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**Eleventh Annual Convention & Conference
20-22 January, 1992**

The Society for Information Science is organizing its annual Conference at the National Chemical Laboratory, Pune during 20-22 January, 1992. The theme of the Conference has been revised and now would be *Current Trends in Information Technology & Impact on Information Scene in India*. The theme would be discussed in the following 6 Technical sessions :

Technical Session No. 1 : Database creation: components required; uniformity of formats; cost involved.

Technical Session No. 2 : Users requirements; services offered; impact of DTP technology structuring the prices; policy outlined.

Technical Session No. 3 : Data on-line or off-line; Telecommunication operation involved; fee charged.

Technical Session No. 4 : Networking of the National Services; problems and prospects.

Technical Session No. 5 : Marketing strategies; publicity for products offered; need for restructuring services to meet the demands.

Technical Session No. 6 : Recommendations

Papers from participants are required to be submitted well in advance, latest by Oct. 31, 1991. It is proposed to print these papers after careful scrutiny by the Editorial Committee before the convention. Late receipts of papers will not be accommodated.

The Registration fee for participants is Members Rs 500/- and Non-members Rs 600/- which may be remitted by draft to the Secretary, Society for Information Science C/o PID Building, Hillside Road, New Delhi-110012

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Fifth Technical Communication Course

The Society for Information Science is organizing Fifth Technical Communications Course during 26-30 November, 1991 in New Delhi. There would be about 30 participants in the Course.

It is planned to cover the following topics during the Course : (1) Effective communication in today's information society, (2) Basics of effective communication in S&T, (3) Audience analysis and adaptation, (4) Elements of primary communication : [a] Title and introduction, [b] Abstract, summary and conclusion, [c] Body, [d] Data handling (graphical aids) (5) Mechanism and processes, (6) Linguistics, (7) Readability yardsticks, (8) Finding Information : Sources of Information, (9) Referencing and Indexing, (10) Proficiency in Technical reporting, (11) Other variants of technical communication : Memoranda, proposals, letters etc., (12) Oral presentation, (13) Consolidation of S&T information : Review articles; Encyclopaedias; and reference works, (14) Printing and Production, (15) Desk Top Publishing, (16) Development of Software specifically relevant to handling of S&T Information and (17) Database Creation

Participation fees is Rs. 500/- for Members of SIS and Rs. 600/- for Non-Members.

Young Information Scientist's Award

Applications are invited from young Information Scientists aged below 35, for the Young Information Scientist Award. The award was instituted in memory of late Sh. A.S. Raizada, Founder Secretary of the Society.

The application along with bio-data and scientific contributions like research papers, books or any other material produced by him/her may please be sent to the Secretary, Society for Information Science C/o PID Building, Hillside Road, New Delhi - 110 012 latest by the 15th November, 1991.

Rationalisation of Periodicals saves Foreign Exchange

The DELNET (Delhi Library Network), a project of NISSAT has been able to save substantial foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 22 lakhs last year as a result of cooperation among the Delhi Libraries. In the meeting of the Consultative Committee on Rationalisation of Periodicals in

Delhi Libraries, Dr. A. Lahiri, Joint Advisor, NISSAT has informed that by cooperating with each other in resource sharing, the libraries could be collectively self reliant. The NISSAT is planning three ventures, two of which are already in progress, viz. CCRP and E-mail. The third project which is being processed would be on Common Card System. The cards will be issued to user scholars on payment of a Security Deposit which will enable them to make use of the reading room, lending, photo copying and other facilities of the Libraries in the country which would be cooperating with NISSAT. This could be a major step in resource sharing and information distribution.

World's Fastest microprocessor from Intel

Intel Corp of the U.S. has announced the world's fastest and biggest microprocessor, the first to contain over 2.5 million transistors, called 1860XP.

The chip combines supercomputer performance and microprocessor technology to accelerate the development of high-end computing systems.

According to Intel this is the only microprocessor with inherent support for multiprocessing, parallel processing and visualization, all on a single chip.

Produced on Intel's advanced 0.8 million technology less than one hundredth of the thickness of a human hair - this processor is designed to power systems from massively parallel supercomputers and multiprocessing systems to work stations and PC sub-systems.

This 64-bit microprocessor provided a peak performance rate of 100 million floating point operations per second at 50 megahertz and is suited to meet complex number computing needs of scientific, engineering and graphics applications as well as business applications like financial forecasting and on-line transaction processing.

Computer Application in Library & Information Activities

The INSDOC, New Delhi, organised a 5-week short-term course on 'Computer Application in Library & Information Activities' during Aug. 19 to Sept 20, 1991. It is the third during this year and 19th in the series ever since INSDOC started such courses with the financial assistance of NISSAT, New Delhi.

There were 20 participants in all including five women, three of whom were from outside Delhi. Half of the participants came from Delhi (including three from INSDOC itself) while the other half came from such far off places as Trivandrum, Shimoga, Raipur, Hyderabad, Calicut, Bombay, and Amritsar giving it an all-India character.

The participants have been given training for 5 days a week starting from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. daily about the MS-DOS, Word Star, LOTUS-123, and CDS/ISIS, in addition to the historical development of computer and its applications in various fields. It is hoped that this course will help the working librarians to computerise one or more functions of their respective libraries.

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Book Review

**Sewa Singh, Indian Library and Information Science Literature, (1986-89)
New Delhi : Ess Ess, 1991, 612.**

This book includes in its scope almost all the published literature on library and information science in India during 1986-89 in various sources such as journals books, seminar and conference papers (available in bound though mimeographed form), anthologies. It also includes articles contributed by Indian authors in some foreign sources and similarly foreign authors published in Indian sources, thereby making the coverage as comprehensive as possible.

It includes more than 2,700 citations all of which are provided with informative abstracts in order to help the users in selecting pertinent citations. All the citations are arranged in classified order according to Dewey Decimal Classification, 20th Edition; and under each heading, and sub-heading, the citations are arranged in alphabetical order.

At the end are provided two useful indexes : 'Subject Index' and 'Author Index' for the easy searching of citations through these two access points.

The book provides an overall view of the library and information science literature contributed by Indian librarians, library and information science teachers, and others to the body of library literature at the international level. It also indicates the areas on which more authors tend to write as well as the weak areas of Indian librarianship.

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