

## **Report of two days Awareness programme on “Access to e-Resources and Digital Library Consortium”**

Bharathidasan University Library and INFLIBNET centre, Ahmedabad has jointly organized Two days awareness programme on “Access to e-Resources and UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium” on 1-2, August 2008 for the benefit of the Research students, Faculty of the University departments/Schools and Librarians of the affiliated colleges and nearby institutes.

The programme consists of a blend of Lectures, presentations and demonstrations by invited Librarians, Subject experts and leading scientific Publishers to present on e-journal databases and secondary databases of scholarly publications that give access to more than 8000 e-journals.

This programme Inaugurated by Dr. M. Ponnaivaikko, Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University. His inaugural speech he has highlighted the significance of scholarly publications and libraries in enhancing the quality of research. He also appreciated and lauded the research productivity of the university departments and schools. Future he asserted that The Tamil Virtual Library developed by Tamil university is a good example of Digital Library in the knowledge society. He also emphasized the need of Library professionals in updating themselves with concepts and tools of e- Resources and Digital library.

Sh. Manojkumar K, Senior Scientist from INFLIBNET has delivered keynote address stressing the role of INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad in Networking and sharing the knowledge among the Universities all over the country. He has mentioned about the various initiatives of the INFLIBNET like Library Automation, Union Catalogue of books thesis, journals and other resources of the universities, Manpower training, Capacity development to the university libraries by providing ICT infrastructures. He also highlighted the UGC INFONET Digital Library Consortium and its usage.

He appreciated the optimum usage of the resources by Bharathidasan University and also mentioned that the university is holding 10<sup>th</sup> position among the 150 Universities in India and 1<sup>st</sup> position in Tamilnadu state in terms of access and downloads.

Prof. Srimurugan, Former Librarian and Head Dept of Library Science, Madurai Kamaraj University has mentioned in his speech on citation pattern of research publications and emphasis the role of librarians particularly in digital environment. Dr. S. Srinivasa Ragavan, Librarian & Head, DLIS welcomed the gathering and noting the contribution of the INFLIBNET to the universities, particularly enhancement of 2 mbps to e-journal access and Mr. B. Jeyaprakash, Assistant Librarian delivered the vote of thanks.

## **Valedictory Function**

Valediction of workshop held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2008 at 4 pm, Professor N. Ramanujam, Registrar i/c has presides and delivered the presidential address. In his speech he was briefing history of ICT applications, network development in our University Librarian & IT Head, Bangalore University, has highlighted current initiative of INFONET and applauded the Director, INFLIBNET for launching the awareness programme in the universities. Dr. B. S. Ponnudiraj, NAAC, Bangalore, has distributed the certificates to the participants and felicitated. He also highlighted the role of e-resources and its remote access, the role of INFLIBNET like organization in promoting the size and quality of higher education system to the masses. **The programme had a good response of participation of 140 research scholars, 80 Faculty of University departments and 108 Library Professionals of University and affiliated colleges.** Finally Mr. C. Ranganathan has given vote of thanks to all.

## **SESSIONS DETAILS:**

### **Session I ( FN )**

Mr. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist D, INFLIBNET Center, has covered the topic of “UGC INFONET Digital Library Consortium: Access to e-resources of Bharathidasan University” and explained the concept in detail how the UGC INFONET formed, INFLIBNET activities and their future plans, benefits of consortium, and access to e-resources to the Bharathidasan university and its usage statistics year wise and subject wise.

### **Session II: (FN)**

Prof. K.V.Krishnasamy has covered the topic of “Scholarly publications and its relevance in Research: a historical perspective” and he explained the publications quality and availability from the past to present by highlighting the quantum of research productivity based on the web of science data and current science editorial. He also questioned the accessing the quality of research based on citations count.

### **Session III: (AN)**

Mr. Bhanuprakash, Informatics India, Bangalore has explained the products and services of Informatics and particularly about JCCC @ INFONET and its features and searching techniques.

### **Session IV: (AN)**

Prof. B. Ramesh Babu, Madras University, has covered the topic of “ Credibility of Web Resources” and explained the concept of web resources in detail and highlighted different parameters to assess the resources.

### **Session V: (AN)**

Mr. Debapriya Mukherjee, Emerald, New Delhi has explained the products and services of Emerald publications particularly emerald Xtra Management and features of search engine for their own databases.

### **Session VI : (AN)**

Mr. Varun, Cambridge University press, Bangalore, has given the details about their products and services. Very particularly he explained about their Archives (1945 to till date) and the search facilities for the archives.

### **Session VII: (AN)**

Prof. Gopinath Ganapathy, Bharathidasan University has covered the topic of “E-resources and its Impact on e-learning”. He has covered what is e-resources and e-learning, designing of e-learning lessons, benefits of e-learning and its impacts.

### **Session VIII**

Mr. Sivamay Bhattacharya has made presentation on Springer Link e-journals and also focused on the new initiative of Springer e-books database. He also pointed out that Bharathidasan University excels in Springer Journals usage.

### **Session IX**

Mr. D. T. Edwin has given presentation on E-books of Oxford University Press and E-Journals of Taylor & Francis.

### **Session X**

Ms Balani Infotech has made a detailed presentation on access to SIAM Journals.