Report of the ELPES-2 Conference

National Conference on Emerging Trends and Techniques for Electronic Resource Management in Libraries: Issues & Challenges under the series Empowering Library Professionals to Empower Society -2 was held at PK Parija Auditorium, NIT Rourkela during February 13-14, 2015. Dr. P. Y. Rajendra Kumar, Director General, National Library of India, Kolkata was the chief guest who inaugurated the conference and addressed the gathering with his valuable thoughts on electronic resource management. He also discussed about National Library of India and its various services for library profession and professionals.





The function was presided over by Director Prof. Sunil Kumar Sarangi, NIT Rourkela. In his welcome speech, he mentioned about transition phases from clay slate to electronic media and also about changes in style of classification from color & size to current trends. Proceedings of the conference was unveiled after inaugural. Chairman, Prof. B.K. Pal and Organizing Secretary Dr. Bhojaraju Gunjal welcomed the audiences and discussed about the theme of the conference during inaugural session. Convener Mr. D. K. Pradhan ended the inaugural function with vote of thanks.

80 participants attended the conference and presented the papers on various sub-themes on these two days. First session began with a keynote address by Dr. P. Y. Rajendra Kumar. He discussed in detail about the acquisition of e-resources and management. He mainly focussed on proper care while subscribing e-resources for the benefit of users and institute. In the first session, the first paper was presented by Ms. Puspita Mishra who discussed about the collection of e-resources, life cycle and the challenges faced by a librarian before procurement and a policy of the e-resources.



Session continued with second paper presentation by Ms. Suchismita Dash who discussed about different types of e-resources. She also mentioned about updating the catalogue (OPAC), e-resources archiving policy and perpetual access during presentation.



The next paper was presented by Md. Arsad Ali., he beautifully presented the library website of the central Library of Central University, Bihar and also discussed what are the e-resources they have and how to provide access to those e-resources. The session ended with the question answers and a brief discussion about the papers. Second session was chaired by Dr. D.B. Ramesh. As a keynote speaker, he encouraged LIS professionals to think beyond life cycle of e-resources and to overcome the challenges, he advised participants to proactively take the initiatives to become quick and precise information provider.



After lunch, session started with keynote speaker's address on the theme ERM by Dr. Nihar Kumar Patra who chaired the session. He briefed about knowledge center at NIFTEM including implementation of latest technologies to the library. He explained about how institute implemented the village adoption programs 2 years ago. He also described about different types of ERMs and concluded that is a very handy tool to maintain right choice and decision for efficient management of e-resources.

Next paper in the session was presented by Ms. Anupama Meher on federated search. She briefed about the availability of open source and commercial tools used in libraries such as EBSCO, Knimbus and Deepweb. She mentioned that the federated search puts a world of content in your hand. The second day began with keynote address by Dr.Bulu Maharana, Associate Professor, Sambalpur University who also chaired the session. He spoke about Information Retrieval on the World Wide Web and also discussed about different issues of web information retrieval.



Session continued with two more papers presentations by Mr. S. K. Abdul Gaffar and Dr. T. Venkata Rao. Mr. Gaffar discussed mainly about his survey about the use of e-resources in NITR library. Dr. Rao discussed his case study about the e-resources in JNTU, Kakinada and their usage statistics.

Next session was chaired by Mr. Vijay Kumar M with an introductory speech about the citation management. Session continued by paper presentation by Ms. Roji Barik who talked about DRM, its architecture and functions with digital rights. Mr. Saket was the next presenter who discussed about SWOT analysis with strength and weakness of the system. Dr. Mahendra Sahoo presented the paper on citation analysis, different types, tools such as web GIZMO (free). The hybrid tools like Zotero, Mendely etc. followed by presentation by Ms. Prameeta Sharma who talked about the plagiarism, types of plagiarism and the antiplagarism software both free and commercial.

Soon after lunch, the session was chaired by Dr. Pankaj Sa, Assistant Professor, NIT Rourkela who delivered a keynote lecture on dissemination of information and its management. He pointed out that inspite of D-space and E-print library is not able to collect all the scholarly publication. He discussed about the model/system designed to achieve the goal. During this session two more papers were presented by Mr. S. K. Sahoo and Mr. Asish kamal. Mr Sahoo described about the mobile application to the academic libraries and the different aspects, while Mr. Asish kamal delivered his talk about the koha implementation in libraries for managing journals. Last session was chaired by Prof. S. K. Patra, NIT Rourkela. In his key note address, he discussed about the electronic media and use of the free electronic tools to manage all the fields of the research community. Two papers were presented in this session. Mr Alekh presented his paper about the QR code technology, and its application to library. Mr. Kshirod Das described how efficiently we can manage our reference with Mendey in comparision to Ref. Works and .csv files.

The conference successfully ended with valedictory function in the presence of Chairman Prof. B.K. Pal, Organizing Secretary Dr. Bhojaraju Gunjal and Convener Mr. D.K. Pradhan. On this occasion, Dr. S. K. Patra was the guest of honor. Welcome address was given by Mr. V.K. Mishra followed by vote of thanks by Organizing Secretary Dr. Bhojaraju Gunjal.

The conference was a grand success.

