



**One day User Awareness Programme on Access to
E-Resources under UGC INFONET Digital Library Consortium**

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A REPORT

The User Awareness Programme on Access to E- resources Under the UGC- INFONET Digital Library Consortium, jointly organized by the INFLIBNET, University library, CUSAT and the Kerala library Association,

Ernakulam Region, was held on Tuesday, 21st April 2009 at Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi.

The inaugural function of the E-resources User Awareness Programme was graced by Dr. Jagadish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre Ahmedabad, Dr. N. Chandramohanakumar, Registrar, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Dr. V.P.N. Nampoori, the Dean of Faculty of Technology and the Director of International school of Photonics, CUSAT.

The awareness programme started at 10.00 AM with prayer by Mrs. Aparna Varma, Professional Assistant Gr. II. It was followed by a welcome speech by Mrs. C.P. Baby Valsala, University Librarian and the organizing secretary. In her speech she stressed the need for such awareness programmes on e-resources in future also.

Mrs. C.P. Baby Valsala, University Librarian, CUSAT, who is also the coordinator of the programme, gives her Welcome address (Photo 1)



Photo 1

In his presidential address, Dr. N. Chandramohanakumar, Registrar, CUSAT appreciated the efforts of the INFLIBNET Center, Ahmedabad, to make the users of the University aware of the e-journals and the databases of different publishers that are available in a single platform.

Dr. N. Chandramohanakumar, Registrar, CUSAT gives his presidential speech of the inaugural function (Photo 2)



Photo 2

Dr. Jagadish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre inaugurated the programme by lighting the traditional lamp. In his keynote address he openly expressed his delight at the turnout of the delegates for the awareness programme. In response to a request from the Registrar that the Science Direct package should be made available to the CUSAT community, he assured that the same will be provided from the next plan period onwards.

Dr. Jagadish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre inaugurates the programme by lighting the traditional lamp and delivered the keynote address of the programme. (Photo 3-4)



Photo 3



Photo 4

Dr. V.P.N. Nampoore, the Dean of Faculty of Technology and the Director of International school of Photonics, CUSAT while felicitating the occasion highly appreciated the efforts of the University Librarian and the dynamic Director of INFLIBNET, for taking the initiative to organize a program like this at CUSAT. He also opined that the 21st century is witnessing an explosion in information resources and that libraries have an important role in tackling this information explosion by providing seamless access to e journals instantly.

Mr. Joe Joseph, Junior Librarian of CUSAT and Secretary of KLA Ernakulam region proposed the vote of thanks.

After having a high tea, the technical session was started.

The Technical sessions began with a presentation by Dr. Jagadish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad. In his presentation entitled “INFLIBNET Centre: Current Status and Future Endeavors” he provided a general overview of the functions and current activities of the INFLIBNET and its future plans with a special reference to CUSAT. He also highlighted the objectives and the importance of the UGC Infonet Digital Library Consortia.

Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, UNESCO Coordinator, Greenstone Support for South Asia and Librarian & Head, Center for Development of Digital

Libraries (CDDL), Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, Kerala, provided insights in to the role of e-journals & aggregators in scholarly knowledge management.

Shri. K.P Sadasivan former Librarian, Regional Research laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram and CSIR consultant introduced various e-resources for academia from a multi-faceted perspective.

After a traditional and delicious lunch, the afternoon session started at 2.00 p.m., in which many more presentations were made.

Mr. Manish Amte, Cambridge University Press presented a briefing on various products and packages of Cambridge University press.

Mr. Ravisankar of Informatics (India) Ltd, in his enlightening presentation explained the tips and tricks on using JCCC@UGC INFONET and its salient features.

Sri. Karthikeyan provided a brief overview of the initiatives of Balani Infotech in his presentation.

Mr. Pratap Das of ProQuest impressed the participants with his presentation on various features of ProQuest.

In the concluding session, Mrs. Liny Varghese, Information scientist, CUSAT provided a brief account of the e-services and sources of the University Library, CUSAT.

When a feedback was taken, it was revealed that the programme was very impressive and useful to the users and that the participants demanded more such programmes in future.

Mrs. C.P. Baby Valsala

University Librarian (i/c)