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- **International Society for Knowledge Organisation**
- **DLIS, University of Kelaniya, (Sri Lanka)**

*Invites Entries from the LIS students
for*

International Essay Competition

on

Relevance of Ranganathan's Approaches to the Modern-Day Information World

Dr S R Ranganathan, one of the greatest librarians and library scientist is recognized globally for his contributions to library science. He is also considered the Father of Library Science in India. His birthday (12th August) is observed in India as "Librarian's Day". His seminal contributions to LIS have been recognized and even carried forward by library and information scientists around the world. His Five Laws of Library Science clearly define the goals and objectives of libraries and information systems. He is also the creator of the first major faceted classification scheme - the Colon Classification. A recipient Padma Shri award from the Government of India in 1957, Ranganathan was also awarded D.Litt. (Honoris Causa) by the University of Delhi in 1948 and the University of Pittsburg (USA) in 1964. The Government of India awarded him with the National Research Professorship in Library Science in 1965. Ranganathan received several other awards including Fellow of Library Association (UK), Honorary Vice President of Library Association (UK), Margaret Mann Citation (American Library Association), to mention a few.

REMEMBERING SRR

The year 2022 marks 50 years since Dr. Ranganathan passed away. There is hardly any aspect of librarianship, information work and service that Ranganathan has not touched upon. Even nearly a hundred years after publication, his Five Laws of Library Science continue to be relevant and inspire LIS professionals, going by the several interpretations and reformulations that the laws have attracted in recent years. His facet-analytic approach has been seen as a universal method of subdivision that enhances its claim to be a useful design principle for information retrieval classifications in any field. His legacy can be seen in libraries and academic institutions all over India and elsewhere. Ranganathan and his ideas continue to attract attention as his tools and techniques continue to be relevant and find application even in the digital environment. To quote David Weinberger in an article he wrote in Forrester, "It's as if Ranganathan designed Colon Classification in 1933 specifically for the kind of instant reshuffling that computers made feasible decades later". The Five Laws of Library Science and the 'analytico-synthetic' approach to classification are among the most significant contributions to the theoretical underpinnings of librarianship that the 20th Century witnessed.

The following past activities have been collaborated with IFLA Education and Training Section; IFLA Section on Library Theory and Research; SRELS, ISKO (Italy Chapter); and Ranganathan Research Circle:

YEARLONG ACTIVITIES

27 September 2021: Insights from working with Dr . S .R. Ranganathan: Lessons for the students

27 April 2022: Ranganathan's Approach to Library Training and Modern Day Requirements

25 October 2021
:Ranganathan's Approach to Knowledge Organization: From Learners' Perspectives

27 December 2021:
The spirit of Geometry and the spirit of Finesse : Some reflections on S.R Ranganathan's Epistemology and its implications for knowledge organization

27 November 2021: LIS Education and Research: During Ranganathan's time and there after

27 January 2022:
Wikidata and Libraries: Faceted Classification, Bibliographic data and Authority Data

23 February 2022 :
What is living and what is dead in Ranganathan's Contributions

28 March 2022:
Redefining the Five Laws of Library Science: Participatory librarianship and digital presence

Purpose

Dr S. R. Ranganathan is alive through his ideas, philosophy, and works. His approach is basic to librarianship even though it is largely influenced by the various technologies. In this spirit the international essay competition would yield and sustain interest of LIS students and who may think over understanding and applying SRR's knowledge and experience in solving their present and future problems and also get motivated and inspired to work with commitment and devotion as Ranganathan did so that the larger society is benefitted.

Distribution of prize

The top 10 submissions will be selected by the jury comprising of 5-7 Members from India and abroad , and winners will receive certificate from the organizers/sponsors. However, the first three runner-ups will get gift/cash prizes.

-  Essays can be submitted by any student of LIS school anywhere in the world
-  Only one entry per entrant will be permitted
-  Word limit: 1250-2000 (excluding references)
-  Language: English
-  File format: doc, docx
-  Citation and referencing style: APA 7th edition
-  File name:
"candidatename_city_country_LISSchool"
-  The decision of the judges would be final.
-  Make sure you own the copyright to the submitted essay
-  The Organizers of the competition can make use/publish the submission and related data

Application submission process

The submission of the entries will be open between 01 June 2022 to 27 July 2022 at the following link. The entrants are supposed to submit the entry with a Bona fide Certificate of Studentship from the Library School/Department.

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