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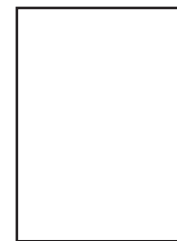
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## Foreword

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It is my great pleasure to write Foreword to the Conference volume being brought out for "Knowledge organization in Academic Libraries (2nd KOAL 2013)" on the theme "Life cycle of an E-Resource", which is more relevant to the present context of the society.

Academic libraries play a vital role by making available the different types of documents / resources in print form as well as in e-form. As the information communication technology (ICT) has evolved and leading the important role in everyday life for their all types of activities, may be for in-house and outside. The resources in hybrid environment made the library and information science professionals, to learn every aspect to be a leader and as a manager for running the resource centers. They try to make available the required / on demand resources either from within the organization or through from outside organization. The digital environment has provoked them to be very cautious. It made them to know the e-publishing activity to make them access through the publishers' websites and / or from the resources available freely from other institutions. The e-resources, they may acquire through the consortium and the e-resources available within the organization by the employees, students, researchers and faculty are made available by creating the institutional repositories. They try to preserve them for future use of the e-resources, which becomes the most important activity of the life cycle of an e-resource.

Library Professionals Association (LPA), a well established association with the group of LIS professionals, who are committed to the growth of young buddies and their carrier advancement. LPA deserves recognition for the service rendered / being rendered to the society. I am indeed happy that a Conference volume is being brought out for KOAL 2013. This contains more than 50 articles received for the conference highlighting current developments and trends in the field with up to date data and subject coverage such as open access, open source software, ICT applications, knowledge management, digital libraries, preservation of e-resources and their services. I am sure, this volume containing articles by well experienced senior professionals and by the young professionals will be useful for the library professionals and therefore will be a rich contribution to the body of Library and Information Science literature.

I wish the conference a success and a memorable event for the professionals and my best wishes are also due to the founder members of the LPA for organizing such a wonderful event. I congratulate all those who have worked hard to bring out this piece of academic content.

20<sup>th</sup> April 2013

**Kiran Bedi**  
**I.P.S.**

## President's Message

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It is great pleasure for me welcoming all of you to the Second National conference by Library Professionals Association (LPA) on "Knowledge organization in Academic Libraries" (KOAL 2012) on the specific theme on "Life cycle of an E-Resource" being held on 27th April 2013.

The outstanding advances in IT and e-publishing made the authors, publishers and library professionals to face a challenge for managing, publishing and accessing the e-documents. E-information environment facilitates enhancement in the speed of service, number of users served, the quantum and exhaustiveness of information provided, which led to the improvement of quality services. Libraries have witnessed a great metamorphosis in recent years in their collection development and their service structure. Significant transformation has been noticed in the collection development policies and practices. The hybrid environment made the LIS professionals not only to serve their own users but for the distance learners also, who have limited time to access.

In this age of digital environment, the knowledge resource centers are making available through their infrastructure the access, browse and downloading of the required documents for their different types of users like students, faculty and researchers. The academic libraries are playing a vital role, even with the less budget allocation of fund, they try to make available the different types of e-resources like e-books, e-journals, e-databases, e-theses and dissertations, etc, to their users through forming consortia. Several consortia have been formed in the country as per the requirements of the academic and scientific community by various agencies like CSIR, UGC, IITs, IIMs, ICAR, DRDO, MHRD, etc.

The e-resources are to be preserved for use by the future generation. The life cycle of an e-resource plays an important role, when it is preserved in a manner they are to be accessed at anytime from anywhere. I am happy that the National Conference on KOAL 2013 is bringing out a volume with the papers on different aspects of knowledge organization in e-environment. Selected papers have been included in the conference volume, which will facilitate the LIS students and professionals for their use and updating the knowledge in different aspects. I thank the Keynote speaker and the theme paper presenters, for having spared their valuable ideas and knowledge for the success of this conference. I am grateful to the contributors of papers who made extensive efforts in writing on the theme of the conference. I sincerely acknowledge with thanks the help and encouragement of all those who were involved in bringing out the high quality work well in time.

April 27, 2013..

**Dr M. Natarajan**  
**President, LPA**

## **From the Organizing Secretary**

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It gives me immense pleasure for contacting the LIS colleagues and friends through this forum of message, for having given an opportunity to organize the National conference (2nd) on Knowledge organization in Academic Libraries (KOAL 2013) on the more specific and relevant to the present context theme on "Life cycle of an E-Resource" by Library Professionals Association (LPA). As we are aware, the changing face of LIS profession due to the ICT applications in each and every aspect of library management from selection, ordering, acquisition, technical processing, shelving, serials control, binding, managing the staff within the library and outside the library. The hybrid environment made us to learn new ways of making available the resources to the different types of user community as per the organization / institutions.

Users are now-a-days very well aware of browsing and searching the internet mostly using Google. To satisfy for their specific requirement we have to update our knowledge and try to provide the required information and knowledge either from within the library resources or procuring from other sources or directing them to other institutions, portals, subject directories or other open access resources. The professionals are trying to create the digital libraries / institutional repositories of their collection or joining some consortia, providing access to the publishers' websites. The preservation of digital content has become a necessity for future use, and it involves lot of related activities like hardware, software up gradation and maintaining them.

The conference received more than 50 papers and they are being made available in book form. They are organized in several sections. I thank all the contributors for making this conference a fruitful event by their seminar volume. I extend my sincere thanks to paper reviewers and others who have extended for making this KOAL 2013 a success and a memorable event. On behalf of LPA, organizing committee of the National conference and entire LIS professionals, I wish you all the best and hope that the deliberations during the conference will remain as evergreen in your memory. I request all of you to kindly extend your co-operation for the smooth functioning of the LPA by contributing to the profession.

**Salek Chand**

**Organizing Secretary (Koal -2013)**

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