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The study found that the majority of the teachers were not aware of the presence of search engines other than Yahoo, Google and MSN. Metasearch engines were rarely used. Many were also not aware of the advanced search facilities. They went for any domain and all formats when surfing without knowing that they could select for specific files and specific language when looking for materials. The research points to the need for teaching effective surfing skills in pre-service and in-service teacher training programmes.

**P-281 Muslim Women in Contemporary Societies: Realities and Opportunities**

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This book brings to focus, ideas articulated by some contemporary Muslim writers during a three-day conference organized by the International Institute for Muslim Unity (IIUM), on the politico-religious and socio-economic challenges of Muslim women in our time. Edited by Hassan Ahmed Ibrahim and Zaleha Kamaruddin, the book which features seventeen essays with an introductory note, addresses the challenges facing Muslim Women across diverse cultural and national backgrounds. With a gist that discrimination against women has no basis in Islam; the authors suggested what should be done in order to remedy the dominant misrepresentation in many Muslim countries where women are held inferior. The progress made by some Muslim countries where women enjoy political rights and are allowed participation in the public domain were highlighted while places and areas where much need to be done were also given due attention. By and large, the book opens a vista on how Muslim women can be empowered such that the *Ummah* can optimize their contributions to its civilizational development.

**P-283 Said Nursi's Theologico-Spiritual Framework in Risale-I Nur:  
Revivalism of Islamic Worldview Through Contemporary Approach**

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It goes without saying that as a renowned religious figure of the twentieth century Bedi'uzzaman Sa'id Nursi has left a tremendous impact on different facets of Muslims' religious life, not only in Turkey but also in other parts of the Muslim world. The substantial reform on religious understanding that he brought to the Muslims particularly in Turkey through his powerful theological and spiritual framework could serve as a good method of da'wah in general and educational approach in particular to the Muslims of other countries. This paper examines briefly how this framework of Nursi's thought reflected in his masterpiece, Risale-i Nur could serve as a strong basis of a proper reconstruction of Islamic worldview through contemporary intellectual tool particularly the modern scientific knowledge.

**P-292 Understanding the Underlying Principles of Masjid Architecture  
through Study of Built Form in Place, Time, People and  
Culture in demystifying Islamic Architecture**

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Masjid or mosque has been typecast as a building typology to represent the presence of Muslim in all parts of the world heedlessly. While the generic symbolism of Masjid as icon to Muslim lies in the definitive domes, arches and minarets, the definitions and abstract implications of Masjid in the Quran and the traditions of the Prophet S.A.W., do not directly address the issue physically. While the Masjid signify Islamic architecture to the mass, i.e. Muslim and Non Muslim alike, the architecture fraternity, on the other hand, remain indignant to understand the underlying principles that makes a Masjid a Masjid. The study through primary and secondary data extract from literary and architectural research, interviews