

**CONSAL Outstanding Librarian Award 2015 Gold Winner**  
**Prof. Chutima Sacchanand**



*Prof Chutima Sacchanand delivering her award winning speech at the presentation ceremony on 12 June 2015*

**About the Winner**

Professor Dr. Chutima Sacchanand obtained B.A., M.A. (Library Science) from Chulalongkorn University, Masters in Library and Information Science (MLS) from University of the Philippines (UNESCO/UNDP scholarship), EdD from Charles Sturt University, Australia (STOU scholarship). She is presently Chairperson of the Ph.D. program in Information Science in the School of Liberal Arts, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU) in Thailand.

She has made valuable and significant contributions to the development and progress of LIS education and librarianship in her country. In her multiple roles of LIS professor, educator, researcher and leader, her influence has even reached beyond the national level to the regional and international level.

She has been at the forefront in LIS education and was among its pioneers in the field of distance education and distance librarianship in Thailand and ASEAN region. Distance education in information science with focus on information management was started at STOU from bachelor's degree in 1989 , master's degree in 2002 to doctoral degree in 2010

as well as certificate, diploma and short courses continuing profession development program . This has been the hallmark, remarkable phenomena and an innovation which has made a significant impact to the LIS profession especially staff development and a model of study for educators, researchers and practitioners in the field .

She has been on the advisory committees of many international conferences, for which she has acted as keynote speaker and peer reviewer. Other roles include visiting professor, co-advisor, thesis/dissertation examiner, invited expert, and consultant to many LIS schools/departments in a number of countries, as well as UNESCO expert.

Professor Dr. Chutima has written an extensive number of articles for a wide range of professional and academic journals. She has been a very significant contributor to research and development in the profession and has received many grants and awards. One of her research papers which was presented in English has been selected by IFLA for translation into French. She has promoted research through her papers and lectures and has encouraged librarians to be aware of the importance and need for research. She believes that librarians acting as practitioner-researchers can raise the status of the profession.

Through her strong national, regional and international collaborative partnerships and networks, as well as her strong knowledge and experience as a former TLA (Thailand Library Association) President, CONSAL Executive Board Member, Standing Committee member of [IFLA - Library Theory and Research Section](#), STOU Library Director, Dean, Vice President as well as her current role as a member of many university councils and library boards, she has contributed to setting a new direction for LIS education, libraries and librarianship in the country, moving towards regionalization and internationalization.

The many awards given to her reflect the recognition of her distinguished roles, services and achievement at the national, regional and international levels. This presentation of the CONSAL XVI Outstanding Librarian Award – **Gold Prize** is an opportunity for the LIS community in Thailand and the ASEAN region to acknowledge her commitment to the profession and the region.

A part of her speech on the day of her receiving the award shows her continuous effort and dedication to the profession, the country and the region.

*“This recognition has greatly reinforced my believe that hard work and continuously dedication for the profession and the society without hoping any return are rewarded , and encouraging me to continuously my work, inspired me to continue striving for excellence and challenging me to commit and contribute more and more to the LIS community especially LIS education and training and staff development in my country and ASEAN region”.*