Editorial

The year 2008 proved a tough year for the proliferation of librarianship in Pakistan as at the start of the year the fellowship of the Pakistan Library Association (PLA) was reduced from its former position and the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Karachi had to remove its PhD Programmes of Performance Award holder in Library & Information Science, Dr. Anis Khakherd passed away and after one and a month ahead of the end of year i.e. on 17th November, another library scientist, educationalist, and the teacher of teachers Dr. Syed Jalaluddin Hudda set out for his final journey. Both these sad events had served the blow of the library profession to work in the country and abroad. They have also contributed heavily by their publications on almost every aspect of the profession and have earned a name nationally and internationally. PLA's last issue had covered the Life and Contribution of Dr. Khalid including PLA's one-day seminar on three eminent personalities of Librarianship in Pakistan; Dr. Khalid was one of them.

Dr. Hudda was diagnosed as Active Myeloblastic Leukaemia (AML) when he was admitted for the first time in Aga Khan University (AKUH) Karachi in July 2008 and a brief illness spread over four months proved fatal and he breathed his last on 17th November. His students, colleagues, relatives and well wishers living in Karachi and abroad were heartened by his resilience and positive attitude in facing his life threatening illness. Despite the fact that he was suffering from a serious disease he was not even ready to accept the truth of his illness. He was still working on his research activities as a faculty member of the new faculty of Information Management Research. He had so much hope and hard work left in him that he had no time to think of his health and his work was really going on at home and abroad. He was really an inspiration to all who knew him. He was a role model for all those who desire to become a professional in this field. His research works are still serving the field of Library Science and Information Management.

Another Chapter of Pakistani Librarianship Collections

It was Monday, 17th November 2008 when one of the former chairpersons of Department of Library & Information Science, University of Karachi and a teacher of teachers passed away after a brief illness. He was Dr. Syed Jalaluddin Hudda who left behind a number of his students working at various reasonable positions inside the country and abroad and his beloved family to mourn his death. Although he was suffering from a fatal disease known as Leukemia he was still working on his research activities as a faculty member of the new faculty of Information Management Research. He had so much hope and hard work left in him that he had no time to think of his health and his work was really going on at home and abroad. He never accepted the fact that he would leave this world so early. It was the same reason that the news of his demise was not spread widely because he was not ready to accept the news. He was admitted in Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH) Karachi in July 2008 with the complaint of fever from where his reports showed deficiency of White Blood Cells (WBC). He was discharged from the hospital with the diagnosis of anemia but his condition could not be so much improved so his blood analysis was repeated after a few days. After two weeks he was again admitted to hospital with the complications of weight loss and fever. During the same period, he did not abandon hope and exercised his whole power all the year. With his visitors at hospital or house, he did never express disappointment and he had been diagnosed with a disease which would have put him in a state of depression and hopelessness. In the meantime, he was informed through internet. "I exercise from home in the hospital and from hospital to home continued and 17th November was last journey from home to hospital."- Syed Jalaluddin Hudda was born on 8th July 1938 in Lahore (Pakistan). Alongside only the parents and had three elder sisters. His father's name was Syed Aja Hussain. Got education from primary to
Condolence Meetings For Dr. Jalal held all over Pakistan

To pay tribute to the departed soul of Dr. Syed Jalaluddin Haider and to remember his sterling efforts for the librarianship in Pakistan, condolence meetings continued to be held all over the country. The meetings were organized and sponsored by various institutions and organizations. The first meeting was held in Karachi at the age of 70. It was largely attended by the librarians, students, and faculty members of the University of Karachi.

New PLA Members

National Curriculum Revision Committee's | meeting held in Karachi

The final meeting of the National Curriculum Revision Committee in Library and Information Science was held from 9th to 10th April 2009 at IBA Regional Centre. The committee finalized the curriculum for the Bachelors of Library and Information Science (B.LIS) and M.LIS degree programmes.

A Workshop on "SKILLS FOR MEDICAL LIBRARIANS" Organized by Dow University of Health Sciences

A one-day workshop on "Skills for Medical Librarians" was held at the Dow University of Health Sciences on April 22, 2009. The workshop aimed at providing training to the medical librarians and other professionals to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to manage library and information center. The workshop was attended by experienced librarians from various institutions and organizations.

Discussion on "Assessing Use of Libraries" organized by Lincoln Center

A discussion on "Assessing Use of Libraries" was organized by Lincoln Center in collaboration with the Pakistan Library Association on May 6, 2009. The discussion focused on the challenges and solutions for improving library use and assessing the impact of library services.