Leadership award

J enny Cram, manager of library services, Queensland Department of Education was presented with a Minister's Leadership Award for demonstrated leadership in corporate services, by the Queensland Minister for Education, Bob Quinn, in a ceremony held at Education House in May.

The Minister's Leadership Awards, inaugurated this year, recognise leadership excellence and contribution to the achievement of departmental goals by employees of the department. Awards are made in four categories: corporate services; classroom practice; curriculum leadership, and leadership potential.

At the presentation of the Minister's Leadership Awards, Bob Quinn, Qld Minister for Education and Jenny Cram, winner of the award for leadership in corporate services

Jenny's award recognises the significant and cutting-edge changes she has brought about in management, delivery and marketing of corporate library and information services throughout the department. ■

Standards key to interconnectivity

Wendy Cook, Data Research Associates

A s networking, the Internet and 'intranets' continue to dominate the consciousness both of the automation community as a whole and the worldwide library community in particular, DRA is especially excited that a cause we have long championed — standards-based library resource sharing using networking technologies — is moving front and center on the international stage.

The International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) has recently fast-tracked balloting on adopting the Z39.50 as the ISO standard for search and retrieval among disparate systems. DRA is well-known for our long-time advocacy and implementation of Z39.50, having co-founded the two major testing and implementation groups for the original standard and now having more Z39.50 servers in every-

day production use around the world than any other automation vendor. The next step, we believe, is using Z39.50 in concert with other standards (patron profile, interlibrary loan, holdings) to achieve something we call Worldwide Information Search, Retrieval and Delivery (WISRD). The idea behind WISRD is that the end-user should be able to have desired document or material delivered to him or her as efficiently and easily as possible.

We are very honoured to have been chosen for a country-wide implementation of this concept in the LIBSERV project in Singapore, and are also happy to announce the availability of our system on UNIX, which should facilitate our efforts to implement similar regional, national and international resource-sharing projects in Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere in the Australasian region. ■

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• **7/10 ALIA Vic School Section/ SLAV dinner**. For further information contact: Kris Johnstone (03) 9596 6099 or Nola Smolders (03) 9781 2966.
• **7/10 Vic UCRLS pre-conference seminar and workshop on performance indicators**. Venue: Terrace Pacific Inn, Spencer Street, Melbourne. Time: 9.30–4pm. Cost: $75 ALIA members, $95 others. Morning/Afternoon tea and lunch included. Contact: Colin Bates, ph (052) 272 713, fax (052) 272 000, e-mail colinb@deakin.edu.au.
7–11/10 Winning bids: *a two-part workshop Learn from library leaders*, Port Philip's in-house team, the first to win a CCT contract. Pt1: Preparing your bid (7/10) 9am–12.30pm. Pt 2: Delivering contracted services (11/10) 1.30–5pm. $130 (or $70 per workshop). Contact: Pat Mitchell (03) 9209 6666.
• **8/10 ALIA Acquisitions national section**: *Biennial dinner*. River Seafood Grill, Mid-level Southgate (opposite Yarra Footbridge), 7pm. $40 (plus drinks). Enjoy the company, the view and food. Bookings essential. Contact: Louise Russell, DA Information Services, 648 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham 3132, ph (03) 9210 7777.
• **8/10 ALIA Biennial Conference public libraries section dinner**. Double-decker bus leaves World Congress Centre at 7.30pm, travels over West Gate Bridge to an amazingly eclectic western suburbs pub — the Commercial Hotel in Yarraville — with great food and music. Cost $50. Contact: Alison Trembath, ph (059) 860 347.
• **9/10 ALIA RAISS national section**: *AGM and lunch*. Venue off conference site to be arranged, Melbourne 12.30pm. Agenda items by 30/8 to V Nash, ph (07) 3365 2018, fax (07) 3365 6888, e-mail v.nash@library.uq.edu.au.
11/10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander library and information resource network (ATSILIRN) post conference seminar. Current issues in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues for library and information services. Time and venue: 9–12pm, 115 Fitzroy Parade, Fitzroy. Contact: alana.garwood@alia.org.au. ■