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From President's desk,.....

Dear colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all the friends, well wishers and library professionals to the newly developed dynamic site of Indian Library Association (ILA) (<http://www.ilaindia.net/>), which in fact, is a sort of Academic cum professional website, as it not only serves the requirements of Library professionals in India but also keeps the knowledge of LIS up-to-date, through gateways /websites etc. Since the present team of office-bearers of ILA took over on 1st April 2016, there was a strong feeling amongst the members to invigorate the Association. The present website is a step in the same direction. The agenda of the 1st council meeting held on 1st May 2016 followed by the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 26th June 2016 clearly indicates the total commitment of all the office-bearers of ILA to work together to achieve this end. Agenda/ minutes of all such meetings will be made available on this site for the information of one and all. The priority issues of the present team include:

1. Registration of new members.
2. Income of ILA through advertisements/conferences/donations etc.
3. Librarians' qualifications for recruitment, pay scales and age of superannuation.
4. Alternate location of ILA Office/Building.
5. Accreditation of LIS courses by a recognized body, on the pattern of MCI, NCTE, AICTE etc.

While the online Registration is expected to increase the membership, provision of space for advertisements on the website will significantly contribute to the present depleted condition of ILA's finances. All the office-bearers especially the Vice Presidents and Secretaries should approach vendors of books, softwares, hardware, IT services etc. to ensure at least one advertisement each. Similarly, the proposed 'Online Election' will not only save about 1.5 lac rupees but will also bring transparency in the Election process. The module will be developed after consensus. As to the allotment of a suitable piece of land for new ILA building at any suitable location in Delhi, H.E. Shri Najeeb Jung, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi has already been approached. For other issues, ILA is committed to get all the justifiable demands of the Librarians fulfilled by adopting every possible democratic means.

By the time, I request all the working librarians to do everything possible to bring more respectability to the profession by devoting themselves to the cause of library service, both manually and technologically. They have to look more smart and courteous in their service to the Library users and also impress upon library managers by their work. While doing so, please ponder over my three mottos (appearing below), and apply them at your work place, your country and the world at large. You will find this world as a better place to live.

Wishing you all the best for your bright future ahead,

Sincerely

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