



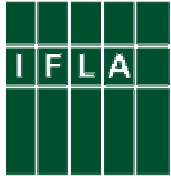
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ஸ்ரீ லங்கா நூலகச் சங்கம்  
Sri Lanka Library Association

Shivanthi Weerasinghe  
BSLA Global Meeting  
Manila, Philippines  
May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016



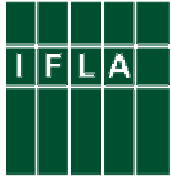


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# Sri Lanka

## Pearl of the Indian Ocean





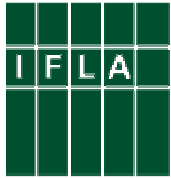
# Country and Library Profile

## Geography, Population, and Libraries in Sri Lanka

- 9 Provinces, 25 Districts
- Population : 20m
- Libraries : 8,869

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- Sector Distribution

University	:	59
Schools	:	6,732
Public	:	1,199
Special	:	66
Departmental	:	34
Technical Colleges, Teachers' Training Colleges	}	779
Educational Institutes	}	
Pirivena Libraries	}	

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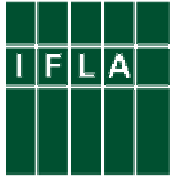


## Association Profile

- Number of members before 2014 : 376
- Number of members in 2016 : 438
- Year Founded : 1960
- Legislation :1974 & 2004
- Website: :[www.slla.org.lk](http://www.slla.org.lk)
- Email: : [slla@sltnet.lk](mailto:slla@sltnet.lk)
- National Professional Body
- A professional librarian Can become a member:  
Non Corporate and Corporate Membership

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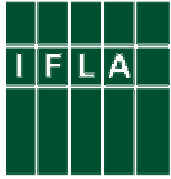


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# Objectives of the SLLA

- Promote Library, Documentation and Information Services.
- To act as the pivotal professional body for library, documentation and information services in the country, by providing library education programmes.
- Foster cooperation between all individuals and organizations interested in the welfare of libraries
- Organize meetings, discussions, conferences, seminars relating to LIS
- safeguard and promote the rights, privileges and status of librarians
- Introduce a Code of Conduct and Ethics for the members.





# Success Stories

## **Education**

- The DIPLIS Programme – LIS Educational programme, The flagship project
- Computer Programme on Library Automation

## **Training and Development**

- CPD projects

## **Conferences**

- Annual Conference (National Conference in Library and Information Science)  
NACLIS
- International Conference

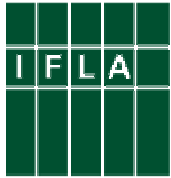
## **Publications**

Professional journal – The Sri Lanka Library Review

The quarterly Newsletter

PCE





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## **Awards**

Educational

Fellowship

Best Group Project

Research

## **National Projects**

- Rehabilitation of affected libraries - Tsunami

## **International Projects**

- Library Advocacy Programme
- BSLA – Activity 1 – Successful completion

## **Collaboration**

With other national and educational Institutes

## **Membership**

International –IFLA,

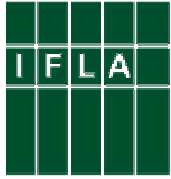
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Local - OPA

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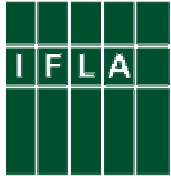


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## BSLA Project

Establishment and Promotion of  
Professional Ethics (PE) culture  
among Library & Information  
Professionals in Sri Lanka.

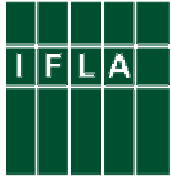




## Project Goals

- Explore the areas of professional ethics specific to LIS field that need to be addressed in Sri Lanka.
- Revise and publish the existing Code of Ethics documents which was published in 1998. (After the Revision it is Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics: PCE))
- Design, develop and conduct Awareness Programme on CoE (PCE) for all sectors of librarianship in Sri Lanka as the propagation strategy of ethics.
- Propagate professional ethics to foster a professional culture among LIS professionals

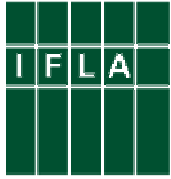




## Expected Outcomes

- Areas in LIS that need to be addressed in a CoE (PCE) document is clearly established.
- A comprehensive CoE (PCE) document is prepared and ready for librarians and professionals in LIS.
- The LIS community is knowledgeable about the professional ethics.
- 'Good Governance', 'Accountability', 'Transparency', 'Visibility', in the profession and 'Status & Profile', of the Sri Lankan Librarians are upgraded





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# Forthcoming Activities of SLLA – 2016/2017

- Implementation of Strategic Plan
  - Organizational Excellence
  - Membership Development
  - Education Programme
- NACLIS 2016
- BSLA project – at district level
- Curriculum revision based on SLQ Framework
- Re- introduce Fellowship by Research
  
- SDGs 2030
  - Advocacy - through the BSLA project

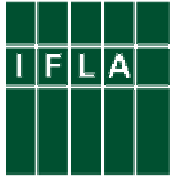




# Addressing Challenges

- Issues relating to Librarians' Recruitment and Promotion:  
Discussions with relevant authorities
- Members participation issues due to distance: Engage online,  
change venues of events
- Funding projects and events:
  - Library Group Projects
  - Sponsorships
  - Collaboration





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## The future of the association and libraries in Sri Lanka

- Role of the association in the future?
  - Implement the selected areas of the Strategic Plan
  - Membership Drive – to draw professionally qualified LIS personnel
  - be a rating body
  - Improve Public awareness about the LIS Profession

