



ACADEMIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACDEMIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 2017 – MARCH 2018

Annual Report of the Academic Library Association (ALA) for the period **2017 – 2018** is given below:

Though the Academic Library Association (ALA) has started its functioning during 2013, it became an official entity on 31st March 2014 as registered according to the Travancore-Cochin, Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act 1955.

- 1. New Office Bearers:-** The General Body meeting of the Academic Library Association held on 25/03/2017 at University Central Library, Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur elected the following professionals as new office bearers for the period 2017-2018:

Sl. No.	Name and Address	Designation
1	Dr. A.T. Francis, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur	President
2	Dr. V. Vishnu, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram	Vice-President
3	Sri. Sanjo Jose, St. Thomas College, Thrissur	Vice-President
4	Dr. V.S. Swapna, KCAET, Thavanur, Malappuram	General Secretary
5	Dr. B. Shaji, Sree Naryana College, Kollam	Joint Secretary
6	Smt. Patricia Robin, St. Michael's College, Cherthala	Joint Secretary
7	Dr. P.A. Pradeep, Dairy Science College, Thrissur	Treasurer
8	Smt. Saritha R, MG University, Kottayam	EC Member
9	Sri. S. Sreekumaran, College of Agriculture, Trivandrum	EC Member
10	Smt. Priya T.K, Kannur University, Kannur	EC Member
11	Smt. Surekha, Institute of Printing Technology, Palakkad	EC Member
12	Sri. Sameer R., Veterinary University, Wayanad	EC Member
13	Sri. K. Jabir, Calicut University, Calicut	EC Member
14	Sri. Baiju Joy, St. Stephens' College, Pathanapuram	EC Member
15	Sri. Manohar, Former Librarian, College of Agriculture, Kasaragode	EC Member
16	Sri. Abdul Razak C., Former Librarian, KAU	Special Invitee

17	Sri. Cherian George, UC College, Aluva	Special Invitee
18	Sri. Manoj Kumar P., Nehru Arts and Science College, Kanhangad	Special Invitee
19	Smt. Vineetha Davies, Librarian, St. Aloysius College, Elthuruth	Special Invitee
20	Sri. Saji T.M, St. Peter's School, Kolenchery	Special Invitee
21	Sri. Dilip K., Focus Institute of Technology, Thrissur	Special Invitee

During the period 2017-2018 the ALA conducted the following major programmes:

2. **Annual General Body Meeting of the Academic Library Association:-** Annual General Body meeting of the Academic Library Association 2016-17 was held in Kerala Agricultural University Central Library, Thrissur on 25-03-2017. The meeting urged the state government to establish libraries in all schools and appoint qualified librarians. The meeting also decided to represent the Govt. of Kerala to implement UGC Scheme for librarians in government arts and science colleges; and medical, Ayurveda, nursing, engineering and poly technique colleges. It also decided to represent the Government of Kerala to speed up the direct recruitment of Library/Professional Assistants to universities by KPSC.
3. **One Week National Course for Librarians:-** ALA has collaborated with Kerala Agricultural University in organizing the One Week National Course on "Library Automation, Digital Library Management and Web Tools for Documentation & Information Services" during 17-23 August 2017 at KAU Central Library, Thrissur.
4. **Reading Week Celebrations 2017:-** The Reading Week Celebrations 2017 was conducted in the Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur in collaboration with the ALA during 2017 June 19-25.
5. **Free Coaching for NET in Thrissur:-** The ALA has conducted a 10 Month long Free NET Coaching in Library and Information Science during 2017 in collaboration with the Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur. Twenty-five students from different parts of Kerala were attended. Support and guidance for NET was also provided by e-mail and also over telephone for more than 30 students all over the country. Dr. A.T. Francis, University Librarian, Kerala Agricultural University was the master trainer who lead the classes supported by other experts like Smt. K.V. Alphonsa, Sri. K.R. Ajithan, Smt. Indu Sunil, Sri. Abdul Razak, Dr. V.S. Swapna, Dr. P.A. Pradeep, etc. **10th batch of coaching is going on for the July 2018 Examination.**
6. **Published the Book, "Teaching Role of Librarians":-** A book, "Teaching Role of Librarians" edited by Dr. A.T. Francis (KAU), Dr. Veerankutty (CUSAT) and Sri. K.P. Sathian (KAU) published by Daya Publishing House of Astral International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 110p., Rs. 895/-, containing selected papers presented in the National Seminar conducted by KAU during 21-22 August 2015 in collaboration with the Academic Library Association and Kerala Library Association.

- 7. Representation to Govt. of Kerala:-** ALA submitted detailed representations to the Govt. of Kerala on: (i). To speed up the direct recruitment of Library/Professional Assistants to universities by KPSC; (ii). To implement the UGC Scheme for librarians in government arts and science colleges; and medical, Ayurveda, nursing, engineering and poly technique colleges; (iii). To sanction the post of librarian in all schools under state government and post qualified librarians.
- 8. Membership Campaign:-** The ALA Committee and members done continuous efforts to enroll more library professionals as members of the association. During this period, 32 professionals enrolled as ALA Life Members.

Thrissur
17-03-2018

Dr. A.T. Francis
PRESIDENT

Dr. V.S. Swapna
GENERAL SECRETARY