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Brief Biodata

Dr. Shalini Urs has been teaching library and information science at the University of Mysore, Mysore, India since 1976, where she serves as professor. Her areas of interest are – Digital Libraries and Electronic publishing, Electronic Theses and Dissertations and Metadata. She directs the Vidyanidhi Digital Library and E-scholarship Portal Project. The Ford Foundation and the Microsoft Corporation sponsor Vidyanidhi. Vidyanidhi vision is to evolve into a National Information System for Doctoral Dissertations in India. Through Vidyanidhi she has jumpstarted the ETD movement in India and is spearheading the movement to evolve appropriate policy frameworks- copyright, submission, archiving, for doctoral theses and implementation mechanisms. Vidyanidhi is currently focusing its R & D efforts towards Unicode and XML implementation for Indic scripts, Cross Language Information Retrieval and Topic Ontologies.

Shalini spent six months at Virginia Tech as Fulbright Scholar and team-taught with Prof. Ed Fox a course on ‘Digital Libraries’ during the fall of 2000. She has been closely associated with NDLTD since 2000 as Steering Committee member. She is also closely associated with the ETD efforts of UNESCO. She coordinated the UNESCO International Guide for ETDs Project. She is also involved with the Asian Digital Libraries group since the 3rd ICADL 2000, Korea. As Chair, she organised the ICADL 2001- 4th International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries at Bangalore from December 10-12,2001. She has served as Program Committee Co-Chair for ICADL 2002, Singapore and is PC Co-Chair for ICADL 2003, Malaysia. She served on the Program Committee of JCDL 2002 and is Publicity Co-Chair, JCDL 2004, Arizona, US. She is a member of the Asian Digital Library Steering Committee.

Shalini is involved with many a digital library efforts and agencies in India. She is on the Governing Board of INFLIBNET (Information Library Network) -a Inter University Centre of UGC. She has organised many a workshops and conferences in India. She has been invited to give talks at many international and national workshops and seminars. And has traveled widely in India and abroad. She has carried out research projects funded by UGC, DSIR and other organisations
