

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT KOZHIKODE



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International Digital Library Workshop on ‘Greenstone’

November 27 – December 02, 2006

WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

An international workshop on Digital Library Software was held at IIM Kozhikode from November 27 to December 02, 2006. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. R.P. Suresh, professor of IIMK. The forty participants included delegates from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Germany, Maldives: as well as all the states of India. They came from variety of prestigious institutions including universities, technology institutions, IIMs, engineering colleges, research institutions, and even national newspapers. The material focused around the Greenstone Digital Library Software, an open source product from the University of Waikato in New Zealand. The workshop was led by Prof. Ian H. Witten, Director of the New Zealand Digital Library Project where the software originated. It was sponsored by UNESCO and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), and organized by Dr. M.G. Sreekumar and his colleagues at IIM Kozhikode as a Faculty Development Programme. The Centre for Development of Digital Libraries (CDDL) at IIMK coordinates the South Asia Support Organization for the Greenstone Software. Participants were instructed in how to design digital collections of different publications in a variety of file formats, including multimedia such as audio, video, and images. They undertook assignments to design a small prototype of a library information system containing diverse type of material. The workshop was addressed by Padmavibhushan Prof. V. Rajaraman, India’s most renowned information technology expert. Faculty from IIMK and IISc also handled theory sessions to provide further background material. Participants received the Greenstone Digital Library Software and all instructional material on a CD-ROM, and returned to their homes with renewed enthusiasm for spreading the exciting new technology of digital libraries. Prof. Saji Gopinath, Chairman Faculty Development Programme, IIMK wished all the participants the very best in their endeavours on building world class digital libraries and assured follow up services from the CDDL of IIMK.

File Attachments:

- 1. valedictory-photo-01 :** Prof. Ian h. Witten delivering the valedictory address on December 02, 2006. Sitting from right to left are Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, Prof . Saji Gopinath and Shri. Ashok Pathak.
- 2. ian-session-photo-02 :** Prof. Ian H. Witten handling a session on Greenstone software.