

# Gold Technology Award for new knowledge management software

The Defence Information Services (DIS) Network has received a Gold Award from the National Technology in Government Committee for its innovative Research Information Manager (*RIM-r*) knowledge management software. The Award was presented at a ceremony held at Parliament House, Canberra, in March this year.

The awards are presented annually to federal, state and local governments and statutory authorities that have improved their productivity and client service using new software.

The Gold Award was accepted by Iain Brown, assistant director, network systems on behalf of the DIS Network.

*RIM-r* (pronounced 'rimmer') is an Internet-enabled knowledge management application developed using the Lotus Domino software. *RIM-r* captures, stores and indexes both what research work is done, and how it is done and makes that knowledge avail-

able for access and re-use throughout the DIS Network.

Currently at version 2.0 and deployed in all Defence libraries in the ACT, later releases of *RIM-r* will be available to the entire Australia-wide DIS Network to support their research-related work. Other areas of the Department have expressed strong interest in the product to use in support of their key business processes.

The award-winning product is the result of a successful industry partnership between the Defence Information Service and an Australian information technology company, Random Computing.



Iain Brown, Defence Information Services, Sonia Cherdevich, and Lee Williams, Defence Regional Library — Campbell Park; and Terry Hunt, Random Computing Pty Ltd after the awards ceremony

*RIM-r* is designed to readily facilitate both custom implementations and enhancements. It has a detailed development program aiming to provide an all-inclusive research support environment. ■

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All libraries and information centres in Australia are eligible for nomination by staff, users or other interested persons.

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**Nominations close 31 August 1998**

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