

Editorial

The recently-held International Conference on English Literature marks a milestone in the history of our Special Interest Group. The Thassim Bibi Abdul Khader College for Women, Kilakarai, with which we collaborated in the conduct of the conference left no stone unturned in making it a memorable one. The fully air-conditioned make shift auditorium alone where the plenary sessions were held spoke volumes of the efforts taken by the College for holding the event at all costs on the scheduled dates. There were four plenary sessions and four Forums besides as many as 180 paper presentations. . Well-known personalities in the field of Higher Education in our country like Dr. Chellappan, Dr. M.S. Nagarajan, Dr. Kalpana Rau and Dr. Ghanshyam were the plenary speakers. It was a disappoint to us all that Ms. Cjhris of the Open University, UK, who was originally scheduled to give the keynote address could not come. She didn't get the visa on time due to bureaucratic delays at New Delhi. Otherwise it was quite a successful conference. I only wish many more of our SIG members had attended it.

In this issue the text of the plenary talk given by Dr. M. S. Nagarajan on “The Legacy of New Criticism” at the Kilakarai Conference finds a place. In the subsequent issues the text of the other plenary presentations will be published.

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