

## Australian Society of Indexers Medal Award 1992

**F**OR THE FIRST TIME EVER, two indexers have been declared joint winners of the AusSI Medal for the best index to a published work. The panel of judges found it impossible to split the two leading contenders and decided that both entries deserved a medal.

The winners were Max McMaster for his index to *Infectious diseases in pregnancy and the newborn infant* (G L Gilbert. 1991. Chur, Switzerland: Harwood Academic Publishers. 618p., incl. 40p. index) and Margery Price for her index to *The Law Handbook 1992* (Fitzroy Legal Service, Melbourne, 1992). The judges also highly commended Josephine Cardale's index to *Insects of Australia* (CSIRO Division of Entomology. 1991. University of Melbourne Press. 2 vols, 1172p., incl. 63p. index). ■

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## Remembering Alan

**Vivienne Sigley wrote this verse for a former colleague**

My friend Alan always used to say  
That just once, on a working day  
He would like to hear  
His profession dear  
Pronounced the proper way.

That it would be a thrill  
And demonstrate his skill  
If the kids would stop and think  
Instead of dropping 'r's to sink  
The Libe-errian. (He'd had his fill!)

'Cause what they said sounded more  
Like a zone of constant war  
In other words that that we all came  
From Liberia, hence the name  
Libe-errian, in Alan's lore.

When Alan died I wondered how  
To keep his battle going now.  
But then they wrote in letters tall:  
'Alan, the best Librarian of all',  
And I thought they'd got it right, somehow. ■

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The theme of the conference is *Subject to Change: Subject Access and the Role of the Cataloguer*.

The Conference Committee invites you to participate by submitting a paper for the conference. In general, papers should be 30-40 minutes duration, though shorter papers will also be considered.

Papers on the following topics would fit in with the theme

- the role of thesauri in subject access
- uncontrolled subject access
- indexing for subject access
- access by classification
- education and training for cataloguers
- authority control
- subject access to specialist collections/materials
- an Australian thesaurus
- projects, innovations and/or research on subject access

The list should not exclude other relevant papers.

Candidates are requested to submit an abstract of approximately 200 words by 14 February 1993 to:

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