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Workshop on KOHA
13 – 15 February 2009

Organized in association with

Christ Nagar School
Kowdiar P.O.
Thiruvananthapuram

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Introduction

KOHA, the first Open-Source Integrated Library Management System (ILMS), is a true enterprise-class package with comprehensive functionality including basic or advanced options. KOHA is fast emerging as a preferred Package for library applications. It includes modules for Acquisitions, Cataloguing, Circulation, Serials Control, Patron Management, Branch Relationships and more.

The new features of KOHA version 3.0, which was released recently, include the following:

- Simple, clear interface for Librarians and Members (Patrons)
- Customizable Search
- Circulation and Borrower Management
- Cataloging Module with integrated Z39.50 client
- Full Acquisitions System including Budgets and Pricing information
- Simple Acquisitions System for the smaller libraries
- Ability to cope up with any number of Branches, Patrons, Patron Categories, Item Categories, Currencies and other data
- Serials System for magazines or newspapers
- Reading Lists for Members.

This Training Programme assumes considerable significance in the context of the decision of the Government of Kerala to implement KOHA as the Library Management Software for the College libraries across the State. As you are aware, KLA, in its pursuit to bring qualitative changes in the library system in Kerala, has already conducted a series of Awareness Programmes in Open Source Software for Library Management and Digital Library Initiatives in various parts of the State under the auspices of our Regional Committees.

As a logical sequence of events, the LIS professionals are to migrate from Awareness Programmes to Workshops, so as to enable them to practise in their work environment, what they have learnt. With this idea precisely in view, KLA has already geared up to organize a series of advanced training courses in different parts of Kerala. The programme series commences with this Three Day Workshop scheduled to be held on 13-15 February 2009, at the **Christ Nagar School, near Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram**. Extensive practical sessions/hands on training, enriched with interactive sessions will be the hallmark of the programme.

We are sure, participation in the Workshop will help develop your capacity to use the package and thereby enhance the efficiency of your library system.

You are cordially invited to participate in the Workshop.

Objectives

The main objectives of the Workshop are:

- To introduce the LINUX operating system to the LIS professionals.
- To acquaint the participants with the installation of KOHA.
- To provide extensive hands on training to the participants so as to enable them to work independently.
- To build up a Forum of KOHA users in Kerala to support its sustainable usage and development.

Participants

LIS professionals working in any type of library can participate in the Workshop. Only condition is that they should be conversant with computer operations. Preference will be given to those who have access to computers in their libraries.

The number of participants is restricted to 40 and admission will be strictly on a first-come-first-served basis.

Workshop Faculty

The faculty will include the best in the field with extensive practical experience in LINUX and KOHA.

Registration Fee

The Registration Fee for the Workshop is Rs.1000.00 per participant. Members of KLA need pay only Rs. 900.00. The fee covers the cost of course material, lunch and tea. The fee should be paid in the form of Demand Draft or local Cheque drawn in favour of Kerala Library Association and payable at Thiruvananthapuram. Money Orders and outstation Cheques are not acceptable.

Application

The Application should be made in the format given along with this brochure. Separate applications should be given for more than one person. Copies of the application can also be downloaded from the KLA Website www.keralalibraryassociation.org. The filled up application along with the DD/local Cheque should reach the address given below *on or before 5 February 2009*.

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Format of the Application Form

Name :
Designation :
Institutional Address :

Telephone Office : Residence
Mobile :
E-mail :
Professional Experience :
(in years)

Whether member of KLA :

Mode of payment : DD/ Local cheque No. dated

Date

Signature

About KLA

Kerala Library Association, the premier professional body in the LIS domain of this region was founded in 1971, by formally registering under the Societies Registration Act. With a strength of more than 800 professionally qualified members -- both from Kerala and outside -- in its fold and having Regional Committees at Kottayam, Ernakulam, Thrissur and Kozhikode, KLA has been able to outreach all categories of libraries and LIS professionals across the State. The Association has been contributing significantly to the scientific management and quality improvement of LIS in Kerala, in addition to providing valid inputs to the policy-making processes, particularly in the Public and Academic Library Systems of the region. As part of the continuing education programmes, KLA has organized scores of Training Courses, Workshops, Seminars and Conferences, Invited Lectures, Discussions, Debates etc. The National Seminars held on School Libraries (1998), Libraries of the Higher Education Sector (2005) and on the Public Libraries (2008) won nationwide acclaim and brought laurels to KLA. It also pursues an active publication programme.