



Workshop “Palm-leaf Manuscripts in Europe and India”

Thursday, 7.11.2013

2.00 p.m. Welcome (Thomas Müller-Bahlke, Halle)

Introduction (Heike Liebau, Berlin)

I. South-Indian Palm-leaf Collections in India and Germany

2.30 p.m. India (G. Sundar, Chennai)

3.15 p.m. Germany (Ulrike Niklas, Cologne)

3.45 p.m. Break

II. Conservation and Restoration of Palm-leaf Manuscripts

4.15 p.m. Conservation and Restoration of Palm-leaf Manuscripts in India (P. Perumal, Saraswathi Mahal Library, Thanjavur)

5.00 p.m. Conservation and Restoration of Palm-leaf Manuscripts in Europe (Robert Fuchs, Cologne)

7.00 p.m. **Public Lecture**

An outstanding Example of Writing Culture:
Technique and Contents of South Indian Palm-leaf Manuscripts
(Ulrike Niklas, Cologne)

8.00 p.m. Presentation of Palm-leaf Manuscripts in the Archives of the Francke Foundations (Jürgen Gröschl, Halle)

Friday, 8.11.2013

III. Palm-leaf Collections in Europe with special focus on the Danish-English-Halle Mission

10.00 a.m. Palm-leaf Collections in France (Gérard Colas, Paris)

10.45 a.m. Telugu Palm-leaf Manuscripts in the Holdings of the Francke Foundations (Gérard Colas, Usha Colas Chauhan, Paris)

11.30 a.m. Missionaries and Palm-leaf Manuscripts: The Bibliotheca Malabarica (Will Sweetman, Dunedin)

12.15 a.m. Break



- 1.30 p.m. Guided tour through the Francke Foundations (Jürgen Gröschl, Britta Klosterberg, Halle)
- 3.00 p.m. Palm-leaf Collections in Great Britain (Daniel Jeyaraj, Liverpool)
- 3.30 p.m. Palm-leaf collections in Denmark with special focus on the Danish-Halle-Mission (P.S. Ramanujam, Copenhagen; Daniel Jeyaraj, Liverpool)
- 4.30 a.m. Break
- 5.00 p.m. Tamil Palm-leaf Manuscripts in the Holdings of the Francke Foundations (Daniel Jeyaraj, Liverpool)

Saturday, 9.11.2013

IV. Digitization of Palm-leaf Manuscripts and Recognition of Tamil Characters

- 10.00 a.m. Digitization of Palm-leaf Manuscripts (S.A.S. Sarma, Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO), Pondicherry)
- 10.45 a.m. Analysis and Characterization of Digital Images of Tamil Manuscripts (Rainer Herzog, Hamburg)
- 11.30 a.m. Break
- 12.00 a.m. OCR-Recognition of Tamil Characters (K. Kalyanasundaram, Geneva)
- 12.45 a.m. Concluding remarks (Ulrike Niklas, Heike Liebau)

Offer for the participants of the workshop

- 3.00 p.m. Visit of the State Museum of Prehistory, Halle, with the famous Nebra Sky Disc (UNESCO's Memory of the World)

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