, Mr. I.R. Kumar and Mr. Salek Chand chaired the various technical sessions. Dr. Sanjay Kataria, Mr. A.Hariharan, Mr. Shivachidambaram, Mr. Manish Singh, Ms. Aakansha, Mr. Rajendra Singh and Sri Ram delivered lectures on GSDL and DSpace and also handled the training sessions.

About 200 delegates from all over India participated in the workshop. Many resolutions were discussed and passed. Dr. Ajay Kulshretha, Rajasthan Patrika delivered the valedictory address. SALIS congratulates Mrs. Lata Suresh and office-bearers of SALIS Delhi NCR chapter for organising the workshop successfully. Complete report of the workshop and photographs are available on the SALIS website.

#### **SALIS E-Group**

All announcements and programmes of SALIS will be communicated to the members only through SALIS E-Group and SALIS website. Members are requested to regularly use SALIS E-Group and visit SALIS website to know about SALIS activities. To become a member of SALIS E-Group, please visit [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/salis\\_info/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/salis_info/) and click 'Join this Group' and follow the instructions.

#### **Know a Book**

*Open Access to Knowledge and Information: Scholarly Literature and Digital Library Initiatives – the South Asian Scenario.* Author: Anup Kumar Das. Editors: Bimal Kanti Sen and Jocelyne Josiah. ISBN 978-81-89218-21-8

UNESCO: New Delhi, March 2008. Pages: vi+137

The South Asia sub-region is now in the forefront of the Open Access(OA) movement within developing countries in the world, with India being the most prominent partner in terms of its successful OA and Digital Library(DL) initiatives. Institutional and policy frameworks in India also facilitate innovative solutions for increasing international visibility and accessibility of scholarly literature and documentary heritage in this country. This publication has its genesis in the recommendations and proceedings of UNESCO-supported international conferences and workshops where many information professionals of this sub-region demonstrated their DL and OAI. This book describes successful DL and OAI in the South Asia sub-region that are available in the forms of open courseware, OA journals, metadata harvesting services, national-level open access repositories and institutional repositories. This book may be considered an authoritative source-book on OA development in this sub-region. Online version available at

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0015/001585/158585e.pdf>

#### **Personalia**

**P. Perumal**, Conservator and Librarian, Saraswathi Mahal Library, Thanjavur has been awarded Ph.D by Tamil University, Thanjavur on the topic on 'Manuscript Conservation: Origin and Development'.

**G. Rathinasabapathy**, Assistant Librarian (S.S.), TANUVAS has been awarded Ph.D by University of Madras on the topic 'AGRILIBNET (Agricultural Libraries Network): A Prototype Web Portal' under the guidance of Dr.A. Amudhavalli.

**Ashok Kumar**, Assistant Librarian, T.N Dr. Ambedkar Law University has been awarded Ph.D by University of Madras under the guidance of Prof. Ramesh Babu.

**B.Vinayagamorthy**, Librarian, Bharathiar University has been awarded Ph.D by University of Madras on the topic on 'ICT Skills among Librarians in Engineerign Educational Institutions in T.N. under the guidance of Prof. Ramesh Babu.

**K. Balasubramani**, Deputy Librarian, KCT, Coimbaotre has has been awarded Ph.D by Annamalai University on the topic 'A study of the management of electronic information resources in the libraries of engineerign colleges in TN' under the guidance **Dr. P. Ravichandran.**

**J. Ramakrishnan, AL, T.N. Dr. MGR Medical university** has been awarded Ph.D by University of Madras on the topic 'Scientometric analysis of literature on hepatitis : a study based on bibliographical databases' under the guidance of Prof. Ramesh Babu. Congratulations to all.

**Book-Post**