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## New Initiative

### Open Access Bangladesh has begun its journey

Open Access, Bangladesh Chapter, has begun its journey aiming to provide free and immediate online access to research articles, coupled with the rights to use them fully in the digital environment. The inception ceremony was held on February 17 at Karwan Bazar, Dhaka. A 15-member committee has been formed to work with policy makers, managers, researchers and scholarly societies to adopt a policy to take the open access movement forward in Bangladesh. Prime Minister's Office librarian Kanok Monirul Islam has been made the convener, while Dr Susmita Das and Engineer Shuvra Rani Kar have been named as joint convener and member secretary respectively. As a convener Mr. Islam has delivered a presentation during the ceremony highlighting on the possibilities of Open Access in the country. A good number of researchers, academics, journalists, publishers, IT specialists and librarians present. Golam Mustafa, publisher of Hakkani Publishers and Biologist Dr Anisuzzaman Khan were also present in that ceremony.



## Success Story

### Zakir Hossain became IASL/IFLA Joint Committee Member of School Library Section

Zakir Hossain, a Bangladeshi expat is recently selected as an IASL/IFLA Joint Committee Member of School Library Section for 2017-2021 session. There are five members from IASL and five from the IFLA School Library Standing Committee, for a total of 10 members. The Section of School Libraries concerns itself with the improvement and development of school libraries and resource centers worldwide. It provides an international forum for exchanging ideas, experiences, research results and advocacy. This sub-committee within IFLA's Section on School Libraries does much of its work online and also may meet during the IFLA Annual Congress each August.

Zakir is an Independent Researcher, currently working as a Teacher-Librarian and Extended Essay (4000 words independent research project by diploma students) Coordinator at the EUROPEAN International School Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. He is proud to be a member of this committee and is keen on supporting and lifting up school libraries and librarians globally starting from his home country Bangladesh. Anyone wants to contact with Zakir may reach him through his personal email [amity.du@gmail.com](mailto:amity.du@gmail.com) and [website](http://works.bepress.com/zakir_hossain/).

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## Job Corner

- ⇒ **4 position for Assistant Library Officer at North south University** (For more: <http://www.northsouth.edu/faculty-search/>)
- ⇒ **1 position for Deputy Librarian and 1 position for Assistant Librarian at Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur** (For more: [http://www.bdjobstoday.com/job\\_details.php?id=149122](http://www.bdjobstoday.com/job_details.php?id=149122))
- ⇒ **1 position for Admin. Assistannt cum Librarian at Narayanganj Club Limited** (For more: <http://jobs.bdjobs.com/jobdetails.asp?id=691430&ln=3>)

## Conference Alert

**LIBRARY  
LEADERS  
SUMMIT**

**March  
28-29**  
Hyatt Regency Crystal City  
ARLINGTON, VA

Two-day summit is an intimate forum for library directors, CEOs, and CIOs of academic, public, government, and special libraries to problem-solve, discuss, reflect and network with colleagues.

Register here:

<https://secure.infotoday.com/RegForms/ComputersinLibraries/>



The 2017 CC Global Summit launches a new chapter for Creative Commons as a movement. The Global Summit will provide a collaborative and fun space for anyone in the world to explore the future of the Commons and sharing for users, creators, and activists.

More details on:

<https://summit.creativecommons.org/>



The 4th International Scientific Conference on "Information Science in the Age of Change Innovative Information Services" aims to monitor the transformations that take place, to present new concepts and research methods as well as the already designed and implemented new ways that improve information tools and services.

More about it on:

<http://193.0.122.108/nauka/?lang=en>



ANKOSLink 2017 is a critical event for information professionals in any academic and research libraries, as well as in archives and even in museums. Information professionals involved in all facets of their organization gather to share information, learn, and network.

For more visit: <http://www.ankoslink.org.tr/2017/en/>



### Alan Hopkins Award to attend IFLA 2017 Conference

The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) and its International Library and Information Group (ILIG) therefore invite any ILIG member or a CILIP member living outside the UK to attend the World Library and Information Congress organised by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) in Poland in 2017. The proposal should be sent: by e-mail to Anna Jablowska, the ILIG Secretary, before 31st March at [ilig@cilip.org.uk](mailto:ilig@cilip.org.uk).

## International

### IFLA Call for Submitting Proposal for Building Strong Library Association (BSLA) Funding



IFLA invites library associations to submit a proposal for Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) projects commencing in 2017. The invitation is now open for countries worldwide including associations in Europe, Canada and USA who have not participated in previous rounds of BSLA funding. All applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the relevant IFLA regional office to get feedback on their proposal and ensure that their documents are complete. All project proposals should be submitted by email to the manager of the relevant regional office, with a copy to: [ingrid.bon@ifla.org](mailto:ingrid.bon@ifla.org). Sample project application and guidelines can be found at: <http://www.ifla.org/node/11213>.

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During IFLA WLIC 2017, volunteer opportunities will be available to foreign librarians. On behalf of the National Committee of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2017, the Polish Librarians' Association invites librarians from other countries to take part in volunteering during the IFLA WLIC in Wrocław. About 300 volunteers are sought to assist the IFLA participants during the conference. Financial benefits of volunteering include free registration (if you commit to at least three half days of volunteering), complimentary lunches on the Congress site on the days of service and a certificate of attendance in IFLA volunteering. Those who are interested can apply through:

<https://www.webankieta.pl/ankieta/246895/volunteer-application-form.html>



### The Fake News Library Guide Introduced by Penn State University Library

What is "fake" news and what does news literacy mean? A new Library Guide from Penn State University Libraries explains the terms and their significance and offers a collection of the Libraries' news resources and credible sources in support of critical thinking skills. The ["Fake" News Library Guide](#) was created by Eric Novotny- a history librarian who oversees the News and Microforms Library on the ground floor of West Pattee Library, University Park- and includes collaborative contributions from several other Libraries faculty and staff.

<http://news.psu.edu/story/450433/2017/02/13/library-guide-explains-fake-news-news-literacy-offers-credible-news>

## Why these librarians are protesting Trump's executive orders



ELIZABETH FLOCK

BY ELIZABETH FLOCK February 13, 2017 at 2:27 PM EST



"Libraries Are For Everyone." That's the message of a series of images created by Rebecca McCorkindale in the days after President Donald Trump announced the temporary travel ban on seven Muslim-majority countries. She never expected her signs of inclusion to go further than a handful of libraries.

But by the time she'd woken up the following day, she had received messages from librarians across the world wanting their languages represented. And libraries across the country — in Illinois, Minnesota, California, Virginia — had begun putting up the images as posters, along with displays about books on Islam, empathy and being a good neighbor.

Details on: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/art/librarians-protesting-trumps-executive-orders/>

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ALIA report: Relevance 2020, LIS Research in Australia

In this issue, I am just thinking to share an idea from recent launch of ALIA report: Relevance 2020, LIS Research in Australia. Having this report might be a significant one to regenerate our thinking level in developing our library profession through this type of research report in Bangladesh. We have LAB and BALID with the balance of qualified academics and professional office bearers. However, their role in LIS research to progress the professional excellence is evidently low.

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), in partnership with Charles Sturt University, has issued a report which provides the results of six Library and Information Science (LIS) research events in Australian capitals in late 2016 that had the main purpose of connecting academics, researchers and practitioners in order to help align future research projects and activities in the Australian LIS profession. There were 172 participants from LIS schools, academic, special, TAFE, school, public and state libraries.

The following seven barriers to research and collaboration were identified:

### Awareness and perception

Connection and relationship

## Connect Funding

### Passion and enthusiasm

Research culture and support

Research expertise

Shared understanding and interest

Finally, the report recommends the followings:

1. Libraries and librarians should change the perception of their roles to include research as part of their role specification. This would be a powerful catalyst for a more dynamic, evidence-based profession.
2. LIS schools and academics should be active players in fostering collaboration between academia and practice. Applied research should not be regarded as less important than research of a more theoretical nature.
3. More consideration might be given by LIS academics to some of the priority areas for their practitioner counterparts, such as information services and the promotion of these services.
4. ALIA should continue to play a role that bridges the gap between academic and practitioner needs. Consideration should be given to a central database of research ideas and experts, and to strategically providing further funding opportunities to members.

### What should be the LAB and BALID roles in this viewpoint?

To read the full reports go on:

<https://read.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/documents/alia-relevance-2020-lis-research-in-australia-online.pdf>

Welcome

We are so excited to have MD Ahasan Habib in our editorial board. We believe that Mr Habib can use his knowledge, skills and talent in making TLT new heights.

He currently works for Islamic University of Technology Library as a Library Officer. Besides that, he has been playing a vital role as an Establishment Secretary of BALID.

TLT board is looking forward to working with Mr Habib from the next issue.

Welcome aboard!

