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Social Media and Community Networks



Prof. Shigeo Sugimoto,
ICADL Chair

Tete-a-Tete

Prof. Sugimoto said that ICADL 2013 is being held at a very good city, Bangalore, which is a work place of S R Ranganathan. According to him, it is the home town of Library Science. He revealed that he is working towards making a consortium of Information Schools in Asia-Pacific with the help of Prof. Shalini R Urs. He told that it is also important to focus on communication and through communication we can connect, collaborate and understand each other. He opined that library is a high-tech place and we librarian are using this high-tech place for serving our users. He said that the hospitality obtained was excellent, in fact fabulous.

His message to Young Librarian - in the past, libraries was place of books. Publishing and recording is expanding from paper to different media and library should be able to handle all such media. He closed his talk by saying "please come join us at IACDL, here and in future".

ICADL Steering committee is happy to announce that next venue of ICADL 2014 is Chiang Mai University, Thailand during 5-7 Nov, 2014. The details if ICADL 2014 is available at <http://icadl2014.cmu.ac.th>

Theme of the conference is "The Emergence of Digital Libraries Research and Practices". The topics of the conference are divided into 5 areas of which the "Digital Humanities" is specifically highlighted.

► Plenary Talks @ ICADL 2013



“From Crowd-Sourcing to Concept Mining” by Dr. Ian Witten:

Dr. Witten gave a detailed introduction about Wikipedia and its success story. He highlighted the accuracy level of Wikipedia in comparison with Britannica by quoting study published in Nature magazine. A demonstration of Wikification process through wikipediaminer developed by university of Waikato was displayed and introduced. Detail explanation of wikification terminologies such as concept representation, semantic relatedness, evaluating relatedness, commonness was told. Demo of Wikimining was given with several examples.

“Digital library of India- current status” by Prof. N. Balakrishnan

Prof. Balakrishnan started his talk with human limitation to store knowledge in their memory, and kind of storage media technology available at present is substituting this limitation. He explained the million book project and its collaborators. Importance of strategic planning to start any digital library in terms of decision making, hardware, software etc., was highlighted. He narrated his own Universal Digital Library projects success story and lessons learnt through the process of implementing it. He emphasized that the process of decentralizing the digitization has led to massive volume of digitized books. Usage statistics from his presentation showed the popularity of Universal Digital Library. Second part of his presentation covered development of Indian language technologies using consortia model by various institutes in India. He highlighted the development of OCR technologies for Indian languages which are free to use by the community.



Technical Sessions

Accepted papers were presented in 2 tracks. There were overall 10 papers presentations. Track A addressed papers on Information Retrieval and Track B focused on Analysis in Social Media Networks. Afternoon sessions addressed Social Architecture for Digital Library and Information Policies; and Data Mining for Digital Libraries respectively.



► Panel Discussion



The panel discussion on “Scholarship goes Social: Bridging the Divide” was chaired by Prof. P. Balaram, Director, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. Panelists included Dr. Abhinanda Sarkar, Associate Dean, MYRA School of Business, Mysore; Dr. H.A. Ranganath, Former Director of NAAC & former VC, Bangalore University; and Dr. Gururaj Karajagi, Founder-Chairman of Academy for Creative Teaching, Bangalore.

Prof. P Balaram set the context for the panel discussion and requested the panelists to cover topics on social media, open access, new communication models, border-less

scholarship & effect of new technologies on modern day teaching.

Dr. Sarkar felt the present generation is Google generation. So, teachers’ role is to guide students on how to derive meaning out of the content & how to put it for proper use than guiding where to find the content.

Dr. Karajagi commented that one of the PhD awardées said he wanted to thank 3 things (not people) – ‘Google’, ‘Cut & Paste’ and ‘Xerox’. It is because of advanced technology and the availability of the content unlike earlier time where dependency on people and their expertise was considered very high.

Dr. H.A. Ranganath opined any scientific invention has positive & negative things; similarly social media also has both positive & negative aspects attached to it.... One of the negative things of



social networks is that it is causing depression among children; he also quoted an example as well.



Prof. Balaram shared his experiences of libraries, 40 years back. In older days, everyone used to visit library as an everyday affair for all their information requirements. He quoted “current content” was the only aggregator available. People used to go through the content aggregator and post a letter to the author to get a copy of the reprint of the article. Today, the scenario is completely different with the advent of social networks.

Reactions

InfoQuiz@ICADL 2013

InfoQuiz 2013 was conducted at ICADL on day two. The Quiz was a great success and a learning experience both for the finalists on the stage and also for all the ICADL participants who witnessed the grand finale of InfoQuiz. Finalists were selected through international online quiz conducted during November. The winners, Shajia Khan of Aligarh Muslim University and Pradeep Kumar of Parliament Library walked away with a trophy and cash prize. The runners were Anitha PG of IIITM-K, Trivandrum and Muzamil Naikoo, Aligarh Muslim University.



Congratulation to the winners of InfoQuiz 2013.



Quiz participants with Quiz Master Ananda Byrappa

Prof. H. A. Ranganath, former VC of Bangalore University, former Director NAAC – UGC, Bangalore, Professor Emeritus University of Mysore:

Prof. Ranganath gave a message to the upcoming Librarians to have a skillset and be cautious during this transition time in libraries. The ecosystem of library has to be revisited and revised. Peer review is a must. Regarding ICADL 2013, Prof. Ranganath said that the participants should take the sensitized information obtained here and apply it in their professional fields.

Dr. P.Y. Rajendra Kumar, Director General, National Library of India:

Dr. Rajendra said that he is very pleased with the hospitality. He said that Conferences like ICADL displays a futuristic vision. His message for the future librarians was to update themselves and serve better. He appreciated the organizers of the event and wished to attend an events like ICADL lead by Prof. Shalini Urs.

Dr Abhinanda Sarkar, co-chair of ICADL 2013.

He said that attending conference is an element of fun. It is a place for meeting people and social opportunity to enjoy. According to him, this conference is different from IT community conferences where they are interested in how to make money while academic conferences like ICADL is more interested in future. In academic conferences, importance is given to best paper and who has done good work while in IT conferences, importance is given to best startup.



Media Coverage

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