

LAPORAN PERSIDANGAN / CONFERENCE REPORTS

AUN Inter-Library Online Conference De La Salle University, Manila (September 13-14, 2002)

The ASEAN University Network (AUN) Inter-Library Online Conference was held on 13-14 September 2002. It was coordinated by the AUN Secretariat in Bangkok and hosted by De La Salle University in Manila, Philippines. This conference was the first meeting arranged for the librarians and information technology experts from the seventeen participating universities in ASEAN. Members of AUN are, Universiti Brunei Darrussalam of Brunei, Universitas Indonesia and Universitas Gadjah Mada of Indonesia, Universiti Sains Malaysia and Universiti Malaya of Malaysia, University of the Philippines and De La Salle University of the Philippines, National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University of Singapore, Chulalongkorn University and Burapha University of Thailand, Royal University of Phnom Penh, National University of Laos, Institute of Economics, Yangon and University of Yangon, Myanmar, and Vietnam University, Hanoi and Vietnam National University. This conference was held pursuant to the agreement signed by the Presidents/Rectors/Vice-Chancellors of the universities concerned in November 1995 and was mainly designed to promote and strengthen the existing network of co-operation among universities in ASEAN and to maximize the sharing of academic resources. In addition the specific objectives of the conference were:

1. To promote competent human resource development in ASEAN by the strong support of wider access to academic source supplies shared by all ASEAN countries
2. To strengthen existing linkages and support further co-operation among higher education institutions in ASEAN countries through the sharing of academic resources
3. To provide another channel of information sharing among academic communities in ASEAN, utilizing technological advancement and existing resources in the AUN Member Universities.

In order to effectively address the theme of the conference which was online inter-library, the participating members attending the conference were invited to present their respective university profiles. Each paper delivered gave useful insight into the developments that have taken place, especially in the field of information technology, in the library concerned. Most of the papers provided an introduction to the university and the library, statistics of the different types of collections, facilities, traditional and electronic services rendered, information technology infrastructure, information literacy programmes, electronic resources comprising both e-journals and e-books, locally produced databases, and also future plans or projects designed to increase the full-text and bibliographic electronic resources. The papers revealed that the libraries in the various countries have embarked into the world of digitization paving the way to the establishment virtual libraries. The extent of such a move and the achievements to date vary from country to country but generally there are ambitious future plans for the creation of digital libraries primarily for enhancing access to the resources by users within the campus and on the internet.

The move towards the creation of digital libraries has its problems. Issues pertaining to copyright clearance and licensing of digital subscriptions are the biggest encountered by libraries. Similar obstacles are envisaged in the creation of consortium licensing and international consortia. These matters were dealt with by a guest speaker who was of the opinion that such legal and administrative issues were not insurmountable but might be overcome at the negotiation table.

As an initial step to achieving the objectives of AUNILO Conference the participants of the conference after in-depth deliberation passed the following resolution which will be sent to the appropriate AUN organ for further deliberation and approval. The approval, if any, will subsequently become an implementation matter.

**RESOLUTION OF THE AUN INTER-LIBRARY ONLINE (AUNILO) CONFERENCE
September 13-14, 2002**

We, the AUNILO participants, hereby support the following objectives prepared by the ASEAN University Network Secretariat on February 13, 2002:

1. To promote competent human resource development in ASEAN by the strong support of wider access to academic supplies shared by all ASEAN countries.
2. To strengthen existing linkages and support further co-operations among higher education institutions in ASEAN countries through the sharing of academic resources.
3. To provide another channel of information sharing among academic communities in ASEAN, utilizing technological advancement and existing resources in the AUN Member Universities.

The AUNILO participants on this date, September 14, 2002, hereby agree and resolve to undertake the following:

A. Pursue resource sharing activities among the member libraries:

1. Setting up of AUNILO Library Portal with links to the home pages of all member libraries hosted by the AUN secretariat website.

2. Setting up of communication facilities (e.g.: listserv, mailing list, discussion group, newsgroup, etc.) for the benefit of the member libraries.

B. Initiate a human resource development program among the member libraries:

1. Develop exchange and training programs for Library and Information and Communication Technology Personnel.

In order to realize the above objectives, an AUNILO working committee be created from among the member Libraries

1. The working committee be composed of the 17 member libraries.
2. A secretariat be formed from the working committee.
3. The Committee shall meet at least once a year to plan, prepare, and assess activities.

Done on this day, Saturday, September 14, 2002 at the Ortigas Conference Room, De La Salle University Library, Manila, Philippines.

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