

Library

HAS, Shimla

The 3rd meeting of Library Advisory Committee (LAC) was held at 3 PM on 29th November, 2010. The following members attended the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Peter Ronald deSouza, Director | (In the Chair) |
| 2. Prof.G.C. Tripathi. National, Fellow | (Member) |
| 3. Dr. Prachi Khandeparkar, Fellow | (Member) |
| 4. Dr. Pramod Kumar, Fellow | (Member) |
| 5. Dr. Yoginder Singh Sikand, Fellow | (Member) |
| 6. Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director INFLIBNET | (Member) |
| 7. Sliri Prem Chand, Librarian | (Member) |
| 8. Neeraj Sharma, Professional Assistant | (Special Invitee) |

Shri S.P. Thakur, Secretary, HAS could not attend the meeting due to prior engagements.

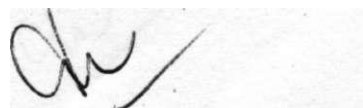
The Director extended a warm welcome to the newly nominated members. He informed the members that it is the third meeting in last four months. Addressing the members, he highlighted the various steps taken in the Library during the last one and half years. It was followed by the discussion on the agenda item and action taken report.

1 Confirmation of Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th July 2010.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2010 were placed for confirmation. The committee confirmed the minutes.

2. Action Taken Report on the recommendations made by the Committee in the meeting held on July 13, 2009.

The Committee noted the action taken report on each item. The Committee reviewed the follow up action on the recommendations given during the meeting of LAC on 13th July, 2010. The Committee discussed on the



pending issues of earlier agenda items of previous meeting. The recommendations of the previous agenda items are given below:

Agenda Item No 1: Library Modernization

The Librarian informed the committee that library would like to develop separate section of Audio Video library. The Committee suggested that library should prepare a proposal with regard to this agenda and implement it in time bound manner. The Director expressed that Library should have a good audio- video collection of classical films and documentaries. It was decided to constitute a committee with following members.

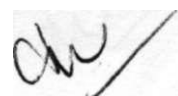
- i. Dr. Yogender Singh, Fellow
- ii. Dr Vijaya Singh, Fellow
- iii. Dr Prachi Khandeparkar, Fellow

The committee will identify classic films and documentaries and assist library to develop state-of-art Section. It was suggested that the library should contact the Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS) Library for their collections of films and sources thereof.

The Director, informed the librarian to install self operating Xerox facility in the library. It was decided that this service should be available to the users by the new session i.e. March 2011.

Agenda Item No 2: Discontinuation of subscription of print journals which are already available online under NLIST. The list of such journals is given in the Annexure I.

The committee discussed on the recommendations of Library Sub Committee and deliberated on the issues of discontinuation of print journals which are available under NLIST programme. Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director INFLIBNET, informed that the NLIST programme is a project, which is initiated by MHRD in 11th Five Year Plan. He further informed the committee that there is a possibility that the project can be discontinued in next five year plan (12th Five year Plan). In light of this, the committee decided that library should not discontinue the print subscription of any print journal which is available under NLIST.



Agenda Item No 4: Subscription of the following (Archive) e-resources.

The committee discussed the recommendations of Library Sub Committee and proposal received from various publishers for purchase of E-Archives. Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET, has informed that INFLIBNET will reconsider its earlier decision to include HAS under UGC INFONET Consortium. In this regard, he advised that HAS should give fresh request for inclusion under INFLIBNET Consortium by furnishing more details about the IUC facility. He further advised to write to Secretary MHRD and Chairman UGC for extending facility of consortium based subscription to HAS Library. Director informed the Librarian to select e-resources in the field of Humanities and Social Science which is available under INFLIBNET Consortium. Librarian informed that HAS may request for e-journals published by Taylor and Francis, SpringerLink, Emerald, Project Muse^Willy Interscience and Nature. The Director informed the Librarian to prepare a letter to be sent to the Chairman, UGC and the Secretary, MHRD.

After the deliberation, the committee decided that the purchase of E-archive should be deferred for the time being.

Agenda items of the 3rd meeting of the LAC

Item 1: Renewal of Print Journals for the year 2010-11

The Committee recommended renewing of the subscription of print journals without any addition and deletion in the existing list. All the print journals subscribed during the year 2009-10 should be renewed for the financial year 2010-11.

Item 2: Recommendation of Library Sub- Committee:

Purchase/subscription of E-Journal

The committee decided that the purchase of E-archive should be deferred for the time being.

Item 3: Suggestions made by the members of the Governing Board:

3.1. Enhancement of the honorarium of project staff:

The Librarian informed the committee that the proposal of re-engaging three Library Trainee and Computer Trainee/ Project Trainee was placed before the 135th meeting of Governing Board held on 9th November, 2010. The GB has approved the proposal of retention of three library trainee and one Computer Trainee/Project Trainee (Computer) and suggested to enhance the honorarium of contractual staff in the library.

The enhancement of the honorarium was discussed in the meeting. The Committee recommended that the honorarium of contractual staff should be equivalent to basic salary (Pay Band+ Grade Pay) of the entry level of the library profession in Government libraries. After detailed discussion, the committee unanimously decided to increase the monthly honorarium from Rs. 9000/- to Rs. 15000/- per month (Fifteen thousand only) to Library Trainee and Computer / Project Trainee. The committee also recommended that their designations should be changed to Project Assistant (Library) and Project Assistant (Computer) respectively.

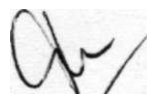
3.2 Library Membership:

The Committee decided that the annual membership fee for external members should be made Rs.1000/- (One thousand) for all the category of the Library members including the members from H.P University faculty.

Item 4. Any other issue with the permission of the chair

4.1. Purchase of Microfiche and Microfilms:

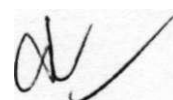
Dr Jagdish Arora, Director INFLIBNET suggested that instead of purchasing of microfiche reader, library should digitise the Microfilms and Microfiche. The Director agreed to the suggestion made by Dr Arora and he further suggested that the digitisation should be done on contractual basis through outside firm.



4.2. Poor light facility in the Stack area:

The committee discussed that in the stack area of dining hall, the lighting facility is very poor. The Committee suggested that the proper and sufficient lighting arrangements in the stack area should be done. In addition, Library should purchase emergency light.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Librarian

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(Prof. Peter Ronald deSouza, Director)