Bhatia stopped his own journal being deprived of eyesight,  
And remained 'shut in' to pass his days bereft of light.  
On November 3, 1985 came the destined date,  
When he breathed his last in precarious state.

8. Bhatia's was then a one-man movement in journalism, we believe,  
And he blazed a new trail for success to achieve.  
It was no joke to edit the journal with success,  
And he did it steadily for years is anybody's guess.

9. Bhatia was Bhisham Pitamah of Library India's sphere,  
And his associates regarded him as without peer.  
Transcending death, his 36 volumes of journal will ever live,  
And profound library thoughts put in there shall fragrance give.

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**Q2 [Poem]**

**TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR P N KAULA AT 61**

G L TREHAN

This poem was composed on receipt of an invitation from Dr V Venkatasubbaiah, Secretary, Professor Kaula 61st Birthday Felicitation Committee, Eluru (A P) as a humble tribute to one whom late Dr S R Ranganathan acknowledged "second to none in the profession."

1. Hail Blithe spirit: Thou've crossed 61 to know,  
And're still going strong with guts and go,  
What a great speaker thou're verily to lead,  
And to carry an aura of bliss around thee indeed.

2. Thou're an inspiring educator and a dedicated soul,  
And as a dynamic personality thou play a leading role.  
As a prolific writer on library science and creative thought,  
Thou in thy books and papers have contributed a lot.

3. **Herald of Library Science** mirrors library literature of the time,  
And portrays thee as library luminary of the clime.  
It covers scholarly articles, addresses and book reviews,  
And also features Awards, Reports, Interviews, 'Notes and News'.

4. A recipient of international honours and awards first rate,  
Thou're counted among the galaxy of the Great.  
Thou're now Emeritus Fellow Professor, an image to boost,  
And to bring to the profession a glory and repute.

5. Thou've built bridges of understanding betwixt East and West,  
And thy library journals are a link line so best.  
Thou travel a glory road in countries far and near.  
As International Expert in library science, O Kaula dear.

6. A powerful library blood flows in thy veins so clear,  
That it vitalizes and makes thee a beacon without peer;  
Mayest thou always be up and doing by God's grace,  
And attain **Moksha** by doing impersonal service with pace.

*Moksha* means 'eternal bliss'. Late Dr S R Ranganathan advised youngsters and women to adopt library profession if they want to attain Moksha.

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**R [Interview]**

**EXPERIENCES IN DOCUMENTATION**

**EMILIA CURRAS SPEAKS TO PROF KAULA**

EMILIA CURRAS

and

P N KAULA

Prof Dr Emilia Curras is a frontline leader in the profession. She is a pioneer and a distinguish expert in the field. She was in Montreal to attend the FID Congress and FID/ET Seminar held at Montreal, B-11 Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of FID/ET and other bodies. She is the President of Spanish Society for Documentation and Information Science (Sociedad Espanola de Documentacion e Informacion Cientifica), and is working as Professor, Departamento de Documentacion Cientifica, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid.

Prof Curras has written extensively. Her writings are being studied in documentation and information science courses. She is the author of 3 standard books; 41 papers (Trabajos publicados); speaker at 9 conferences (Conferencias publicadas); presented papers in 12 conferences (Trabajos no publicados); 4 conference papers in 1986 (Trabajos en prensa); and has worked on 12 projects related to documentation and information. She has worked and has made a mark as a competent, dedicated and hardworking professional.

The following is an interview that Prof P N Kaula had with Prof Dr Emilia Curras on 17 September 1986:

**Emilia Curras.**—When Prof Kaula announced to me that he would be glad and interested in asking me some questions, I started for a while, thinking about that. And really, he came face to face with me to ask about my life and work in the profession. I am grateful to him for this consideration.

My life is long enough to be able to have a look at the past and make some reflections. But it is also so short (not so short, however ...) to suggest some plans for the future. The future is as long as I think a new work. I am grateful to him for this consideration.

**E C.**—When I finished my doctoral studies in chemistry and had to look for a job, my father told me that I had to get the first job I could find, because experience is important. Afterwards it may be possible to make a choice. I must tell you that at that time it was not easy to find jobs for chemical professionals, which I was.

So I started applying for jobs and the first I found was in a tractor factory. This organization had contacts with German firms. They needed someone who could speak the languages in order to handle the big amount of documents they got from Germany, not only in German, but also in English, French, etc. In this way I started to work with papers, designs, journals, etc and really liked this work, which kept me up-to-date in my profession.

Later on, I went again to Germany in order to attend at the Institut fur Dokumentationswesen in Frankfurt am Main, where I received a Diploma as Wissenschaftlicher Dokumentation. I had already worked for eight years...
in information science in the industry in Germany and in Spain when I was asked if I would like to go to join the new University just founded, in Madrid, to organise the Department of Information Science with Dr Julio Garrido. I agreed, so first I was made Assistant Professor and now I am Associate Professor.

**P.N.K.**—What have been your achievements in the profession in the early part of your career?

**E.C.**—Do you think that I am now in the early part of my career? I wish that it were so, but I am afraid that the main part of it is already passed. Any way, I understand your question.

You see, Prof Kaula, that it is very difficult to answer to you from a subjective point of view. I can tell you what I have done; but if they are the achievements or not, I do not know.

I have received several grants and scholarships to study and follow the doctoral studies. I have two PhD degrees in Chemistry from the Universities of Berlin and Madrid; I also have the Diploma mentioned above and some others. I have visited information services institutes in the chemical industry in different countries, both in America and in Europe. I have organized information services in industries in Spain and Germany and my whole work has been at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid—so much to tell and so little to judge.

**P.N.K.**—What significant contributions have you made in the field both in your own country and abroad?

**E.C.**—This is also a question, which makes me to look far back in the past.

I was the first specialist who gave a course in Madrid on chemical information in 1969. May be, some one can think that I have been a pioneer. I say yes, may be! I was also the first specialist who taught information science at the University, as early as 1967 and also the first who presented a paper to an industrial and chemical congress, of course, both in Spain.

Since then, I have organised and attended many courses, seminars, congresses, conferences, etc. It is necessary to keep one's self uptodate. Go along and be modern or lead, as Pope Yohannes XXIII has said.

I think that I can count my books and other publications as contributions in the field of information science. And also the foundation of the Spanish Society for Documentation and Information Science—Sociedad Espanola de Documentacion e Informacion Cientifica (SEDOC), which was not that easy. Now it is already eleven years old! I contributed too to the formation and education of not a few professionals. I do not like to forget my twelve years working in the FID/ET Commission, my eight years as FID Councilor, my ten years as President of SEDIC and for considerable time acting as Councilor of various other chemical and documentary-informative associations. In 1985 I was admitted in the Club of Rome and in 1986 I read my inaugural lecture in the Royal Academy for Fine Arts and Historical Sciences in Toledo, the old and very cultured traditional town in Spain.

**P.N.K.**—What are the organisations with which you have been associated and what is your contribution to those organisations?

**E.C.**—I am afraid that I have to answer to this are permanent ones. They are the ones, that make me to be proud, as being an academician or a member of Club of Rome. I am also member of the American Chemical Society, the Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Dokumentation, the Gesellschaft fur Klassifikation, and other different Spanish professional associations.

**P.N.K.**—When did you take up teaching and training of professionals in your country and what are your experiences?

**E.C.**—As I mentioned a moment ago, my first lecture at the University in Madrid took place in 1967, but that was a short sporadic seminar at the Facultad de Ciencias at the Universidad Complutense in Madrid. I started teaching at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. First they were short courses for students. I dad Autonoma de Madrid. First they were short courses for students. I organized some of them somewhat longer, some at a higher level. Now, I have organized some courses for professionals and seminars for students and also for professionals a programme of courses and seminars for students and also for professionals for doctorate and for the students specialized and interfaculty ones.

You ask me, Prof Kaula, for my experiences in teaching. I would say that every time students have shown more interest in this field and the time that every time students have shown more interest in this field and the every time students have shown more interest in this field and the every time students have shown more interest in this field and the every time students have shown more interest in this field...
hurt any one. In fact I have done things that have benefited my friends and colleagues, even if they do not benefit me; and they, may be, do not thank me for that. But, so is the life.

The most difficult thing is to make the decision-makers understand whether they are at the university or in the industry that “information” is something without which it is not possible to develop any activity. So it was not easy, for instance, to try to establish regular courses at the University. Also the first time a student presented a Master’s thesis at the University in Madrid about “information science” directed by me, was refused. The reasons given were that this is only a practical subject suitable for secretaries and clerks. I can tell you of many more cases of difficulties and hurdles. But I am convinced that I must go on and do not give up. I am also an optimistic person.

But you know, dear friend, when the FID Assembly elected me as a member of the Council, for instance, or when some one came to me to comment on my thoughts or when some unknown person from a country in South America tells me about having read my books, I feel satisfied and I think that the efforts made by me are worthy and fruitful. Over them all, when the Royal Academy in Toledo nominated me to be a member, this was not only an honour for me but also to information science to which I belonged.

P.N.K.—What is your goal in life and how do you want to achieve it? (Projecting your ideas for the future).

E.C.—This question is very important. I thank you for it. But how to answer it. You see, I believe that God gives every one certain tasks and that He will ask what he or she, has done with them. I feel that I have to make my tasks, be they few or not, productive, with the best willingness on my part. I wish very much that what I did, and do, could be profitable for the human race. May be this is a very ambitious goal.

You ask me also about the future. I only plan to go on in my way as I did till now, with the best hopes, that it is the right one.

P.N.K.—Have you any regrets in life pertaining to the work you do and the profession?

E.C.—Now dear Prof Kaula, you ask about my regrets. It is nonsensical to regret on what has been done and if it is not possible to change it. So may be that sometimes I think whether perhaps I should not have taken this action or the other. But what has been done is done. Now, it is also very profitable to learn from our errors. One thing is to recognize one’s errors and the other quite different, is to regret over them with sadness. I told you, I am optimistic and I hope the best will come by admitting errors. It makes us wiser than what we have been before. It provides experience with a warning not to do what could be done better otherwise.

EMBODIMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

CITATION PRESENTED TO PROF PRITHVI NATH KAULA

[At Patna on 24 February 1986, the Librarians and the Library science students of Bihar representing 22 organisations and institutions felicitated Prof. P.N.Kaula, a distinguished and learned personality in the discipline of Library and Information Science and presented the following citation. The citation written in Hindi was read by Mr. Ugra Mohan Thakur of Patna University and presented by Dr. R.P. Poddar, Superintendent of Libraries, Government of Bihar.]

We, the students and the working professionals in the field of Library and Information Science are filled with the feelings of gratitude and honour to ourselves, by your benign presence in this historical city of Patliputra. Sir, kindly permit this assembly of the citizens of the finest order, the respectable teachers and devoted students of Library Science of 22 organisations and institutions to express their deep regards and heartfelt greetings on this occasion which has become graceful by your auspicious presence. We beseech your honour to kindly accept our salutations.

1 Earlier Felicitation at Patna

Sir, allow us to recollect that your outstanding personality was also felicitated in the year 1969 at the Wheeler Senate Hall, Patna by an assembly which was presided by Dr. K.K. Datta, the then Vice-Chancellor of Patna University. On that occasion the Governor of Bihar and the Chancellor of the universities of the State, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar offered a grand and memorable welcome to your Honour. Perhaps not satisfied by his kind gesture on the occasion, the Hon’ble Governor expressed his warm feelings for your personality which were published in Library Science Today and which have remained a source of inspiration to the new generation of librarians.

2 Shining Star of the World of Library and Information Science

Professor Kaula, Sir, we see in you a distinguished library scientist, the librarian of the highest possible order, the learned author, the original thinker, a successful promoter, organiser and builder of libraries and schools of thought. This has been recognised as such and highly acknowledged by the library profession in our country and abroad. Your cap is full with the feathers of honours, such as, PRO MUNDI BENEFICIO MEDAL of Brazilian Academy of Humanities, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Deutsche Bucherei Medal of German Democratic Republic; INTERNATIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL ROLL OF HONOUR PLACQUE of American Biographical Institute in recognition of your “Distinguished Service in Education and Library Science” and many others. The All India Radio has described Professor Kaula as the “first Indian to have received such high honours and awards”. We feel a great pride in you, Sir.

Your Honour, we know that you were the only Indian among the six distinguished representatives selected the world over at the International Conference on Information Science held in Tel Aviv in the year 1971 to attend a TV programme. Your contributions as UNESCO Expert
Dr Emilia Curra, Directora, Gabinete de Documentacion Cientifica, Universidad de Madrid is a distinguished Professor of Information Science. She has doctorates from Universities of Berlin and Madrid and has written books propounding the theoretical basis of Information Science. She is also the founder-President of Spanish Society for Documentation and Information Science. An interview on her life and work was arranged at Montreal in September 1986. [See P113-116]

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Dr Emilia Curra has been associated with several international organisations. She has served the Council of FID and its committees. In December 1980, she participated in the International Conference on Teaching Materials at Berlin. Seen with her are: (L to R) Prof Wessel (Berlin), Fr Von Ledabour (German Foundation) and Mrs and Mr Fritz. [See P113-116]