By the Grace of Allah Almighty and with the cooperation of the professional colleagues of the province, PLA Sindh Branch Council has been successful to restore the publication of its Quarterly Newsletter. After the election of 2007, all the council except Federal Branch have started functioning and new programmes and activities are being held by the comparatively young leaderships of all the provinces. There are also healthy signs that the young generation and the new entrants in the profession are very much committed and dedicated towards their profession. Besides the professional activities and responsibilities they are also showing keen interest in the research activities by attending and presenting papers in national and international conferences, seminars, symposia etc. These youngsters and new entrants in the profession are the bright future of the librarianship in Pakistan.

The profession can expect a lot from the newly elected (unopposed) executive of the Sind PLA which is composed mainly of young blood. This new cabinet will not, InshAllah, disappoint the profession and will utilize its all out efforts and energies for the betterment of the profession and the nation. They have new ideas and designs for the elevation of the profession as well as library association. If they are encouraged and provided with support and new thoughts, no doubt, they would be able to attain the good.

Restoration of issuing of this newsletter is one of PLA’s new body’s petty efforts which needs senior and junior professional colleague’s encouragement. We have a plan to publish a leading introduction and a personality’s biography as a regular feature besides other news and views. Although the majority of the coverage of the newsletter would be Sind but it would not confine it to the province and any important national and international news articles and other relevant material would also find place in the newsletter.

There is always room for improvement and we do not claim this newsletter free from errors and shortcoming so we expect our valued readers to point them out. We also welcome suggestions and contributions from all our members and readers.

Editor

Activities / Happenings / Participation / Congratulations

Demonstration of a Library Software

PLA/ SB in collaboration with PLAG (Pakistan Library Automation Group) arranged demonstration of a library software prepared by the Group, LEMS in the auditorium of Federal Urdu University, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi in April 2007. The resource person of the Demo was Mr. Nadeem Siddiqui, the Library Officer of FAST University Lahore who had especially visited the city for the purpose. He very exclusively and extensively demonstrated the software and offered his free-of-cost services to any library using / intended to install the software. The demo was attended by a large number of professionals. On this occasion President PLA/ SB Mr. Races A. Samdani and Librarian Urdu University, Mr. Muktair Asghar also spoke.

Course On Research Methodology In Social Sciences And Humanities

“After properly understanding the use of digital library, conducting research in every field would be easier.” This was stated by Prof. Malahat Kalem Sherwani, Chairperson, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Karachi who was delivering a lecture in 3-week course of Research Methodology in Social Sciences and Humanities conducted by Faculty of Arts, University of Karachi from 25th June to 14th July 2007. She threw light on the use of library and the importance of classification in research.

She also answered the questions of the students. Earlier, Mr. Muhammad Waseem Zia, Lecturer of the Department also spoke on Digital Library. Participants of the course were given a hands-on-practice of HEC Digital Library by Mr. Salim Abid, Asstt. Librarian of HEAJ Research Institute of Chemical Sciences, University of Karachi.

National / International Conferences

- Prof. Dr. Syed Jalaluddin Haider, ex-Chairman Department of Library & Information Science University of Karachi delivered a lecture on “Library Education in Pakistan” and presided a session in 17th PLA National Conference held in Islamabad from 26th to 28th March 2007.
- Prof. Malahat Kalem Sherwani delivered a lecture on “Department of Library & Information Science, University of Karachi – Past and Present” and also presided a session in 17th PLA National Conference.
- Mr. Farhat Hussain and Ms Rafat Parveen both Asstt Professor at the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Karachi presented a paper on “Role of Libraries in Adult Education” in 17th PLA National Conference.
- An International Conference on Social Sciences held from 4th to 5th September 2007 under the auspices of Faculty of Arts, University of Karachi. Mr. Farhat Hussain and Ms Rafat Parveen jointly presented a paper on “Changing Role of Libraries in 21st Century” while Mr. Waseem Zia, Lecturer Department of Library & Information Science, University of Karachi also presented his paper on “Digital Libraries”.

PLA International Conference
28-29 November 2007

On the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Pakistan Library Association, its Punjab Branch Council is organizing an international conference in Lahore on 28th and 29th November. PLA Sindh Branch congratulates its sister Punjab Branch Council for holding such a big event, which will be, no doubt, a great opportunity of professional and academic interaction.

Promotions / Upgradations

PLA Sindh congratulates the following professionals who have been promoted to next grade:

1. Mr. Syed Iftikhar Hussain Grade-18
2. Ms. Tanzeem Qureshi Grade-18
3. Ms. Rehana Mushtaq Grade-18
4. Mr. Farooq Channar Grade-18
5. Ms. Rashida Arman Grade-19
6. Mr. Muktair Akhtar Grade-19

PLA Sindh on Internet

PLA(SB)'s website developed by Mr. Salman Abid on 22nd Nov. 2007. Can be accessed on www.pla-sindhbranch.weebly.com
The following librarians have been promoted to the new positions in PLA during the last six months:

1. Syed Salmaan Raza
2. Zeb-Unissa Sahito
3. Vergina Sahito
4. Gulhalim Qadir Abbasi
5. Gulhalim Farooque Chamran
6. Anwar Ali Mir
7. Atique Ahmed Pathan
8. Muhammad Ihsan Baig
9. Pir Bux Baig
10. Sheraz Khanseh

Congratulations!!!

PLA Sindh congratulates two of its members, Nisar Ali Shahpoto and Muneera Nasreen Ansari, on the award of Ph.D. from Sindh University and Karachi University respectively.

President PLA Baluchistan’s Visit to Karachi

Mr. Abdul Rehan Qaiserani, President PLA Baluchistan Branch and also Secretary PLA Headquarters paid a professional visit to Karachi on October 31, 2007. At PLA Sindh Branch office in Ali Bahaadur Library, he was welcomed by the President and Secretary PLA Sindh, Mr. Raees Ahmad Samdani and Mr. Riaz Ali Khaskeli respectively. Mr. Qaiserani exchanged views of professional interest and discussed the problems of librarians and library community of comparatively backward province Baluchistan. Mr. Samdani and Mr. Khaskeli offered their full support in solving those problems at every level. They also promised to provide necessary government documents for the upholding of the status of the librarians. The others who attended the meeting included Mr. Aamir Subhani, Mr. Mano Mal, Ms. Najma Suliana, Ms. Salma Nisht, Mr. Abbas Memon, and Mr. Farzad. During the visit, the guest thanked the team of PLA Sindh for its hospitality and cooperation showed during his visit in the provincial capital.

President PLA (SB) Mr. R.A. Samdani Visited Islamabad and Lahore

The President PLA Sindh Branch Council Mr. R.A. Samdani visited Islamabad and Lahore in October 2007. During his visit on 23 October 2007 he had professional discussion with Mr. Chaudhry Muhammad Nazir, Director General, National Library of Pakistan, Mr. Hafiz Khubai Ahmed, D.yDirector, and Mr. Sherwani. During his stay in Islamabad he visited Higher Education Commission and the Department of Library and Information Science, AIOU and met Mr. Ishtiaq Ahmed, Director Library HEC, Mr. Farooq Ahmed and Mr. Muhammad Arif and discussed various issues of importance. In Lahore, Mr. Samdani visited Vice-Dean of LIB University of Punjab on October 26, 2007. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Chairman of the Department hosted a dinner where besides Samdani, Mr. President PLA Punjab, Mr. M. Ajmal Khan and Mr. Nadeem Siddiqui were also present. Mr. Samdani also visited Atif Shaukat Memorial Library where a certificate course in library science is in operation.

Prof. Shereen Gal Soomro Chairperson LIS UoU visited Karachi

Prof. Shereen Gal Soomro, Chairperson, Department of LIS, University of Sind visited Karachi. PLA Sindh Branch Council gave a lunch jointly in honour of Prof. Shereen and Mr. Abdul Rehan Qaisrani, Secretary General, PLA (Head Quarter), Quetta. The reception was attended by some members of PLA Sindh and discussed various professional issues of importance.

Dr. Khalid Mahmood gets the status of Professor

Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Chairman, Department of LIS University of Punjab was appointed as Professor. The PLA (SB) congratulates him on his well deserved achievement.

Condolence

MILS at the Department of Library & Inf. Sc. University of Karachi was brutally killed by the unknown terrorists in a public transport bus just outside the university campus. PLA Sindh offers its heartfelt grief on the untimely death of a young library student and condole his family, fellows and faculty. May Allah rest his soul in eternal peace and gives courage to the bereaved to bear this irreparable loss.

The members of the Executive Committee of the Pakistan Library Association Sindh Branch Council deeply regret the sad demise of the husband of Ms. Javeza, Sultana Librarian, Shah Vilyat School, father of Ms. Shaeheen Sultan, Asst. Librarian NED University Library and the mother of Mrs. Syeda Najma Sultan Sr. Librarian, Dai Qovt. Girls College, Karachi and mother of the Member. We express our heartfelt sympathy with them and pray Almighty Allah the soul of Javeza's husband, father of Shaeheen Sultan and mother of Mrs. Najma may rest in eternal peace.

Announcement

From the next issue we would include a library's introduction and a personality's biography as a regular feature. Interested writers within this regard are welcomed.
توجہ فرمانی

پاکستان انٹربائری ایجوکشن ایسوسی آئس

پاکستان انٹربائری ایجوکشن ایسوسی آئس کے پہلے کیمپ نیویارک کے ساہل سے مل سکتا ہے۔ ایسوسی آئس کے میئر، ایسوسی آئس کے پریمیئر نصیر حسین کے طور پر کہا جا گیا ہے کہ پاکستان انٹربائری ایجوکشن ایسوسی آئس کے ہمارے ڈاکٹر میڈسین رحمت علی خان کے تاریخی استعمال کیے گئے ہے۔

کالج لنہر بیئزیکی نافری

کالج لنہر بیئزیکی نافری خاص کیلئے جڑوں کے پروپورٹرنے سسائے گئے ہیں جن کو ڈاکٹر میڈسین نے جاری کیا ہے۔ اس کے انداز میں دوبارہ پہلے بھی، سیکٹر ایکسپورٹ کا سیکٹر اور پریمیئر نصیر حسین کا فرمائش کیا گیا ہے۔

عالمی کتاب

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