

## **LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION (LPA) NEWSLETTER**

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**WELCOME BACK TO ALL LIS  
PROFESSIONALS!!**

### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

It is great pleasure in welcoming to the LPA's Second National conference on "Knowledge Organization in Academic Libraries" (KOAL) being planned to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April (Sat) 2013 at Indian Social Institute, New Delhi. Due to the development and its applications by Information Communication Technology (ICT), the LIS profession has undergone a drastic change in each and every activity. However the professionals are able to satisfy the users' needs in hybrid environment by making the resources requested by them. In terms of professional development, we look forward to sharing through the wonderful (KOAL 2013) conference on "Life cycle of an E-Resource" with all of you in New Delhi.

During World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, LPA organized a Lecture on "Book Journey: From shop to shelf" which was delivered by Dr Usha Munjoo Munshi, Chief Librarian of Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi. It was attended by more than 150 LIS students, professionals and publishers. LPA is trying to establish by expanding its' membership

and also its webpage is being created. Partially now available at [www.lpa.gov.in](http://www.lpa.gov.in)

I request all the LIS professionals to network among themselves and share their rich experience to the budding students and for the young professionals, who are supposed to handle the information and knowledge dissemination to the right users at the right time with difficult task of making them available 24\*7. Let us share our experiences by conducting some more lectures (Lecture series of LPA) at some of the reputed institutions on Saturdays (may be once in three months). It is also being planned to have a Journal / publication from LPA for sharing the experiences through the research articles and to make it as a forum to disseminate the knowledge.

**M NATARAJAN**

**President**

**President's corner**

**Events and Activities**

- ❖ Life Cycle of an E-Resource
- ❖ Lecture Series
- ❖ Conferences
- ❖ LPA Membership
- ❖ KOAL 2013

## LIFE CYCLE OF AN E-RESOURCE

### *ERM – A Brief*

#### Electronic Resource Management (ERM) Revolution

In 2001, a group of librarians who were battling with the growing complexity of e-resources realized they were all developing their own systems to try and cope with the challenges in managing the e-resources. They decided to join forces to seek a better way. The “ERM” revolution was started with the insight of Timothy D Jewell, who, in 2001 wrote a paper about the challenges of managing e-resources and highlighting urgent need for a solution. The decision was to not wait for library vendors to come up with something, but rather be proactive. In 2002 Electronic Resource Management Initiative (ERMI) was formed – a group of librarians with the help of ILS vendors and other stakeholders researched the problem and the solutions. This collaboration became known as the E-Resource Management Initiative, or ERMI.

#### ERM Definition

A system that supports the management of the information and workflow necessary to efficiently select, evaluate, acquire, maintain and provide informed access to e-resources in accordance with the business systems and license terms. (Anderson et al., 2004)

#### The e-resource life cycle

The challenges faced by the librarians have to be examined in the management of e-resources due to the large volume of e-resources, for which ERM has become

necessary. The following Figure 1 presents five basic phases of the e-resource life cycle.

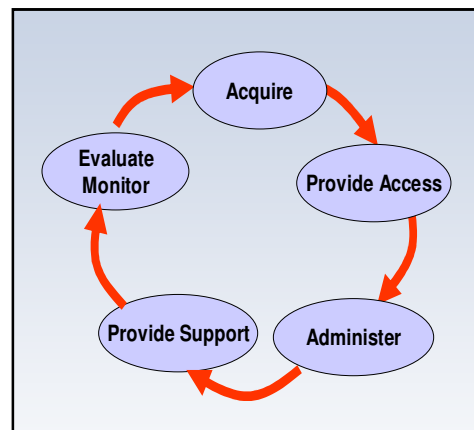


Figure 1: E-resource life cycle

Each stage of the e-resource life cycle presents unique challenges for library staff.

#### *Acquire*

To acquire an e-resource often involves arranging trials, reviewing and negotiating a license agreement and understanding and agreeing to complex pricing models.

#### *Provide Access*

Unlike print, content usually is not stored at the library; therefore, much work goes into managing links to the content, helping end users discover the content through A-to-Z lists, link resolvers or the library catalog as well as managing the authentication to ensure that authorized patrons can actually get to the content. This may be done by registering IP addresses with the publisher or through campus authentication and proxy servers.

#### *Administer*

Most e-resources are hosted on a site other than the library’s Web site and these sites have administrative modules. One

challenge is simply keeping track of where these administrative modules located and how to log into them. It is also a good idea to keep track of the settings that were made for each site along with the reasons why those setting were established.

### ***Provide Support***

Access to e-resource may be interrupted for many different reasons. One challenge for the library is to determine what the problem is (Is the site down? Is there a problem with the campus proxy? Is there a problem with the subscription?) as well as how to fix it (who to call).

### ***Evaluation***

When considering whether or not an e-resource is providing value, the library would likely view any problem logs, obtain usage statistics and acquire input from faculty, staff and end users.

A number of library system vendors were also very involved with ERMI. Innovative Interfaces, Inc. became a test-bed for many of the functional requirements and released its "ERM" system that same year. Innovative's product became one of first of a new genre of application – the E-Resource Management system. Innovative was followed by other library automation vendors, such as Ex Libris. Virtually all of today's ERM systems cite ERMI compliance, which is a strong endorsement of the work conducted by the ERMI committee. Following is a partial list of ERM vendors and systems on the market today:

- ✚ Innovative Interfaces (ERM)
- ✚ Ex Libris (Verde)
- ✚ VTLS (Verify)

- ✚ Serials Solutions (ERMS)
- ✚ Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries (Gold Rush)

Most E-Resource Management systems provide the following:

- ✚ A central place to record information about e-resources, their suppliers, terms and conditions, usage, costs, etc.
- ✚ Tools for decision making & support
- ✚ Ticklers & alerts for tracking actions
- ✚ Contacts & Incident reporting
- ✚ Process and workflow based on the e-journal life cycle
- ✚ Consolidation of usage data from various content sites.

EBSCO has identified 30 steps in the e-resource life cycle in a typical library. It has the expertise to:

- Simplify the processes linked to the acquisition of e-journals.
- Identify the problems linked to the management of e-resources and access.
- Prepare the library staff for future challenges and connecting people with information resources with
  - EBSCOhost® Electronic Journals Service
  - A-to-Z service is a locator tool for all a library's e-resources, including e-journals, titles in full text databases and publisher packages.

(Ref: Anderson. I. and others (2004). Report of the E-Resource Management Initiative: Appendix A. Functional requirements for e-res. management, DLF. [www.library.cornell.edu/cts/elicensestudy/dlfdeliverables/DLF-ERMI-AppendixA.pdf](http://www.library.cornell.edu/cts/elicensestudy/dlfdeliverables/DLF-ERMI-AppendixA.pdf))

## CONFERENCES

Following are some of the conferences / seminars / workshops to be held at different places of the world. Please go through the links provided on each of them for further details.

### India

- ❖ The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is organizing International Conf. on Digital libraries (ICDL 2013) during 27-29 Nov 2013 at New Delhi.
- ❖ DELNET & Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur organizing NACLIN 2013, (16<sup>th</sup>) during Dec 10-12, 2013.
- ❖ IASLIC & National Institute of Virology (ICMR), Pune is organizing XXIXth All India Conference of IASLIC during Dec 26-29, 2013, on theme "Role of Library Associations in India in Modern Age". Details at [www.iaslic1955.org.in](http://www.iaslic1955.org.in)

### International

- ❖ IFLA Conference 2013 in Singapore, 17-23 August on —Future Libraries: Infinite Possibilities, the 9<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Assembly, will be held at the Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre. Details are available <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla79>
- ❖ 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Webometrics, Informetrics and Scientometrics (WIS) & 14<sup>th</sup> COLLNET Meeting during August 15-17, 2013 Tartu, Estonia. Hosted by Estonian Research Council and COLLNET

- ❖ Details at:  
<http://www.etag.ee/international-research-cooperation/collnet-2013/?lang=en>

## LPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

LPA membership forms are available with President / Secretary. Professionals are requested to enroll and encourage us to carry out the professional activity and enhance the knowledge of the prospective users.

### Membership Fee (in Rs)

Type	Individual	Institutional	Student/Scholars	Retired Professional
Annual	200/-	500/-	100/-	100/-
Life Member	1000/-	5000/-	-	500/-
Donor Member	10000/-			

Payment should be made in favour of **LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION** payable at **New Delhi**.

**KOAL 2013 - Registration Fees (Per Participant):** The registration fee will include conference KIT, meals, refreshment, snacks, etc. No TA / DA and Accommodation is included.  
General Participants **Rs. 500/-;**  
UG/PG Students and Research Scholars\* **Rs. 300/-.** \*on production of Student ID.

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