



ACADEMIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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Annual Report of the Academic Library Association For the Period April 2018 – March 2019

Annual Report of the Academic Library Association (ALA) for the period **2018 – 2019** 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 17/03/2018 at University Central Library, Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur elected the following professionals as new office bearers for the period 2018-2019:

| Sl. No. | Name and Address | Designation |
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| 1 | Dr. A.T. Francis, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur | President |
| 2 | Dr. B. Shaji, Sree Narayana College, Kollam | Vice-President |
| 3 | Sri. S. Jasimudheen, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor | Vice-President |
| 4 | Dr. P.A. Pradeep, Veterinary College, Mannuthy, Thrissur | General Secretary |
| 5 | Dr. V.S. Swapna, KCAET, Thavanur, Malappuram | Joint Secretary |
| 6 | Smt. A.V. Remya HoD, DLIS, Kannur University, Knnur | Joint Secretary |
| 7 | Sri. Sanjo Jose, St. Thomas College, Thrissur | Treasurer |
| 8 | Dr. V. Vishnu, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram | EC Member |
| 9 | Sri. S. Sreekumaran, College of Agriculture, Trivandrum | EC Member |
| 10 | Smt. T. K. Priya, Kannur University, Kannur | EC Member |
| 11 | Dr. A. Lekha, Kerala Kalamndalam Deemed University | EC Member |
| 12 | Sri. E.K. Mohanlal, Veterinary University, Wayanad | EC Member |
| 13 | Smt. Jeena Jayan. Cochin College, Kochi | EC Member |
| 14 | Sri. Baiju Joy, St. Stephens' College, Pathanapuram | EC Member |
| 15 | Dr. V.P. Ajithakumari, Librarian, College of Agriculture, Kasaragode | EC Member |
| 16 | Sri. C. Abdul Razak, Former Librarian, KAU | Special Invitee |
| 17 | Sri. Cherian George, UC College, Aluva, Ernakulam | 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. T.M. Saji, Librarian, St. Peter's School, Kolenchery | Special Invitee |

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| 21 | Sri. K. Dilip, Focus Institute of Technology, Thrissur | Special Invitee |
| 22 | Dr. Veerankutty Chelattayakkot, Cochin University | Special Invitee |
| 23 | Dr. K.F. George, Scientist, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi | Special Invitee |
| 24 | Sri. K.R. Ajithan, Librarian, Secretariate Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram | Special Invitee |

During the period 2018-2019 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 2017-18 was held in Kerala Agricultural University Central Library, Thrissur on 17-03-2017. 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. **Seminar on Human Resource Management in Libraries:-** A Seminar on Human Resource Management in Libraries was held in Kerala Agricultural University Central Library on 17-03-2018, in collaboration with Academic Library Association. 83 Library professionals participated.
4. **Reading Week Celebrations 2018:-** The Reading Week Celebrations 2018 was conducted in the Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur in collaboration with the ALA during 2018 June 19-25.
5. **Free Coaching for NET in Thrissur:-** The ALA has conducted Free NET Coaching in Library and Information Science during 2018 (10th Batch for July 2018 and 11th Batch December 2018) in collaboration with the Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur. Twenty 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 15 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, Dr. K.R. Ajithan, Smt. Indu Sunil, Sri. Abdul Razak, Dr. V.S. Swapna, Dr. P.A. Pradeep, etc.
6. **Publishing the Book:-** A book, “**Academic Inclusion of Librarians in Digital Era**” edited by Dr. A.T. Francis (KAU), Sri. Cherian K. George (UC College, Aluva) and Dr. V.S. Swapana (KAU) is in the Press to be published by Daya Publishing House of Astral International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, containing selected papers presented in the National Seminar “**Academic Inclusion of Librarians in Digital Era**” conducted by KAU during 04-05 November 2016 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, 23 professionals enrolled as ALA Life Members.

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16-03-2019

Dr. A.T. Francis
President

Dr. P.A. Pradeep
General Secretary