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The Dunn & Wilson Scholarship is a biennial award (presented at the biennial Library Technician Conference) and provides the recipient with an opportunity to investigate a particular project relating to the practice of library technicians which will increase the recipient's professional occupation experience. The Scholarship is open to practising library technician members of the Library Technician Section of the Association.

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## NOMINATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships are awarded to recognise a members distinguished contribution to the theory or practice of library and information science. Nominees must have a minimum of eight years standing as an Associate or Library Technician member, be a minimum of 30 years of age, and a personal member of the Association. Fellowships may be conferred throughout the year. Members should note that any recommendation for Fellowships must be made in strict confidence.

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## Examining the future for library technicians

10th ALIA National Library Technicians conference, 8–10 September 1999, Fremantle, Western Australia

remantle, Western Australia is the location for the first library technician conference to be hosted by the Library Technician Section Western Australian Group. The Esplanade Hotel, the venue for 10th ALIA National Library Technicians Conference, will have an influx of library technicians and other library personnel from around Australia and the Asia Pacific region during September 1999.

The response to our 'expression of interest / call for papers' brochure has been very encouraging. The conference committee is expecting more than 300 delegates to take part in the three-day conference. To date we have received abstracts for papers from most states in Australia, the United States of America, and Nepal.

Projections/reflections, the theme for this conference, will enable speakers to provide papers on the future of the library and information profession and its impact for library technicians, as well as the opportunity to reflect on the past achievements of library technicians. Our keynote speakers will present international, national and local perspectives on topics of interest to para-professionals in the library and information sector.

Carl Grant, president of Ex Libris USA, will deliver a paper projecting the future for the library and information sector and the implications for library technicians. Carl's background as a librarian with vast experience in management and library automation systems will provide up-to-date projections.

Debbie Campbell, Metadata coordinator for the National Library of Australia, will deliver a paper on Dublin Core Metadata and the Australian MetaWeb project. These projects are of interest to all library staff so will impact on the work of library technicians.

Day three will see Judy Clayden, lecturer in library and information studies at Edith Cowan University deliver a paper on the history of library technicians in Australia. Judy's paper will be based on her research in this area that she hopes to publish. Her paper will provide insight into the background of library technicians in Australia and their achievements.

The Mayor of Fremantle will officially welcome delegates to the conference and open the trade exhibition at the Welcome to Fremantle cocktail party. Conference activities are being arranged around the trade exhibition to ensure maximum exposure of the exhibition to all conference participants. Library tours, a popular event from past conferences, are currently being arranged. These tours provide an opportunity for libraries in the Fremantle and Perth areas to play host to the conference delegates and show off their special collections.

We encourage all library and information staff to attend the conference. For those of you who have not been to the West before, or for those who have not been for a while this is the ideal opportunity to come and visit the friendly people here in Western Australia. The conference committee extends a warm welcome to you all.

For more information about the conference contact the conference secretariat, Keynote Conferences, PO Box 1126, West Leederville 6001, phone 08 9382 3799, fax 08 9380 4006, email keynote@ca.com.au, or visit the conference web page at http:// www.alia.org.au/sections/libt/conferences/1999/index.html