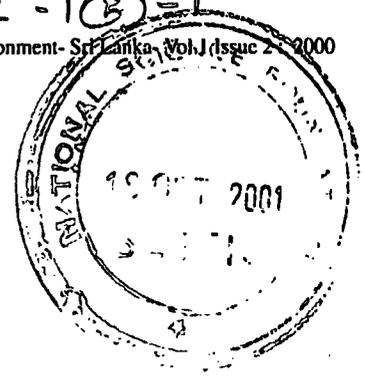


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It is unfortunate that the second issue of the "Built-Environment" Journal took so long to come in print, despite the fact that almost all articles were available at the end of February 1999. Undeniably, this demonstrates the irrelevance of academic idealism that once claimed superiority at the SLIA and dragged it away from the realities of the everyday world. Fortunately however, the beauracracy of SLIA is now gone thanks to the courage and wisdom of the general membership. Interestingly, the "Built-environment" has been one of the early ones to benefit from the "lifting of sanctions" to the general membership imposed during what I call the "dark age" of the SLIA.

This issue was put together in a short period of two months despite a mountain of procedure and beauracracy placed within the Board of Architectural Publications and the SLIA that prevented its second issue going to print as scheduled in 1999. Indeed, This itself is an interesting issue for a serious research study that will demonstrate the irrelevance and inappropriateness of the pyramidal structures in the management of today's institutions.

The variety of articles in this issue set the same standards of the first issue and thus reassures us the possibility of sustaining this journal and maintaining and elevating the standards. They demonstrate to some extent the range of research now being carried out and the range of issues and the depth at which the Sri Lankan researcher deals with them.

We invite articles for the future issues written on the lines indicated in the "notes for contributors" and it is hoped that more members and others involved in the field of built-Environment, Planning and Architecture will contribute in time to come. I take this opportunity to thank the new President and the SLIA Council whose far sightedness placed confidence in me and offered unreserved support for the organization of the second issue of this Journal as one of its priority tasks.

I am grateful to the contributors and the referees who acted promptly to my request to enable this publication come out in a short time as requested by the president of the SLIA

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