From Editor’s desk

The first issue of Volume 5 (2011) of the COLLNET Journal of Scientometrics and Information Management has now been published. First, let me thank all the Members of the Editorial Board for the co-operation they have extended to me, particularly, in reviewing the articles. Also I would like to thank the authors for submitting their papers for publication. This issue consists of nine papers on several research topics. The topics cover:

- Erdös number
- Bilingual space with emphasis on linking of municipal sites
- Mapping of agricultural, tuberculosis and environmental research
- Evaluation of funding programs
- Publication trend in nano technology
- Data analysis of citations in Physics Ph.D. theses.
- History research

Most of the papers were based on large data sets and results are very useful for further research as well as for practicing librarians! Glanzel’s paper discusses some thoughts on posthumous co-authorship. Holmberg studied the correlation between the links received (in bilingual municipal sites) and the extent of these languages among the population in the municipalities. Rons studied the interdisciplinary collaborations and confirmed that potential for interdisciplinary collaboration is present in all disciplines. Gupta and Bala analyzed several bibliometric indicators to map tuberculosis research in India. In his paper, ülle Must discussed the implications of history research. Karpagam and other studied the publication trend in nanotechnology. Mukherjee discussed the evaluation aspects of Indian research performances in the emerging field of environmental sciences. Ray Choudhury’s paper on mapping of agricultural science and Citation analysis of Ph.D. theses (in Physics) by Sheshrao and Khaparde are the other two papers. As practiced in earlier issues, this issue also presents a bibliographical sketch of Dr. Özel, the Co-chair of the 7th COLLNET Conference and its 12th meeting (to be held in Turkey in September 2011).

Hope this issue will be useful to scientometricians & information professionals. Also it is hoped that the future issues of the COLLNET Journal will receive and publish a good number of papers which are of interest to scientometricians all over the Globe.

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A note from Hildrun Kretschmer

As already mentioned in the December 2010 issue of this journal Professor Shabahat Husain had been very successfully functioning as Founding Editor of the COLLNET Journal of Scientometrics and Information Management since 2007. From this time on the quality of this journal was depending largely on his quality as Chief-Editor that the COLLNET Journal used for assuring and maintaining its high professional standard. However, because of his personal reasons, Prof. Husain wished to retire as Chief-Editor and he has handed over this well-established journal to his successor, Prof. I.K. Ravichandra Rao. It is our special pleasure to welcome him as new Chief-Editor of the COLLNET Journal of Scientometrics and Information Management from 2011 on.

His research interests include growth and obsolescence of literature, library statistics, theories of bibliometrics, scientometrics and informetrics; Library automation information retrieval, information management, in addition to the development of software for library applications. Based on his research and teaching experience, he has authored two books (Quantitative Methods Library and Information Science and Library Automation (it has been translated into Portuguese language)) Both the books have been recognized as textbooks for students at the post-graduate level in some of the Indian and foreign Universities. He has edited a number of seminar volumes both at the national and international levels and also was a Guest Editor for a few journals in Information field in India. He has more than sixty research papers to his credit and has reviewed a number of books and articles. It is also our distinction to acknowledge Prof. Rao’s active working in his function as Editorial Advisor of the famous international journal Scientometrics (Springer) during many years. Please, find more details about Prof. Rao in Volume 4, Number 2, December 2010 issue of this journal.

Based on this background and on his scientific profile as a whole we are very glad Prof. I.K. Ravichandra Rao has accepted our invitation to be appointed as Chief-Editor of our COLLNET Journal of Scientometrics and Information Management from 2011 on! In this connection also the team of the Editorial Board is partially renewed.

COLLNET is a global interdisciplinary research network of scholars who are concerned to study aspects of collaboration in science and in technology (see COLLNET web site at: http://www.collnet.de/). This network of interdisciplinary scholars was established in January 2000 in Berlin with Hildrun Kretschmer as coordinator. Since that time there have been eleven international meetings and in this connection six international conferences on webometrics, informetrics and scientometrics.

The conference report about the 6th International Conference on Webometrics, Informetrics and Scientometrics & 11th COLLNET Meeting, October 2010, Mysore, India, is published in this issue. This report is prepared by Dr. A.Y. Asundi.

The next conference and meeting, i.e. the Seventh International Conference on Webometrics, Informetrics and Scientometrics (WIS) & Twelfth COLLNET Meeting, will be held from 20-23 September 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey (http://collnet.cs.bilgi.edu.tr/). Please, find more details in the Biographical Sketch of the Organising Chair, Dr. Bülent Özel, in this issue.

Hildrun Kretschmer
Editor