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## EVENTS IN FOCUS

### ICULA 2019 International Research Conference on “Reinvigorating Libraries: SMART Responsiveness for Sustainability” winds up with Grandeur

The 10th International Research Conference organized by the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka commenced at 9.00 am on the 18th of September, 2019 at the Empire Ball Room, Mount Lavinia Hotel, Colombo. The Chief Guest of the occasion was, Her Excellency Robina P. Marks, the South African High Commissioner for Sri Lanka, and the Keynote Speakers were Prof. Maithree Wickramasinghe, Senior Professor of English, University of Kelaniya and Prof. Susirith Mendis, Senior Professor of Physiology, General Sir Kotelawala Defence University were greeted and accompanied by Dr. Chaminda C Jayasundara, the President of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka, Mr. W.J.Jeyaraj, the Conference Chair (Overall Management) for ICULA 2019, Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara, Immediate Past President of ULA and Mrs.Hiruni Kanchana, the General Secretary of ULA.

The Conference had a total attendance of nearly 160 local and International participants. The event opened with a traditional welcome dance by the students of the University of Kelaniya and was followed by a video documentary that elucidated the history, achievements and its milestones attained by ULA.

Dr. Chaminda Jayasundara, the President of ULA, delivered the welcome address and recalled some longstanding professional achievements that ULA has accomplished over the years. Subsequently, the Conference Chair (Overall Management), W.J.Jeyaraj addressed the audience with the Conference Introductory speech stressing the purpose and the nature of the Conference themed, “Reinvigorating Libraries : SMART Responsiveness for Sustainability”.

Ensuing the introductory address Prof. Susirith Mendis presented the first Keynote Speech. In his speech, he mentioned that “since information has branched into several forms, providing it in an efficient manner to the readers requires the reinvigoration, that is, “the re-insertion of the strengths offered through technology”.

In recognition of Prof. Mendis' presence and valuable address, he was presented with a token of appreciation by Dr. (Mrs). Nayana Wijayasundara, Immediate Past President, ULA.

Following that, the Conference Proceedings and the Official Journal of ULA 'JULA' & the Newsletters were ceremoniously handed over to the delegates of the Head table by Mr. Nishan Punchihewa, Co-Chair (Publications) and Mrs. M.M.Mashroofa, Editor, ULA respectively.

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