



Message from the President



Collaboration has been the mantra of the 2014 Asian Chapter Executive Board (Board) for this year in order to expand the reach of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Asian Chapter (Chapter). As much as we would like to make activities by any means possible, geographically speaking, we are situated on different ends in the Asian region which post some difficulties to carry out projects and activities especially for the members of the Chapter. However, collaborative projects and efforts make ways for the realization of activities of the Chapter in order to fulfill

the vision and mission of the SLA.

Early this year, we had realized the three-country project to conduct a training-workshop on “Preservation, Conservation, Restoration & Data Curation” as part of the capacity building initiative of the Chapter to preserve library materials for the Southeast Asia libraries as proposed at the 79th IFLA in Singapore in 2013. This 3-country project was in partnership and collaboration with different institutions in the countries of Germany, Vietnam, Laos and the Philippines. The said project was in partnership with the Goethe-Institut (GI) through the generosity of Ms. Christel Mahnke, the Head of the Library and Information Services of GI, and had collaborated with the National Library of Vietnam, National Library of Laos, and the Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines.

We are also happy for the generosity of the PROQUEST to fund the proposal jointly submitted by Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Treasurer and Dr. Joshi Medha, Immediate Past-President in behalf of the Chapter to conduct a lecture series in three (3) cities in India namely New Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore on "Enhancing Access to Library Resources: A Critical Discussion, Examination and Evaluation of Web-Scale Discovery Services." This will be a great opportunity for the Chapter to showcase its activities that will provide maximum exposure for the Chapter as well as its members in said 3 cities in India. This is proposed to take place sometime in September 2014.

We are delighted to have Jill Strand, SLA Fellow & President-Elect for 2014 and the Director of Knowledge Management Library at Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand, LLP, as the Keynote Speaker for the biennial event of the Chapter which is the International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL). The ICoASL is purposely for the gathering of our Chapter members as well as other colleagues in the Asian region for learning and networking initiatives. The 4th ICoASL which will happen on 22-24 April 2015 at the National Assembly Library in Seoul, South Korea will be launched at the Annual Meeting of the Chapter during the SLA Annual Conference in Vancouver, Canada. This is also in partnership with the Korea Special Library Association (KSLA), Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI), and the National Assembly Library (NAL).

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The Chapter has collaborated also with COLLNET and the Society of Library Professionals for the conduct of the 11 Webometrics, Informetrics, and Scientometrics (WIS) and the 16th COLLNET Meeting 2015 which will be held on 26-28 November 2015 in Delhi, India.

Furthermore, the 2014 Board, is hoping that we could continuously do similar activities in order to increase participation of the Chapter members as well as increase its membership. We are, especially, aiming at fulfilling SLA's mission of "strengthening its members through learning, advocacy, and networking initiatives" especially in those countries in the Asian region with very few or no SLA membership in order to create awareness about SLA and increase Chapter membership. We welcome your comments, suggestions and recommendations on how we could actively organize activities to best serve the needs of our members and colleagues. In consideration of the geographical difficulties as well as the limited time and resources to conduct events for the Chapter, the 2014 Board is trying its best to best serve the members.

Your active participation is highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Shirley Ingles-Cruz

SLA 2014 Annual Conference in Vancouver: "Beyond Borders"

By Maria Cecilia I. Ayson

The SLA 2014 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO was held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada on June 8-10. It was attended by 2,402 information professionals and representatives of SLA's exhibiting partners. The three-day event consisted of over 200 conference sessions and was participated in by 150 exhibiting companies. With the theme "Beyond Borders," the sessions focused on efficient methods to expand the delivery of information services to new audiences and disciplines.

The SLA 2015 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO will be held on June 14-16 in Boston, USA. The keynote speaker will be Leigh Gallagher, assistant managing editor of Fortune magazine.

Source: www.sla.org



The Annual meeting of Asian Chapter members and awarding of SLA Asian Chapter's 2014 Librarian Award and 2014 Early Career Award were held on June 10, 2014.

The winner of "SLA Asian Librarian Award 2014" sponsored by IEEE & Asian Chapter was Stephen B. Alayon of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), while the winner of the "SLA Asian Chapter Early Career Award 2014" sponsored by Asian Chapter was Randolph Mariano, U.S. Embassy Information Center.

The 4th International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2015) to be held in Seoul, South Korea on 22-24 April 2015, was also launched during the meeting. Also present were Randy Snape of Korea Tourism Organization and Jung Eun Kim of Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, who introduced the ICoASL 2015 in behalf of KSLA, KISTI & NAL.

Three-country Project of the SLA-Asian Chapter

A Training-Workshop on the Basics of Preservation, Conservation, Restoration & Data Curation

By Shirley Ingles-Cruz

The 3-country project of the SLA Asian Chapter (Chapter) was in partnership with the Goethe Institut (GI) in collaboration with the National Library of Vietnam (NLV), National Library of Lao (NLL), and the Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP). The training was spearheaded by **Dr. Reinhard Feldmann**, Director & Special Adviser of Department of Historical Collection at the University of Münster, Germany. Dr. Feldmann is also a Visiting Lecturer to China & North Korea. It was through the generosity of **Ms. Cristel Mahnke**, the Head of the Library and Information Services of GI to support the project by sponsoring the trip of Mr. Feldmann in three countries to conduct the training.

The collaboration for the training-workshop was part of the capacity building initiative of the SLA Asian Chapter to preserve library materials for the Southeast Asia libraries as proposed at the 79th IFLA in Singapore in 2013. The very objective of the said project is to bridge the gap of learning by linking respective institutions through collaboration and sharing of valuable ideas and expertise.

Attending the training-workshop in three countries from SLA Asian Chapter were Shirley Ingles Cruz, President; Alicia Paraiso, Treasurer-Elect & GI Representative; and Milagros Ong, Chair of the Programs & Sponsorship Committee and one of the resource persons sharing the digital preservation at the Supreme Court of the Philippines. Ms. Ma. Luisa Madlangbayan, President of the ASLP was also in attendance throughout the three country training.

Training-Workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam

24-25 March 2014 | National Library of Vietnam

(with excerpts from report of Thanh Ha of NLV)



Ms. Phan Thi Kim Dung, Director of the NLV

The training-workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam was attended by more than 250 participants from Vietnam and 8 colleagues from the Philippines, Singapore and Sri-Lanka.

About the Partners

The [Goethe-Institut \(GI\)](#) is the Federal Republic of Germany's cultural institution operational worldwide.

GI promotes the study of German abroad and encourages international cultural exchange. GI also fosters knowledge about Germany by providing information on its culture, society and politics. GI's educational and training products enable mobility in an international learning community.

With its network of Goethe-Instituts, Goethe Centers, cultural societies, reading rooms and exam and language learning centers the GI have played a central role in the cultural and educational policies of Germany for over 60 years.

[The National Library of Vietnam \(NLV\)](#)

was known as the Central Public Library of Indochina which was founded under the Decree dated on November 29, 1917 by A. Sarraut, the French Governor-General of Indochina. On February 28, 1935 the Central Public Library of Indochina was renamed into Pierre Pasquier Library. On October 20th, 1945 Minister of National Education decided to change Pierre Pasquier Library into National Library...

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About the Partners (cont'd)

In February 1947, the name of the library was changed into Centre Library of Hanoi. Since November 21st, 1958, the library was renamed into National Library of Vietnam.

National Library of Laos (NLL)

was established on 1 July 1956. The library moved to these independent quarters in 1988. It was previously part of another ministry and shared space with museum and anthropology offices. Libraries in Laos, a website produced by Pierre Evald, provides an interesting and informative online overview of past and present activities of the National Library and other libraries in Laos.

The **Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP)** is a national association of librarians and information professionals in various specialized fields of research – government and private sectors as well as the business community and the academe. Established in 1954, it is considered as the second oldest professional library association in the Philippines and very much active ever since.

Three-country Project... (cont'd)

Attending the Opening Ceremony were the representatives from the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism: Mr. Dao Manh Hung – Director of Training Department, Nguyen Thi Thanh Mai – Director of Library Department, Mr. Nguyen Huu Gioi – Chairman of Trade Union, Mr. Tran Hoang – Deputy Director of Planning and Finance Department, Ms. Vu Duong Thuy Nga – Deputy Director of Library Department, Mr. Pham The Khang – President of Vietnamese Association.

Highlights include the following: Lecture by Dr. Feldmann on preservation, conservation, restoration, data curation, digitization, iCloud, long term storage of digital data; Practical guide on preservation skills of traditional materials by experts from the NLV; and Sharing practical experiences on traditional and digital preservation by experts from the Library of Supreme Court of the Philippines, National Agency for Science and Technology Information, State Records Management and Archives Department of Viet Nam, CCS (Content Conversion Specialists – Germany), EMICO Co., IDT, IGROUP Viet Nam, TED Engineering.

Training-Workshop in Vientiane, Lao PDR

27-28 March 2014 | Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism



SLA Board Presenters and Local Organizers

The training-workshop in Vientiane, Laos was attended by about 100 participants from Laos and two Librarians from the Philippines. The event was supported by EPA-Japan.

Attending the Opening Ceremony were Mr. Bouangen Saphouvong (Keynote) – Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Information, Culture & Tourism, Mrs. Kongdeuane Nettavong, former Director of the National Library of Laos and Mrs. Khanthamaly Yangnovoung (Welcome Remarks) – Director of the National Library of Lao. Mrs. Souphalack Thilavong, Director General of Publishing Department of the Ministry of Information, Culture & Tourism was the honored guest during the Awarding & Closing Ceremony.

Highlights include the following: Lecture by Dr. Feldmann; and Sharing practical experiences on traditional and digital preservation by experts from the Library of Supreme Court of the Philippines, CCS and DDD (Digital Divide Data – Lao).

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Three-country Project... (cont'd)

Training-Workshop in Albay, Philippines

10-12 April 2014 | Aquinas University of Legazpi



The organizing team (ASLP) with Mr. Reinhard Feldmann and Ms. Maita Reyes

The training-workshop in Albay, Philippines was attended by 89 participants from different institutions and universities around the Philippines involved in preservation and conservation. Hon. Mayor Noel E. Rosal, Mayor of the City of Legazpi in Albay delivered the Keynote Address as well as welcoming the organizers and participants in his humble city. His office was also very generous to host the fellowship dinner as well as sponsor the half day city tour.

Activities include presentations by the following: Dr. Feldmann, Ms. Alma Prosperoso (in behalf of Ms. Marie Villemin Partow of WHO Western Pacific Region): "ISO and best practices on archives and archiving," Mr. Cedric D. Daep (CIRCA/Climate Change Academy): "Trust of the Philippine government on preservation and conservation and disaster management," Ms. Maita M. Reyes (Phil. Assoc. for Scientific Conservation, Inc.): "Preservation & restoration concerns of paintings & photographs," and Mr. Benedict Salazar Olgado (National Film Archives of the Philippines): "Preservation and conservation concerns of films, tapes and reels." Practical experiences on traditional and digital preservation and latest products in the market for digitization and data curation were also shared by Dir. Milagros Ong of the Library of Supreme Court of the Philippines and Mr. Chadrick Borja of American Technologies, Inc.



Vietnam



Lao, PDR



Philippines

Re-branding of LIS Department in Pakistan

By Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen (University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan)

To cope up with the changing environment in the digital era, Pakistani Libraries are going through developments in terms of technological applications and infrastructure development. In this regard, the University of the Punjab has just changed the nomenclature of the Department of Library and Information Science and adopted "Department of Information Management (DIM)" in July 2014. It is important to note that this Department was the first one in Asia to start education in librarianship at the university level in 1914. It's heartening to note that DIM will be celebrating 100 years of education in 1915.

Upcoming Events at Pakistan:

1. An international conference will be organized in 3rd week of October, 2014 by Department of Information Management, University of Panjab in collaboration with SLA Asian Chapter. The organizers planning well and the detailed program will be shared soon with all. The conference committee takes this opportunity to invite all SLA Members for this event.
2. Pakistan Library Association will have its election this year for a 2 year next term (Election dates will be communicated to concerned professional very soon).

Achievements of our Past Treasurer Jay Bhatt & President Shirley Ingles-Cruz



Liaison librarian for engineering, **Jay Bhatt**, was awarded the Learning Partner Award from the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems, Drexel University on Saturday, June 14, 2014. The award was given during the 2014 commencement and honors celebration which focused on 'interdisciplinary frontiers.'

Work to advance the Libraries mission was recognized at the fifth annual Library Celebration Awards hosted on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at W. W. Hagerty Library. Jay Bhatt, past Treasurer of the chapter won the Exceptional Service Award.



Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz (Commission on Appointments, Philippines), President of SLA - Asian Chapter, received a Professional Award from the Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP) for her excellent contribution to the field of special librarianship in the Philippines.

She was recognized for her leadership and dedication as exemplified by the international linkage between SLA and ASLP during the conduct of the 3rd International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL) in the Philippines. Her professional excellence continues to expand as the first Filipino president to lead the SLA – Asian Chapter.

ASLP: The Diamond Anniversary

The Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP) celebrated its 60th anniversary last January 16, 2014 at the Hearing Room of the Supreme Court of the Philippines with the theme “ASLP@60: Globally Moving Forward.”

Ms. Milagros Santos-Ong, ASLP Adviser and Chair of the Programs & Sponsorship Committee, SLA-Asian Chapter, welcomed the guests on behalf of the Supreme Court Library and as Chair of the 60th Anniversary Committee. Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz, 2011 ASLP President and current President of SLA-Asian Chapter, shared her experiences in leading the ASLP and the challenges that the association went through both locally and internationally.

For the general assembly, Mr. Joseph M. Yap, 2013 ASLP President, and Ms. Maria Cecilia I. Ayson, ASLP Auditor and member of the SLA-Asian Chapter Editorial Committee, reported

about the association’s accomplishments and financial standing for the year 2013. It was followed by an induction ceremony for the incoming 2014 ASLP Executive Board headed by President Ma. Luisa R. Madlangbayan, with no less than the Honorable Chief Justice Maria Lourdes PA Sereno as inducing officer.

In line with the 60th anniversary celebration, the ASLP gave recognition to individuals and institutions that helped the association through the years, including all incumbent members of the 2013 Board for their unwavering service to the association. Institutional Members and sponsors were recognized as well. Twenty-two ASLP past presidents were also given Presidential medals that symbolize their leadership and significant contributions to the ASLP.



ASLP 2014 Executive Board with Supreme Court Chief Justice Maria Lourdes PA Sereno

Courtesy: Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines

Filipinas Heritage Library launches *Filipiniana Online*

MAKATI CITY, PHILIPPINES—*History is within reach of your fingertips.*

The Filipinas Heritage Library (FHL), a special library dedicated to Philippine history and culture, recently launched [Filipiniana Online](http://www.filipinaslibrary.org.ph), FHL's digital portal for its rare books, special collections and Rizaliana.

Filipiniana Online seeks to be FHL's solutions towards preserving its collection at the same time making its collection more accessible to students, researchers, and the general audiences in the Philippines and abroad.

The collection includes the complete digitized volumes of *The Philippine Islands*, one of the definitive general resource materials on Philippine history edited by Emma Blair and James Robertson; a number of national hero Jose Rizal's writings; various papers and documents by Elpidio Quirino; and Ayala Foundation, Inc. Publications.

Filipiniana Online is available for institutional and individual membership, offered at discounted price while completing the digitization of its entire rare books collection. For more information, visit <http://ebooks.filipinaslibrary.org.ph>

Courtesy: Filipinas Heritage Library



Now Online: Annotated Bibliography of the Roderick Hall Collection

By Maria Cecilia I. Ayson



MAKATI CITY, PHILIPPINES — The Filipinas Heritage Library (FHL) recently launched the online Annotated Bibliography of the Roderick Hall Collection: <http://roddhall.filipinaslibrary.org.ph>.

This growing collection of over 900 books and papers on World War II in the Philippines is compiled by Roderick Hall, with a focus on personal experiences both civilian and military, within the Philippines, during the Japanese occupation. The collection also includes books written by Japanese authors thus taking into account both sides of the war.

This collection is housed and available for research at the FHL. Roderick Hall himself witnessed as well as experienced the horrors of the Japanese occupation since four family members were arrested and executed by the Japanese army. His determination to maintain interest and help further research and understanding into the period has resulted in this unique collection.

The titles and descriptions of the books and papers are easily searchable in the web, a unique feature which allows researchers and interested persons to identify books and materials prior to visiting the library. The annotations in this bibliography are by Prof. Ricardo T. Jose, Ph.D. of the University of the Philippines.

Continuous developments for the website are underway, with the vision of becoming a comprehensive digital library on World War II in the Philippines.

Events

4th International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL) 2015: Creating the New Values Beyond Libraries

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) - Asian Chapter in association with the Korea Special Library Association (KSLA), Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI), and National Assembly Library (NAL) cordially invites you to the 4th International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL2015) on Strategies to Create the New Value of Libraries in the Digital Era to be held at the **National Assembly Library, Seoul, Korea on 22-24 April 2015.**

The objective of the ICoASL 2015 is to provide a platform for exchange of knowledge and skills relevant to information professionals in Asia with a global perspective. These endeavors will contribute to establish our global identity much firmer than ever for the sustainable library future.

TOPICS

- ◆ What would be the best contents strategy to enhance a competitiveness of libraries in the digital era?
- ◆ How can we increase the value of library services?
- ◆ How can we secure competencies beyond the profession?

CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference invites papers on the above theme and topics from the professional librarians around the world. Papers should be submitted before **November 30, 2014.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Jill Strand is Director of the Knowledge Management Library at Maslon Edelman Borman Brand LLP, a mid-sized law firm in Minneapolis MN. Prior to that she worked as a Research Librarian at Faegre & Benson and started a library for a division of Target Corporation in her first job out of library school. Jill earned her MLIS from Dominican University and her B.S. in Journalism from the Honors Tutorial College at Ohio University. She has been an active member of SLA since 2000, was

named an SLA Fellow in 2010 and currently serves on the Board as President-Elect.



4th International Conference of Asian Special Libraries

22-24 April, 2015
National Assembly Library, Seoul, Korea
<http://www.icoasl2015.com>



Important Dates

Paper Submission

Last Date of Full Paper Submission:
November 30, 2014

Announcement of Selected Papers:
December 31, 2014

Submission of Final Papers and Presentations:
February 28, 2015

Best Paper Award Announcement:
March 31, 2015

Registration

Start of Online Registration:
August 1, 2014

Last Date of Early Bird Registration:
December 31, 2014

Last Date of Registration:
February 28, 2015

***For more details please email kesli@ndsl.or.kr or visit the Conference [website](#).**



11th International Conference (COLLNET 2015)

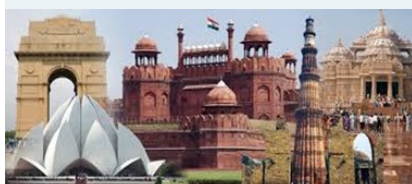
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Asian Chapter, Special Libraries Association (SLA) is organizing COLLNET 2015 in association with Society for Library Professionals (SLP) and Institute of Economic Growth. We cordially invite you for the 11th International Conference on Webometrics, Informetrics, and Scientometrics (WIS) and the 16th COLLNET Meeting, 2015 to be held from 26 to 28 November 2015 at New Delhi, India.

COLLNET has a brand name in Webometrics, Informetrics and Scientometrics and since fourteen years it has been collaborating with its International Conferences in Berlin (Germany) in 2000, New Delhi (India) in 2001, Sydney (Australia) in 2001, Beijing (China) in 2003, Roorkee (India) in 2004, Stockholm (Sweden) in 2005, Nancy (France) in 2006, New Delhi (India) in 2007, Berlin (Germany) in 2008, Dalian (China) in 2009, Mysore (India) in 2010, Istanbul (Turkey) in 2011, Seoul (Korea) in 2012, Tartu (Estonia) in 2013 and in Ilmenau, Germany in 2014.

The upcoming COLLNET 2015 will provide a unique platform for the Librarians, Information Professionals, Researchers and Practitioners to share experiences, ideas, research results, meeting and networking on all aspects of webometrics, informetrics and scientometrics and associate areas.

For details please visit: <http://www.slp.org.in/collnet2015>

Hope to see all of you at COLLNET 2015!!

Features

Understanding research needs of faculty and students in academic libraries

By Jay Bhatt (Librarian, Drexel University)

Academic Libraries are constantly striving to adapt to the changes in emerging technologies, to evolving program areas in various departments in their institutions, and to new research areas that these new program areas have inspired to create. As a result, librarians and information professionals are now required to not only keep current with these new developments but also are motivated to envision new strategies to reach out to their constituencies. This article highlights important ways in which they can keep current with new research areas by understanding information needs of faculty and students in their organizations or institutions. This article also explores three ways of understanding current needs of faculty and students in academic environments and provides some tips on how these needs can be met.

Approaches to learn more about the needs of faculty and students:

- ◆ Monitor Departmental Websites
- ◆ Embedding – the Drexel Experience
- ◆ Interacting with students in virtual learning environments

“It is important to keep current with new developments since the knowledge gained can provide a critical means of dialog and interaction with faculty members in their institutions.”

Monitor Departmental Websites

Most institutions now have their research website continuously updated with information about new and upcoming projects, faculty members’ biographies, and funding received by the new emerging areas. Librarians can keep track of recent developments by monitoring those web pages. They can also create information alerts in electronic databases such as Web of Science and Engineering village so that every time a new research paper is published they are informed about these new developments. It is important to keep current with new developments since the knowledge gained can provide a critical means of dialog and interaction with faculty members in their institutions. This will also help in developing new instructional programs or workshops, in supporting research consultations and in collecting materials that support new research and curricular initiatives. Faculty members can then utilize these resources to the fullest in their teaching or research initiatives.

Embedding at Drexel University Libraries

“For the past several terms, liaison librarians at Drexel University Libraries have been working to identify the high traffic areas and research hubs within their schools and colleges. They have been unobtrusively positioning themselves with a laptop in school and college lounges and study rooms, some have sent emails advertising their presence and others may have placed a tabletop sign.” Source: <http://www.library.drexel.edu/blogs/node/4438>

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Understanding research needs... (cont'd)

'Being Connected' with faculty and students is something Jay Bhatt, Liaison Librarian for Engineering at Drexel University Libraries, strives for. During this fall term, he began exploring various approaches to build on such connections. In a way it is the mechanism of 'Embedding Connections' with a liaison librarian. It is a process of interacting with faculty and students in a place where they normally do their research or work together in a group.

Jake Carlson and Ruth Kneal (2011) point out that, "Embedded librarianship takes a librarian out of the context of the traditional library and places him or her in an "on-site" setting or situation that enables close coordination and collaboration with researchers or teaching faculty."

With more students, new departments, and new faculty members, it becomes all the more important for a liaison librarian to keep informed with departmental needs.

During these interactions, a liaison librarian seeks answers to questions such as:

- ◆ What are the information and research needs of faculty and students?
- ◆ What are the new emerging areas in different disciplines?
- ◆ How do faculty and students use resources for their assignments or research projects?
- ◆ What are the interdisciplinary areas in which students collaborate in their projects?

"Embedded librarianship takes a librarian out of the context of the traditional library and places him or her in an "on-site" setting or situation that enables close coordination and collaboration with researchers or teaching faculty."

Jay connected with the School of Biomedical Engineering Science and Health Systems, and the Department of Materials Science and Engineering and worked together with them to figure out the time and place where he can be housed two or three hours per week. Student lounges in both departments were chosen to be a place where he would begin his embedding sessions. The announcement about his availability was sent to both faculty and student listservs, posted on departmental websites and on various social media sites.

With the laptop in his office, Jay is now able to take it with him to student lounges which help him to demonstrate a search or core electronic resources available from Drexel University Libraries' website. Jay kept a notebook with him to record what questions faculty and students were asking. There were some instances where the consultation required exploring a number of resources to try to help students find the information they needed.. In those situations, consultations resulted in an interactive dialog. This interaction helped to narrow down searching in key electronic databases of relevance to the information needed.

Consultations in the lounge resulted in assisting faculty and students in a number of different ways.

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Understanding research needs... (cont'd)

Some examples are highlighted below:

- ◆ Using EndNote to format research paper using the required reference style
- ◆ Finding articles on truss bridges using electronic databases
- ◆ Instruction on how to request articles not found in full text through a database
- ◆ Helping to find electronic books on Project Management for a faculty member
- ◆ Patent searching for energy storage related projects
- ◆ Evaluating citations and web resources for a spinal cord injury project
- ◆ Engineering standards for a biomimetic design project for a group of senior design students working together
- ◆ Locating latest medical devices approved by FDA
- ◆ Teaching students how to locate resources on writing effective business plans

“Active collaboration between faculty members and librarians help identify ways in which information content, virtual consultation space and online tutorials are best made available to students.”

Interacting with students and researchers in the virtual learning environments

Online course management systems provide a crucial space of connecting with faculty and students. Active collaboration between faculty members and librarians help identify ways in which information content, virtual consultation space and online tutorials are best made available to students. Assignments and exercises can also be integrated in such environments and provide mechanisms to assess students' research and information needs and their information literacy skills. This approach can also be implanted in virtual research collaborative networks where a librarian can be embedded with other researchers and provide teaching, instructional and research support to the participants in the group. Researchers ask questions and, through interaction and exchange of information, quick and efficient research support is provided.

With virtual presence, all researchers within the community will be able to keep current with new developments and therefore, they can apply this to their own projects and may be able to publish their findings in scholarly journals much earlier.

Liaison librarians can envision and use creative approaches to embed themselves in their constituencies. In doing so, not only can they learn about what their faculty and students are looking for, but also they can provide instructional consultations, and educate them on how they can meet with their research or information needs.

Reference:

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SLA 2014: An Experience

By Dr. P K Jain

SLA 2014 was organized during 8-10 June 2014 in Vancouver, Canada. More than 2500 information professionals attended the same from all over the globe. From Asia about 10 and from India about 4 information professionals attended the same. On 7th June Newcomers meeting was held.

The Inaugural session and award ceremony was held on 8th June. After the Inaugural session, Info-Expo was inaugurated by the President SLA.

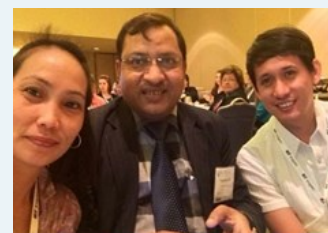
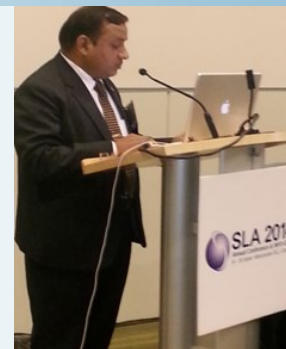
Dr. P K Jain, President Elect, Asian Chapter, presented a paper during Contributed Paper Session on 8th June at 1:30 p.m. on the topic *"Leaders in Librarianship: The Role of Special Libraries Association in Asia."* The paper was very much appreciated by the attendees.

In the evening there was Business and Finance Division Open House and Award Reception and Sci-Tech Division Reception and Award Ceremony

The 2nd day was started with the IEEE breakfast and presentation. About 50 participants attended the same. There were many other sessions and meetings were held on the 2nd day. In the evening an International Reception were organized.

On the third day, Dr. P K Jain met with Ms. Sheila Rosenthal, President-Elect, Sci-Tech Division; Ms. Nalini Mahajan, President Elect, Biomedical Division; Ms. Ruth A. Pagell and others and discussed about program for SLA 2015 in Boston. They accepted the proposal of Dr. P K Jain to add Asian Chapter as co-sponsor for session on *"International Science and Technology Librarianship."* Dr. P K Jain and Dr. Susmita Chakraborty will speak in this session from Asian Chapter.

There were many other sessions on the day including *"Asian Chapter Meeting and Award Ceremony."* It was attended by more than 40 participants. From India there were Dr. P K Jain, Dr. S S Dhaka, Dr. Susmita Chakraborty and Mr. Sanjay Bihani. From the Philippines, Ms. Shirley, Mr. Stephen B. Alayon and Mr. Randolph Mariano were there. From Korea, Ms. Kim and Mr. Snap attended the same. Ms. Nalini Mahajan, Ms. Sheila Rosenthal, Mr. Tom Rink and many more attended this session. The Programme was started with the opening remarks by Dr. P K Jain, President-Elect, Asian Chapter. Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz, President, SLA Asian Chapter gave an overview of Activities of the Asian Chapter. Randy Snape presented about Korea for ICoASL 2015. Ms. Kim gave an overview about ICoASL 2015. "SLA Asian Librarian Award 2014" was given to Mr. Stephen B. Alayon by the IEEE representative. Thanks to IEEE for sponsoring this award. SLA Asian Chapter Early Career Award 2014 was given to Mr. Randolph Mariano by Dr. P K Jain and Mr. Tom Rink. The book of Dr. Susmita Chaktaborty was also released by Mr. Tom Rink, Candidate for President-Elect, SLA and others during the session. Concluding remarks was given by Dr. Susmita Chakraborty. Closing Ceremony of SLA 2014 was held in the afternoon on the third day.



Features

SLA Asian Chapter Award Winner | Stephen B. Alayon

Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) - Aquaculture Department, Philippines
Winner of "SLA Asian Librarian Award 2014"

This year's conference theme, "Beyond Borders", recognizes the trends shaping the information industry as it transcends international borders and the barriers faced by information professionals, particularly special librarians.

Since I am working in a fisheries research institution, it is timely that there is a session on "The Science and Politics of Sustainable Seafood". It pointed out that information professionals have an important role to play in the development of an international scientific and political consensus on best practices and that we can empower consumers in making wise choices in the seafood market. I learned about Ocean Wise, an eco-logo certified Vancouver Aquarium conservation program created to educate and empower consumers about the issues surrounding sustainable seafood. It was followed by a session on "Staying in the Game: New Roles for Libraries in Research Support." I was overwhelmed with the Open Notebook Science Project introduced by Steven Roberts ([@sr320](#)) of the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington. I am lucky that there are sessions related to marine and aquatic sciences. Both sessions were engaging and sparked a good exchange of discussion. I was able to raise some questions also and got the best answers from the speakers.

I started my second day early by attending the IEEE ([@IEEEorg](#)) Breakfast & Presentation at the Renaissance Hotel. IEEE is also the sponsor of SLA Asian Award. The award provided an opportunity for an Asian librarian to attend the annual SLA conference.

One of my favourite sessions is the MY View - Scientific Open Access Session. It was an interactive session where field experts expressed their views and opinions and the audience could ask their questions. I also hopped into the SLA Contributed Papers Sessions. The topics that interested me most were altmetrics, citation analysis, mapping and evidence based librarianship.



Stephen Alayon with Dr. P K Jain, IEEE Rep. Michael Shapiro, Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz, and Dr. Susmita Chakraborty

in 60 Minutes Session." It is a fast-paced yet fun session where we navigated through new and under-utilized websites. It presented new websites and website features which can be useful in our profession and personal lives but are sometimes overlooked.

It was during the Asian Chapter Meeting & Awards Ceremony where I received the award sponsored by IEEE and SLA Asian Chapter. IEEE Representative Michael Shapiro handed the certificate and cheque. I shared the stage with another Filipino librarian, Randolph Mariano, recipient of SLA Asian Chapter Early Career Award 2014. The awards were presented to us by SLA Asian Chapter President Shirley Ingles-Cruz, President-Elect Praveen Kumar Jain and Secretary Susmita Chakraborty.

Being the first Filipino to be awarded the SLA Asian Librarian 2014 is an honour for me. My essay on "Quality of Library Science Education in the Philippines" was inspired by own experiences and from the teachings of my mentors and influences of my idols in Philippine librarianship. I share the award to all Filipino and Asian librarians. I hope they will be inspired by my story.

SLA is another lifelong-learning experience for me. What is notable in SLA conference is the collaboration and partnership of different divisions and sponsors to come up with the best topic for presentations in every session. It is venue where you will reap new ideas and hear about the latest trends affecting the profession. I was privileged to join this annual convention and to participate in the development of the future of the information industry.

I also got the chance to present, for the first time, our poster on "Mapping the Distribution, Use and Visibility of Publications and Library Services: Library Initiatives Beyond Borders" at the All Sciences 2014 Posters Session. Contributions by members of the science-oriented divisions of SLA were presented.

On the last day, I attended another favourite session of mine which was the "60 Sites

SLA Asian Chapter Award Winner | Randolph D. Mariano

U.S. Embassy Information Center, Philippines

Winner of "SLA Asian Chapter Early Career Award 2014"

Beyond Borders: SLA 2014 Annual Conference

A few months ago, I flew from Manila to Vancouver to attend the 2014 Special Libraries Association (SLA) Annual Conference held at Vancouver Convention Center. Thanks to the SLA Asia Chapter for choosing me as the recipient of the 2014 SLA Early Career Award. From the past years, I have attended a lot of library conferences in Asia but this is the first time that I have attended a conference in North America particularly in Canada. The conference was a delightful viewpoint and a fresh perspective and direction. I felt that most of the topics covered in the conference were new to me and rarely being discussed in Philippine Librarianship.



In review of the conference, all the topics tackled were diverse and beyond borders from the so-called quick-take sessions wherein they introduced new theories and emerging technologies in the field up to spotlight sessions, an in-depth analysis, profound ideas and issues and specialized approach on topics related to each sections and caucus of SLA.

The most memorable and exceptional is the Asian Chapter meeting where I received the SLA Early Career Award.

Overall, the combination of the knowledge and skills I have learned from the 2-day sessions plus the fun and enjoyable receptions with fellow colleagues in the field makes it great and memorable experience. These events serve as a venue to network with librarians and information professionals who happened to share same project and initiatives with me.



Attending SLA Conference is always a very stimulating experience. It is a chance to make new friends, to discuss your professional programs with your global colleagues, to get the opportunity to receive awards and prizes and to get energised for another eventful year ahead.

by Dr. Susmita Chakraborty

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Obituary

Dr. Harish Chandra (02.01.1954 to 14.06.2014)

Dr. Harish Chandra was born on 2nd January 1954 at Etah (UP), India. He served as Librarian, Indian Institute of Technology Madras from January 1995 to June 2014. Prior to this, he also worked in IIT Delhi, Geological Survey of India and Indian Institute of Foreign Trade. His qualifications include; M.A. - Economics, Public Administration, M.L.I.Sc, Ph.D., Library Automation Training from University of Cambridge, UK and in Digital Library from University of Tilburg, Netherlands. He was actively engaged in the development of networked collaborations, digital initiatives, electronic security, e-commerce applications, information literacy and integration of new information technologies into library and information services.



He also served on several important bodies, i.e. Digital Library Committee, Task Force for higher education library system - Government of India, Governing Board Member of DELNET, National Consultant (Library Management) for World Bank project on forestry research education and extension, Advisor of Union Public Service Commission, Member National Steering Committee for INDEST-AICTE Consortium, Advisory Committee on "e-Granthalaya", President of SLA Asian Chapter 2012, Standing Committee Member of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) for the term 2009-2013, etc.

Dr. Harish Chandra has received several national and international honors and awards including SIS Fellowship 2008, Punjab Librarian Award 2008, Silver Rolling Trophy for being selected as Best Maintained Library in Colleges for the year 2007, Best Technology Librarian Award 2004, Dr. S.R. Ranganathan Award for best library services, SALIS 2005 Life Time Achievement Award and Gold Medal, 2010 SLA Asian Professional Award 2010, The 2011 Bonnie Hiditch International Librarian Award of SLA, etc.

He has contributed more than 90 papers in international and national journals, festschrift volumes and conference proceedings and also guided and handled various projects. He has chaired a number of technical sessions, presentations and delivered number of invited talks, keynote and inaugural addresses in India and abroad. He has five edited books to his credit. He has organized various professional events like NACLIN, READIT, SIS, IASLIC, INDEST Meet, etc. He served on the Editorial Board of The Review of Information Networking, OCLC Systems, Journal of Digital Information Management, Journal of Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Journal of Digital Information, SALIS Journal of Library and Information Science, Journal of Community Informatics, Proceedings of the First IEEE International Conference on Digital Information Management 2006, etc.

Dr. Harish Chandra has visited 20 countries including UK, Australia, Germany, France, Norway, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, Netherlands, Thailand, Poland, Dubai, Sharjah, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and Sri Lanka. He was having the mastery over many languages including Hindi, English, Bengali and Tamil. He has been listed in various international and national biographical sources. **Dr. Harish Chandra left for heavenly abode on June 14, 2014 while in service as Librarian, IIT Madras.**

More details about him are available on his personal website - <http://www.harishchandra.com>

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