

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY SPACE AND CONTENT
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I take it as an honor to be the Rapporteur General of the INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY SPACE AND CONTENT MANAGEMENT FOR NETWORKED SOCIETY.

The theme of the conference is framed with a special vision and objective. Normally librarians adjust to the space given to them to as a library, rather than plan and prepare the space according to the changing needs of a library. In such a situation a conference like this will create a common platform for the discussions and deliberations which will develop some creative suggestions for the librarians.

The conference started with a fabulous and colorful inaugural function. Fr. Jose Nandhikkara CMI extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and participants to the cool and lovely DVK campus for the conference. His comparison of libraries to the stars in the sky was really thought provoking. The meeting was Presided by Prof. Saju Chackalackal CMI, President, Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram In his presidential address he stressed the need for human networking to acquire knowledge. Rev. Dr. Thomas Aykara CMI, Rector, Dharmaram College, Chancellor Christ University inspired us with his inaugural address. He pointed out the need for a forum among librarians for collective thinking, fruitful planning and jointed work.

Dr. Penny Haughan, Dean of Studies, Liverpool Hope University, Dr. Pravin Kumar Choudhary, Vice President, ILA, Dr. Jean-Louis Baraggioli, Director, CTLes, France felicitated the occasion.

Conference Dynamics:

Prof. B. Ramesha, Bangalore University gave an overall picture about the conference theme. With the heartfelt words of gratitude and thanks of Dr. Ally Swarnam the inaugural session of the seminar concluded.

After the tea break the business session started with the keynote address on “Big Data: Issues in Organizing and Retrieval” by Prof A. R. D. Prasad, Professor and Head, DRTC in which: Dr. Devika P. Madalli, Associate Professor, DRTC was the Moderator. Followed by this Dr. I. R N Goudar presented a paper on “Enhancing the Users of E-Resources for research excellence: Tips and Techniques”.

In the Plenary Session I. Dr. Devika P. Madalli, Associate Professor, DRTC and Dr. B. Ramesha, Professor, DoLIS, Bangalore University presented the theme papers.

The next session arranged into four parallel sessions for paper presentations in different venues..

After the tea break the participants were taken to the Knowledge centre of Christ University.

The last thematic event of the first day was the Keynote Address on “MWI Library in the Services of the World Church” by Prof. Dr. Harald Suermann, Director, Missio, Aachen in which the Moderator, Dr. S. Ally Sornam, HoD, DoLIS, Bishop Heber College, Trichy.

The organisers arranged a beautiful and attractive cultural programme which was highly appreciated by the participants. After the sumptuous conference dinner, an unexpected and wonderful event was arranged “Thousand Lights” the special Deepavali programme.

This marked the end of the hectic and fruitful first day of the conference,

SECOND DAY

The second day of the conference started with the Plenary Session II. Six theme papers were presented by. **Dr. R. Raman Nair**, Former Librarian, MG University, **Dr. S. Ally Sornam**, HoD, DoLIS, Bishop Heber College, Trichy , **Dr. A. Y. Asundi**, Prof and Chairman (Rtd.), DoLIS, Bangalore University, **Dr. Penny Haughan**, Dean of Studies, Liverpool Hope University, **Dr. M. D. Baby**, Prof and HoD, DoLIS, Rajagiri College, Kochi and **Fr. John Neelankavil CMI**, Chief Librarian, DVK Bagalore. After the tea break the parallel sessions started in four venues. This was followed by a visit to DVK Central library, the library which tries to its best to follow Dr. Ranganathans philosophy of libraries. We can see the glimpses of space management in new dimensions there.

The afternoon session started with a presentation on “New Trends in Automation” by Mr. Venugopal, NIRMALS, Trichy. This was followed by Plenary III in which there were Five theme papers by **Dr. V. Chandrakumar**, Professor, DoLIS, University of Madras, Chennai, **Dr. Christina Birdie**, IIA Bangalore, **Dr. Jean-Louis Baraggioli**, Bernadette PATTE, CTLes, France, **Dr. Augustine Thottakara** CMI, Professor, DVK, Bangalore and **Dr Thomas Muppathinchira**, DVK Bangalore.

Now we are in the panel discussion part of the conference. The panalists **Dr. ARD Prasad** (On Content), **Dr. Lalitha Aswanth** (on Space), **Jose Valiamangalam** (User Perspective), **Usha** (School Libraries).

As Rapporteur General Dr. M. D. Baby, Prof. HoD, DoLIS, Rajagiri College is presenting the general report and the panelists will be deliberating on their concerned area. Moderator of this is Dr. Christina Birdie, IIA Bangalore.

This will be followed by a concluding session, in which an appraisal by Participants will be given by Dr. V. Raman Nair, MG University, Mr. Nasaruddin Saravanan Ramu, University of Malaya.

Even though, we missed Prof. V.G. Talwar, Vice-Chancellor Reva University in our inaugurals session we are lucky enough to have him in the concluding session for the key note address.

Valedictory Address by Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Mathew, Vice Chancellor, Christ University is the closing event of the second day. After this the Certificate Distribution will take place.

The last day of the conference is for Visits to Modern and Specialised Libraries in Bangalore. Please enjoy, this will surely motivate you in your profession.

There were 120 registered participants, 13 plenary speakers and 2 key note speakers.

Sixty papers presented in the conference.

With this I conclude my report. I take this opportunity to extent my gratitude to the organisers of this seminar, especially Fr. Neelamkavil for giving me an opportunity to be a part of this remarkable event. Thank you

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