



National Institute of  
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University of Colombo,  
Sri Lanka



*Theme: “Challenges and Opportunities for Libraries in the New Normal”*

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021  
9.00 to 13.15 (SL Time) - Via Zoom

## Programme

9.00 am. Inauguration

9.05- 9.10 Welcome Address

Dr. Ruwan Gamage  
NRS 2020 Symposium Co-Chair  
Acting Director, National Institute of Library and Information Sciences  
University of Colombo

9.10-9.25 Address by the Chief Guest

Senior Professor Chandrika. N. Wijeyaratne  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Colombo

9.25-9.30 Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

Dr. Chiranthi Wijesundara,  
Program Committee Member

9.30-9.50 Keynote Address

Dr. Bhuva Narayan, Assistant Professor, School of Communication, University  
of Technology Sydney, Australia

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10.00-10.50 Technical Session 1A: Librarianship (LIB) - I

**Chaired by:** Dr. N.D. Wijayasundara, Librarian, University of Sri  
Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka & Mr. Uditha Alahakoon, Assistant Librarian,  
NILIS, University of Colombo

**Technical Session 1B: Information Sources and Services (ISS)**

**Chaired by:** Dr Syeda Hina Batool, Assistant Professor, Department of  
Information Management, University of the Punjab, Pakistan & Ms. Ruvini  
Kodikara, Librarian, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

**Technical Session 1C: Covid-19 and Learning (COL)**

**Chaired by:** Dr. Md. Anwarul Islam, Associate Professor, Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh & Mr. P.G. Premadasa, Retired Senior Lecturer, NILIS, University of Colombo

**10.50-11.00 Q & A**

**11.00-11.50 Technical Session 2A: Librarianship (LIB) - II**

**Chaired by:** Dr. G.R. Padmasiri, Librarian, University of the Visual & Performing Arts of Sri Lanka & Ms. T.C. Ranawella, Acting Librarian, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka

**Technical Session 2B: IT Applications (ITA)**

**Chaired by:** Dr. Muhammad Rafiq, Associate Professor, University of Central Punjab, Pakistan & Dr. Chaminda Jayasundara, Librarian, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

**Technical Session 2C: Effect of Covid-19 Pandemic on Libraries (CPL)**

**Chaired by:** Dr. Naresh Agarwal, Associate Professor, School of Library and Information Science, Simmons University, Boston, USA & Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen, Librarian, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka

**11.50-12.00 Q & A**

**12.00-13.00 Plenary Session**

**Plenary Session Chair & Symposium Co-Chair:** Dr. Bhakti Gala, Assistant Professor, School of Library and Information Science, Central University of Gujarat, India

**Panelists**

Dr. Nadeera Rupesinghe, Director General National Archives  
Mr. W. Sunil, Director General, National Library and Documentation Services Board of Sri Lanka

Dr. Namali Suraweera, Head, Department of Library & Information Science, University of Kelaniya

Dr. Kapila Bandara, Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge, Librarian, University of Colombo

Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Acting Director, NILIS, University of Colombo

**13.00-13.10 Vote of Thanks**

Ms. Shabnam Johoran,  
Program Committee Member

**13.15 Closing of the Symposium**