Profile of Conference Director

Ramesh C.Gaur is Librarian & Head, Kalanidhi Division (Professor Grade) at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the arts (IGNCA), New Delhi. Dr. Gaur is Coordinator of ABIA South and Southeast Asian Art and Archaeology Index at IGNCA. He is also holding additional responsibility of Head of Kala Kosha Division at IGNCA.

A Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Gaur is a Science graduate with Ph.D in Library and Information Science, with exposure to several-advanced training programme on the applications of IT to Library Management.

Digitization, Digital Preservation and Digital Archiving of Indian Cultural Heritage are the main areas of his present assignment.

After rich exposure in corporate environment, he joined IMT Ghaziabad where his first major achievement of automating the Library and transforming it into a state-of-the-art establishment, hailed by all concerned. This feat he replicated at the famed Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai and also at Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon. Digitization and Digital Archiving of Indian Cultural Heritage is the main focus of his work at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts.

Dr. Gaur has visited USA, Germany, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Malaysia and the Netherlands in relation to various assignments related to Digital Library and allied areas.

He has been awarded IASLIC- S M Ganguly Best Librarian award for year 2007 and also has been felicitated by UP Library Association in year 2007. Recently Dr Gaur has been awarded Satkal Young Librarian award for year 2009.

Dr. Gaur is Member of Delhi Public Library Board. He is the member of various committees formed by Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Government of India from time to time. He is member of various task forces on library matters constituted by Ministry of Culture, Government of India from time to time. He has acted as Expert Member/Examiner/Member of Committee to the various professional bodies and Institutions UGC National Committee on e-theses, National Knowledge Commission Committee on Private Collections, IMT Ghaziabad, IGNOU, DAV School, Max Muller Bhawan, National Archives, Jamia Millia Islamia, SNDT University, Lady Erwin College etc.

In 19 years professional career, he has published over 30 papers, authored/edited three important books in his chosen field, and sponsored/supported organizations and causes related to Library Science. Digital Library Development, Digital Preservation, Reengineering Management and Publishing are some of the main areas of his interest.

As a Project Leader he was responsible for Library Automation of Planning Commission Library. He was Managing Editor of "Paradigm: IMT Journal" (1997-2002).

Dr. Has played a key role in the formation of Ranganathan Research Circle (RRC), New Delhi (1993) and Management Libraries Network (MANLIBNET) (2000) He is the Life Trustee of Ranganathan Research Trust and Founder Convenor of Ranganathan Research Circle (RRC), New Delhi. He has been actively involved in DAE, TIFR, Libraries Consortia.

He has organized various National and International Conferences.

He is Member of all major Indian Library Associations and has been acted as Repporteur General, Keynote Speaker and Chairman of the session in various National and International Conferences. He has guided a number of students of M.L.I.Sc, Ph.D, M.Phil B.Lib.I.Sc, PGDCA, MCA of various Universities.