

SLAQ wins international award

The International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) bestows an annual Commendation Award to outstanding and innovative projects, plans or programs which could serve as models for replication in the field of school librarianship. In 1990 the award went to SLANT for their project regarding computer-based school library networks. This year the award has been given to TeleSLAQ, the continuing series of interactive audio and video teleconferences that SLAQ has been using since 1983 for its administration and for continuing professional education. This has enabled SLAQ to cope with a situation where it has branches in Brisbane and Townsville, a sub-branch in Toowoomba, with 'country councillors' representing its 400 members across the State.

Paul Lupton heard the news via a fax from the Vice-President of IASL, Dr Sigrun Klara Hanesdottir of the University of Iceland:

'IASL has decided that the Commendation Award for 1991 will go to TeleSLAQ. There will be only one commendation award given this year. Congratulations from all of us.

'It is of particular interest that Australia should win the award this year as well as last year. It says a great deal about the level of school library development and professional dedication in Australia.

'The Commendation Award, the plaque and the money that goes with it this time will be delivered at the IASL conference in Everett, Washington, this coming July. I would be very happy if somebody from Queensland could be in Everett to receive the award.'

No Queenslanders seem to have been at the conference in Washington, so the Australasian IASL Councillor, Fay Nicholson, accepted on SLAQ's behalf.

Congratulations to all those SLAQ members who have contributed to the success of TeleSLAQ programs, particularly Roy Lundin, Anne Russell, Paul Lupton and Joan Jenkins.

(Acknowledgments to the SLAQ Newsletter, July 1991.)

ACT Library Service: 10 years old

In July the ACT Library Service celebrated the tenth anniversary of severing its links with the National Library. Most of those involved in the 1981 transfer — librarians, technicians, clerical staff and bureaucrats — had been contacted and 197 attended.

Sir Harold White, Bill Thorn, and Bill Lawrence gave their reminiscences.

David Barron, ACT Librarian from 1979 to present, outlined some of the achievements of the past decade: revitalised funds; computerisation; a more professional staff structure; opening of the Belconnen Town Centre Library; opening of joint-use libraries at Erindale and Tuggeranong; the new Civic library; the

1986 name change. He paid tribute to the past and present members of the Advisory Committee, in particular, the Chairman, Judge Else-Mitchell, who has chaired the Committee for 16 years; and he congratulated the staff for their dedication and commitment over the years.

John Turner, Secretary of the Department of Urban Services offered his congratulations and, on behalf of the staff, Ruth Green spoke of David Barron's dedication and unwavering loyalty to both the institution and the staff.

Jenny Gleeson
Chief Librarian

Tuggeranong Town Centre Library



Sir Harold White (back to camera); Annette Rennie; David Barron; Terry Connolly MLA, Minister for Urban Services; Brenda Thompson; Kitty Peisley (back to camera); turning round at the table behind: John Turner.

Worldwide recycling news

The Warmer Campaign is an Independent UK organisation supported by the World Resource Foundation and is devoted to a safer and healthier environment. It acts as a worldwide information service to encourage the recycling of materials and energy from post-consumer waste.

Its journal, *Warmer Bulletin*, is published four times a year and circulates to 80 000 readers in 70 countries. The Bulletin is illustrated, and contains news of current recycling initiatives worldwide, technical articles on various aspects of waste control, details of events, seminars and exhibitions of interest to those involved in waste management, and an extensive list of current publications in many languages on the subject.

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