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ForPPTI Conference 2010



Participants of workshop for theological librarians of Indonesia

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Facing of Indonesian regulations and library standard toward 2012 national accreditation for university and seminary, Forum of Theological Librarian and Library in Indonesia (ForPPTI) make a seminar and workshop of theological librarian in Indonesia. The seminar and workshop was held at Bethel Seminary, Jakarta, during June, 23-24, 2009, under the theme “Professionalism of Indonesia theological librarian”. The seminar and workshop was the first of its kind for theological librarian in Indonesia at national level.

The seminar and workshop had six resource persons and 85 participants from 53 seminaries coming from all over Indonesia. Of this forty five participants from Jakarta, Bekasi, and Tangerang, nine from West Java, 9 from Middle Java, 8 from East Java, three from North Sumatera, one from Batam, 4 from South Sulawesi, 1 from Middle Sulawesi, 1 from North Sulawesi, 2 from Maluku, and three from Kalimantan. Papua and Timor were not represented in this workshop. This workshop was financially supported by Foundation for Theological Education in South East Asia (FTESEA), Forum of Asia Theological Librarian (ForATL), JUREWITZ from Netherlands, and Association of Indonesian Theological Seminaries (PERSETIA) by some individuals in Jakarta.

ForPTTI Conference ... contd.,**Resource Persons and topics addressed:**

1. Seminar

- Abdul Rahman (IPB Information Technology for Library), - Library implementation in University, coping the era of information technology.
- Lucya Dhamayanti (National Library of Indonesia), - Library as a learning resource centre toward a world class university library.
- Adi Wibowo (Petra Christian University) - Overview of library automation and library software.
- Hilda V. Putong (Indonesia Area Representative Theological Librarian) and Ermy Gah (Librarian of Bethel Seminary), - Overview of theological association and library and forum of librarians in Indonesia and at international level.

2. Workshop: Processing of library material by Sulistyo Basuki (Indonesia University) and Hilda V. Putong

Major issues discussed:

- Library management, Indonesian regulations and library standard toward 2012 National accreditation for university and seminary.
- Formal and informal library education for theological librarian.
- Advanced courses in theological librarianship.
- The need for active collaboration between theological librarians, university librarians, and principal of theological seminaries to develop theological library to meet the university standard of a library.
- Processing library material.
- Training on library software.
- Networking of theological libraries through exchange, partnerships and publications – nationally, regionally and with support of ecumenical associations.

Findings:

Some impressions and concerns were emerged as follows:

- Participants were enthusiastic to attend the librarian seminar and workshop.
- The materials were improved their skills and relevant to their respective library.
- Participants met colleagues from other theological institutions from all over Indonesia and shared their experiences and expanded their network.
- Participants founded the Indonesian librarian forum (ForPPTI), and elected its executive committee.
- Participants suggested to continue programs and network with other related associations to improve their skills and developed their library.

Workshop activities

ForPPTI Execom, Periode 2010 – 2014

Advisor : 1. Hilda V. Putong, Indonesia Area Representative from Forum of Asian Theological Librarians
2. Association of Indonesian Theological Seminaries (to be appointed)

Convenor: Rev. Ermy Gah, Bethel Seminary, Jakarta
Secretary: Rev. Elfian Sumendap, Tiranus Bible Seminary, Bandung
Treasurer: Bayu Gunawan, Institut Theologia Aletheia, Lawang

**Area Representative :**

1. Jakarta, Tangerang and Bekasi (JABODETABEK)
Coordinator : Pdt. Ermy Gah, Bethel Seminary, Jakarta
Associate : Toni Afandi, Amanat Agung Theological Seminary
2. West Java
Coordinator : Rev. Elfian Sumendap, Institut Alkitab Tiranus, Bandung
Associate : Desiana Nainggolan, Bandung Theological Seminary
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Coordinator : Agus Abusiri, Sangkakala Theological Seminary, Salatiga
Associate : Yaudi Santos Santoso, Soteria Theological Seminary, Purwokerto
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Associate : Haryono Susilo, Asia Tenggara Bible School, Malang
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6. Kalimantan
Coordinator : Freden Ansang, GKE Banjarmasin Theological Seminary
Associate : Orles Yonatan, Kalimantan Theological Seminary, Pontianak
7. Middle and North Sulawesi
Coordinator : Roy Marthen Langoy, Christin University in Tomohon
Associate :
8. Papua : (to be appointed)



Executive Committee 2010-2014

Committee Members

Reported by Hilda V. Putong (Librarian of STT INTIM Makassar), Indonesia Area Representative

Joint Library Committee, Bangalore, India, Celebrates Silver Jubilee



Opening remarks, by Dr. John Samuel Raj, the Principal of United Theological College.



Rev. Stephenson



JLC Silver Jubilee celebrations



Welcome speech, Mr. Yesan Sellan, Convener, JLC



Chief Guest, Dr. Venkadesan, the Librarian of Indian Institute of Science addressing the audience.



Participants of Silver Jubilee celebrations of Joint Library Committee held on 18-Nov-2010

The Joint Library Committee meeting held at Dharmaram Vidhya Shethram, on 22 July 2010 decided to organize a Silver Jubilee Celebration and constituted an organizing committee consists of Rev. Stephenson Manuel, Mr. Yesan Sellan, Mrs. Rita Wesley, and Fr. Gerard Pushparaj. The organizing committee, along with UTC community made all the arrangements for the Silver Jubilee Celebration.

The Silver Jubilee Celebration of Joint Library Committee (JLC) of Bangalore was held on 18 November 2010, at United Theological College. The JLC members met at Ecumenical Resource Centre of UTC by 9.45 AM and the members of the organizing committee briefed on the arrangements of the programme and prayed for its success.

Celebration started at 11.00 AM. Mr. Chacko Chacko (President, Indian Theological Library Association) was the chairperson. After singing the devotional bhajan by members of the UTC community, Dr. John Samuel Raj (Principal, UTC) welcomed the gathering. Guests of honour lighted the lamp. The JLC Secretary Mr. Yesan welcomed the gathering, reminded the members of the path, through which JLC walked, and thanked the institutions for their support and encouragement. Rev. Stephenson introduced the speakers. Dr. Venkadesan, (librarian, IISc) addressed the gathering and spoke on 'Information technology for the enhancement of education'. Dr. Brian Wintle (ATA) inaugurated the union catalogue and JLC web-site. Mr. Savitra (OSS Labs) explained about the usage of the union catalogue.

Fr. Joseph Lionel (St. Peters Seminary) spoke on 'Web-based information services for theological education'. Words of felicitations were spoken by Mr. Chacko Chacko (ITLA), Dr. Ian Payne (Principal, SAIACS), Rev. Pravinkumar (President, SABC), and Dr. Joseph Patmury (former librarian, UTC). Mrs. Rita Wesley offered the vote of thanks. Dr. Jacob Cherian (vice president, SABC) concluded the meeting with a prayer and pronounced benediction. The celebration got over with the fellowship lunch provided by the UTC community. We, the organizing committee thank God for giving us an wonderful celebration and thank all the dignitaries, participants, including the principals, faculty members, librarians, well-wishers, UTC community, especially for all the support and contributions made towards the success of this celebration.

Union Catalogue Link: <http://jlc-koha.osslabs.biz>

Reported by
Rev. Stephenson (Librarian, Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore)
Convener, Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee.

LIBRARIAN TRAINING FUNDS AVAILABLE

Librarian training is an important priority for the Foundation for Theological Education in South East Asia. At its 2009 annual meeting, the FTESEA voted to set aside \$5,000 each year for support of scholarships and training workshops for individuals working at theological libraries in China and South East Asia.

Applicants for scholarship and workshop funds should be associated with one of the CCC related seminaries or ATESEA member schools. Scholarship funds will be granted with the proviso that the individual agrees to continue working at his/her home institution for at least two years following completion of the supported course(s). To apply for scholarship support, the individual's sponsoring institution should contact Dr. H.S. Wilson, Executive Director of the FTESEA, to obtain a grant request form (ftewilson@gmail.com). As funds permit, the FTESEA will also provide support for archives and library workshops, with preference given to events that are collaborative across regions and institutions. The librarian training programs and workshops supported by this initiative must take place in Asia.

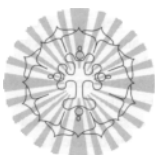
If you have questions, please contact Dr. H.S. Wilson or Martha Smalley, chair of the FTESEA Library Development Task Group (martha.smalley@yale.edu).

Visit: <http://www.ftesea.org/news.htm>

Union Catalogue of Bangalore Theological Libraries

The Joint Library Committee (JLC), Bangalore, launched its union catalogue on 18-November-2010. This Union Catalogue has bibliographic records from four premier theological seminaries in Bangalore such as United Theological College (www.utcbangalore.in), South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies (www.saiacs.org), Southern Asia Bible College (www.sabconline.com) and St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, (www.stpeters.org.in). It provides access to over 2.15 lakhs bibliographic records from these libraries. It is the first of its kind in Asia. Congratulations to Joint Library Committee. Mr. Yesan Sellan, convener of JLC, was instrumental in getting this online catalogue launched with the technical support from OSS Labs (www.osslabs.biz).

ForATL solicits reports and news items, photographs and useful information for future issues.



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Upcoming 6th Consultation in Philippines during April 10-14, 2012, on Best practices in the libraries.