

**SIXTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSTITUTE OF
SCIENTOMETRICS “Information for All” Organized by Dept. of
Public Libraries and LIS Academy in Gandhi Bhavan, at Bangalore
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The 6th National conference of the Institute of Scientometrics on ‘Information for All’ has started with an invocation. The dais was occupied by inaugural speaker Prof IK Ravichandra Rao, Prof. T. D. Kemparaj, president of the occasion, Dr.S.L.Sangam Conference Chair, Dr. PY Rajendra Kumar Chief guest, Dr. Satish Hosamani Organizing Chair, Prof. PV Konnur, organizing secretary and Dr. Ananda T. Byrappa conference director.

The occasion kick started by lighting the auspicious lamp with traditional customs by the dignitaries. Prof. PV Konnur, organizing secretary welcomed the gathering and highlighted the theme of the conference. Prof. S. L. Sangam, (Conference chair) introduced the Institute of Scientometrics, its origin, establishment, development, activities and also briefed about the developments in the area of Scientometrics and other sub themes of the conference. Prof. S. L. Sangam highlighted the relevance of sub themes, Infographics, social media and public libraries in context to scientometrics which facilitates in disseminating Information to All. Prof. T.D Kemparaj, Dr. P.Y Rajendra Kumar, were awarded Life time achievement award by LIS Academy and Dr. Ananda T. Byrappa was awarded LIS Academy Fellow. Prof. IK Ravichandrarao was awarded” Fellow of IOS 2017” he gave key note talk and dignitaries

addressed conference delegates and asked them to make us of this wonderful platform to enrich their knowledge. 250 delegates participated in the conference and 42 papers were presented.

Prior to the inauguration, 3 tutorials were organized for the benefit of participants. First tutorial was delivered by Dr. Jayashree on “Stress management for Librarians”, she emphasized the need of stress management in present days to be more productive in both professional and personal life. Second tutorial was on “Book metrics” by Mr. Kumareshan who highlighted the latest development in metrics of e-books usage. Third tutorial was delivered by Mr. Shivaram B.S on one of the conference sub theme Infographics; he demonstrated various tools to create Infographics.

The whole Information for All conference was divided in 6 broad Technical Sessions:

Technical Session 1: Scientometrics

The session was chaired by Dr. Tapaswi and Dr. Satish Monuli was the rapporteur. Seven papers were presented along with two theme papers by Dr. Snehan Shusaha and Dr. Sujit Bhattachary. The session on Scientometrics discussed on Credible metrics of Scholastic Evidence using Recursive refreshing and machine learning; International collaboration changing contour of science in the 21st century, collaboration on Nanotechnology research; Scientometric analysis of Swine flu research; Research productivity of Science academics reflected in google scholar, web citation analysis ; scientometric portrait of Rakesh Bhatnagar, evolution of engineering college web sites; indicator growth Vs Obsolescence poliomyelitis Literature.

Technical Session 2: Scientometrics

The session was chaired by Dr. Maltesh Motibennur and Smt. Savita Naik was the rapporteur. Seven papers were presented along with one theme paper by Dr. Tapaswi on Ranking of

universities and institutions open opportunities for Scientometrics and Information professionals. Interesting presentations were made by the authors on applications, mapping S & T Indicators Bradford' law; Scientometrics study of Nobel laureate George E Smith; Scientometric Portrait of Prof. Anurag Kumar; Measurement of research productivity in Science and engineering through metrics; Small world author community; Indian Currency demonetization a webometric study.

Technical Session 3: Scientometrics

The session was chaired by Prof. V.M Bankapur and Mr. Raghavendra K.V was the rapporteur.

Three papers were presented along with 2 theme papers by Dr. S.M Pujar and Dr. Vijayakumar on Altmetrics on Altmetrics! A study of top 100 articles on altmetrics and an analysis of research trends in central universities of Rajasthan. The Papers were presented on collaboration pattern of the scientist, agriculture scientific output and its relationship to GDP; Measurement of research productivity of Agricultural and biological sciences and experimenting google fusion table.

Technical Session 4: Infographics

The session was chaired by Dr. K T Santhosh Kumar and Mrs. Vinutha Swas the rapporteur.

Two papers were presented along with two invited talks by Dr. Siddamallaih and Mr. Madhuresh Singhal on Scietometrics to Infographics and Infographics for Info centers respectively. Seven posters presentations were also presented and exhibited the Infographics submitted for the National level Infographics competition.

Day 3

Technical Session 5: Public Libraries

The session was chaired by Prof. BS Biradar and Smt. Bharaati Tubachi was the rapporteur.

Prof. Pitambar Padhi , Dr. V.M Bankapur and Dr. Kunni Krishnan delivered theme papers on social responsibility of public libraries and Connecting people through public libraries.

Technical Session 6: Public Libraries

The session was chaired by Mr. S.R Dey and Dr. N Mohan was the rapporteur.

Five papers were presented in this session along with two theme papers by Dr. Rajendrababu and Dr. Maltesh Motebennur on Social media as learning, teaching , research and Agriculture information system. Authors presented five papers on use of social networking tools for libraries, Open courseware initiatives, analysis of impact of social networking sites; use of ICT as a tool to enhance children's creativity, and user friendly best practices.

Panel Discussion

Panel Discussion was an added attraction of the conference. Theme: “**Beyond Scientometrics**”.

Moderator: Dr. Sujit Bhattachary, Sr. Principal Scientist, CSIR-NISTADS, New Delhi .Panelists:

1) Dr. I.R.N. Goudar, Adjunct professor, Mangalore Universty. 2) Prof. Pitambar Padhi. Professor (Rtd.) Utkal University , Bhubaneshwar, 3) Dr. S.M Pujar, Deputy Librarian, IGIDR, Mumbai.

There were six product presentations, most useful and informative from the point of view of Library and Information centers and professionals, made by the following publishing companies as part of their support in the form of sponsorship as follows:

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I extend my sincere thanks to all presenter, session chairmen's, and rapporteur for their brief reporting. I also thank all invited speakers, tutorial speakers and panelist for their excellent insightful talks and discussion to carry forward the motto of conference theme. Last but not least I thank all delegates for their patience listening and making this conference grand success. I wish and pray lord jagannatha to shower blessing to all for a prosperous new year 2018. I am sure that all will carry sweet memories of this conference.

Thank you once again, good bye