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SPECIAL EVENTS IN FOCUS

Special General Meeting of University Librarians

Association Sri Lanka

Special General Meeting of University Librarians Association (ULA), Sri Lanka was held on 1st April 2019 at Seminar Room of the Library, University of Colombo. Objectives of the meeting were to draw immediate attention of the ULA members to the current and future challenges of the academic librarians and discuss strategies to respond to the challenges successfully. Dr. Chaminda Jayasundara, President of the ULA/Librarian, University of Kelaniya, Dr. Pradeepa Wijethunge, Librarian, University of Colombo, Mrs. Asoka Siriwardhana, Librarian, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mrs. T.N. Neighsoorei, Librarian, Sabaragamuwa University were lead the discussion and other ULA members were actively participated the event by including their views to overcome the challenges of the academic librarians. Five sub committees were appointed by the Special General Meeting to make suggestions on specific five areas. The committees will serve to revise certain sections relevant to the librarians/ libraries in the Universities Act, to develop a definition and identification of the role of university librarians, to update the circular No 921 of UGC, to be on par with the current circulars on recruitment and promotion of university teaching staff, to change the titles of library academic staff and to develop strategies on research and publications by the university librarians. Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa, Dr. Chaminda Jayasundara, Mrs. Shriyani Perara, Mr. G.R. Padmasiri and Dr. Pradeepa Wijethunge were the conveners of the committees respectively.