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Event Report – Training on VuFind Discovery Tool

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Event name: Training on VuFind Discovery Tool

Event Venue: BRAC University

Event Date: 5-6 January, 2011

Participants

A total of 44 library professionals from 35 public and private universities, and research institutes participated in the training. 34 participants were male and 10 were female.

The list of participants is enclosed (Enclosure D)

Your impression of the event

A two-day training program on next-generation open source discovery tool VuFind was conducted on 5th and 6th January 2011. The two-day workshop covered Overview of Discovery Tool (Introduction to Discovery Tool), Recent Discovery Tools –VuFind and Blacknight, VuFind@ other universities, VuFind@BRAC University, Integration of VuFind with E-journals and Databases, Practical Session (Excel to MARC 21, Edit/add field using MARC, Import e-journals to VuFind, Integration of VuFind with ILS and Institutional Repository. The Workshop was started with the Brief Introduction of all the participants then Dr. Mumit Khan, Professor, Computer Science and Engineering Department. He delivered an exhaustive lecture on VuFind discovery Tool.

After that, in various technical sessions different aspects of VuFind have been highlighted along with hands on practice on converting ejournals to MARC using MARCEdit by the participants. In hands on session the facilitator assisted each of the participants where required and answered their questions. These activities were much appreciated by the participants.

The facilitator expressed his willingness to provide technical assistance related to installation of VuFind after the workshop if they face any difficulties in future. The participants' perceptions were positive towards the workshop. They were enthusiastic to learn VuFind. The participants showed their interest to set up and use VuFind in their institutions.

Formal Inauguration of Discovery Tool VuFind and distribution of Certificates was held on January 6, 2011 (Day 2). The Vice Chancellor of BRAC University Professor Ainun Nishat inaugurated the newly established discovery tool VuFind (<http://library.bracu.ac.bd/vufind>). The ceremony started with a welcome address by Mr. Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Registrar of BRAC University. The Chief Guest of the Inauguration Ceremony Professor Ainun Nishat, Vice Chancellor, BRAC University praised the initiatives taken by the BRAC University library. In his speech, Vice Chancellor Professor Ainun

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Nishat, gave importance on building network of university libraries in Bangladesh. He said this new discovery tool will play a significant role in helping student, faculty and researchers.

Ms. Hasina Afroz, Senior Deputy Librarian and Project Director of ILS (KOHA), Institutional Repository (DSpace) and Discovery Tool Vufind made a presentation on “ **BRAC University: Building a 21st Century Library**”. Her presentation covered the vision and initiatives taken by BRAC University library and experience of implementation of newly established discovery tool. Ms Hasina Afroz expressed her willingness to extend their assistance if other universities want to establish their discovery.

Dr. M A Mazed, Director and Country Coordinator, INASP and Dr. S.M. Zabed Ahmed, Professor, Information Science and Library Management, Dhaka University were present as special guest in the ceremony. The inauguration ceremony was concluded with a vote of thanks by the Head of Library.

Training materials

The training materials of the workshop which includes presentations, handouts, and step by step manuals, video of conversion from excel to MARC using MARC Edit etc. The training materials were adequate and easy to understand. Easy to understand materials were prepared. CDs of these materials were also distributed. All MARC records of ejournals of INASP PERII Consortium including JSTOR and HINARI also provided.

Your impression of the organisation

One computer lab having 55 PCs of BRAC University was used for the workshop. The lab was equipped with full technical support such as LCD projector, internet access, and PA system.

Finance

A list of actual total expenditure is enclosed (Enclosure A).

Conclusions and recommendations

We hope that participation in the Workshop will help the participants to develop their capacity to use the package and thereby enhance the efficiency of their library system. The participants were found highly motivated to receive further training in related areas in future.

Event photograph

The photographs are available at the following URL of our Institutional repository site:

<http://dspace.bracu.ac.bd/handle/10361/750>