

Congrats, Alex

Late in 1996 it was announced that Alex Byrne had been elected president of the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) for the next two years. He replaces John Shipp, University of Wollongong, who has served as president since 1992.

Mr Byrne is currently director of Information Services and chief librarian at the Northern Territory University with responsibility for the University's library, information technology, media, open learning, remote area training and distance education services (and the community radio station!).

He has been active in the Australian Library and Information Association, the International Federation of Library Associations, the Australian Council of Libraries and Information Services (Northern Territory Branch) and various specialist groups — mainly related to information technology. As one of the two initial ordinary members of the CAUL executive and subsequently vice president, he was involved in many of the recent developments in CAUL's role and operations.

International agendas in copyright law, looming industrial relations issues, the continuing consequences of the



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'convergence' of libraries and information technology services, bibliographic control/access in the electronic environment, maintenance of research collections, responding to the expansion of flexible and open learning, fostering professional development and leadership, are areas in which Alex believes will demand much attention in the next few years.

For more information on CAUL see their world wide web site at <http://www.anu.edu.au/caul> or contact the executive officer, Diane Costello on (06) 249 2990, fax (06) 248 8571, or e-mail diane.costello@anu.edu.au. ■

Library community loses a leader

We are saddened to report the death of Paul Evan Peters, 48, executive director of the Coalition for Networked Information. He died suddenly on 18 November 1996 while he walked on a beach with his wife whilst on a trip to Florida.

Paul was the founding director of the Coalition for Networked Information and served as its head since March 1990. Highly respected in the library, information technology, and scholarly communities, he sought common ground for many constituencies in order to develop global networked

information resources. A true imagineer, his vision and his ability to pull people together to build new realities were unique.

Paul led the Coalition through two cycles of formal evaluations by sponsoring organisations.

As recently as September he saw a move from the status of a sunset enterprise to one of an ongoing nature, recognising the achievement of its essential role in the North American dialogue to advance scholarship and intellectual productivity.

Before founding the Coalition in March 1990, Paul was systems co-

ordinator at the New York Public Library from 1987 through 1989, and was assistant university librarian for systems at Columbia University, where he also earned a master's degree in sociology in 1986.

Paul was a former president of the Library and Information Technology Association, was a former chair of the National Information Standards Organization, and served on the editorial boards of a number of networking, networked information, and library technology journals. He also served on the Council of the American Library Association. ■

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