NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LIS EDUCATION IN DIGITAL ERA 13-15 JUNE 2007 REPORT

Central Library, IIT Bombay in collaboration with IATLIS (Indian Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science) organized a 3-days "National Workshop on LIS Education in Digital Era" from 13th - 15th June, 2007 on the beautiful campus of IIT at Powai. 38 participants including Library and Information Science Teachers, Librarians and Research Scholars from all over the country attended the workshop.   The main objectives of the workshop were:

1.   To provide a forum to the LIS Teachers, Research Scholars, Librarians and Academic Administrators to discuss or present their views on the developments in ICT and its applications in LIS Teaching and Library Services.

2.   To create awareness and understanding about the importance of introducing and executing information technology in LIS teaching to achieve academic excellence.

3.   To provide an opportunity to the participants to see the world class Information Technology Infrastructure and other facilities available at IIT Bombay.

4.   To provide an opportunity to the participants to observe state-of-the art ICT applications in the   Central Library, IIT Bombay and have first hand experience of the web-based library and information services, smart card-based (bar-coded) circulation system, electronic resource management, on-line submission of theses and dissertations, open archives etc.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Ashok Misra, Director, IIT Bombay, who appreciated the efforts of IATLIS for organizing such programmes for their members. He highlighted that the Library and Information Science Education is an essential component of Library and Information Services in the country and it is only appropriate that the workshop on LIS Education in Digital Era is being organized to help LIS Teachers and librarians to enhance their knowledge and skills. Prof. C.R. Karisiddappa, President IATLIS thanked IIT Bombay for providing all the resources and facilities for organization of the workshop. He mentioned that LIS Professionals working in remote areas and inadequately funded institutions do not get opportunities for their professional development. Institutions like IIT Bombay which have best of facilities and services should organize such programmes regularly so that more and more professionals can benefit from it. Shri D. Jotwani, Librarian, IIT Bombay welcomed the participants. Prof. A.K. Pani, Convener, Library Committee also spoke on the occasion.

Resource Persons invited from different parts of the country gave lectures on number of important topics including ICT applications in Libraries and LIS Education, IPR, knowledge management, Digital Libraries and Web-based Information Services etc.   The workshop concluded on 15th June, 2007 with distribution of certificates to participants by Prof. J. Vasi, Deputy Director, IIT Bombay.