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THE COMPUTER SOCIETY
OF
SRI LANKA

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership records are maintained up-to-date and the number of applications received for membership has been growing steadily.

Arrangements have been made to hand over the Membership Certificates to members who obtained membership during the previous period at the Annual General Meeting.

Membership as at 30th June 1994

Category	Number
Member	302
Associate	138
Student	3155
Affiliate	29

Dr Arthur C Clarke Vice Chancellor Moratuwa University and International Space University addressing the audience at the Ceremonial opening of SEARCC'95 Conference at the BMICH

ACTIVITIES

The major event of the Society during the year 1995 was SEARCC'95 which comprised of International Information Technology Conference and Exhibition and the International Schools Software Competition which was held from 5th to 10th September 1995. A detailed report on SEARCC'95 is given in this report under the heading SEARCC'95.

PUBLIC TALKS

The following Public Talks were arranged and they were well attended.

'Being Digital' by
Prof. Nicholas Negroponte
Prof. on Multi-Media Laboratory of MIT - USA

'Information Technology; Principles of Repository Driven Development' by
Mr Gordon Davies
Manager Asia Pacific, ASPECT Computing Ltd., Australia

'The Limits of Computer Knowledge' by
Dr John G. St. Quinton
Director, Falcrum (Global Software Outsourcing)

'IT Industry; Currents Trends and European Opportunities' by
Mr Garry F. Hunt
Elbury Enterprises

'Keeping Up With User Requirements For Client-Server Systems &
World Wide Web Applications' by
Mrs. Padmini Perera
Open Software Associates, Melbourne, Australia

Hon. Bernard Soysa lighting the Traditional Oil Lamp at the ceremonial opening of SEARCC'95 also in the picture(L toR) are Ahmed Allauddin (President-SEARCC), Mr. Robert Iau,(Secretary General-SEARCC) and Mr Steve Wozniak (Co-founder of Apple computers)

IT EXCHANGE

A number of issues of IT Exchange were released including a special issue for SEARCC'95. We thank the Publication Secretary Mr B.Ranasinghe for producing these publications of good quality containing many useful articles.

NATIONAL COMPUTER CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

The National Information Technology Conference and Exhibition organised annually by the CSSL was not held in 1995 since the Society had a major responsibility to host the SEARCC'95 International Conference and Exhibition in Colombo.

AUSTRALIAN COMPUTER SOCIETY EXAMINATION

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka administers the Australian Computer Society Examinations in Sri Lanka and the Department of Examinations has been entrusted to conduct these examinations. Examinations were conducted in June and November 1994 and in June 1995. While this examination has become the most popular computer examination among Sri Lankan students their performance has been commendable.

The number of candidates sitting these examinations were:

June	1994	-	499
November	1994	-	597
June	1995	-	690

NATIONAL EXAMINATION IN COMPUTER STUDIES

The National Examination in Computer Studies is administered jointly by CINTEC and CSSL. Phase one of this examination was held in 1995. The CSSL merit awards are given to the students who perform best at these examinations.

Chairman of the SEARCC'95 Conference Proceedings Committee Dr Abhaya S.Induruwa receiving a memento from President-SEARCC Mr Ahmed Allauddin at the SEARCC'95 Conference at Hotel Galadari

SRI LANKA INTER-UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON COMPUTING

This committee has been established to advise the universities with regard to teaching of computing, promotion of computer usage and other related areas. The President Mr Y.R.Karunaratne is a member of this committee representing the CSSL and has been contributing the views of the Society at the SLIUCC.