

# Inaugural winner announced

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## ALIA Health Libraries Australia/Swets Professional Envoy Award for 2004

**A**LIA Health Libraries Australia (HLA) and Swets Information Services are pleased to announce that Sue Rockliff, senior librarian at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Adelaide, is the inaugural recipient of the ALIA HLA/Swets Professional Envoy Award for 2004. The Award, sponsored by Swets Information Services, is a biennial award that recognises a health library and information professional who demonstrates significant achievement, a commitment to continuing excellence and/or leadership in the provision of health information in Australia. The Award enables the recipient to travel outside of Australia to investigate significant developments or recent innovations in health and biomedical libraries and information services.

The Award has been conferred upon Sue Rockliff in recognition of her leading role in the inception and development of the 'Chasing the Sun' project. This project,

in the first instance, is a collaborative virtual reference service between the South Australian Human Services Libraries Consortium and the South West Information for Clinical Effectiveness network of the National Health Service in the United Kingdom. It envisages the creation of an after-hours virtual reference service for critical patient care questions by taking advantage of global time zones to offer out of business hours support for clinicians seeking urgently needed information. The aim is to broaden participation amongst other English speaking regions of the world to strengthen the project's continuity and depth of available reference expertise.

The award committee was impressed by the project's imaginative application of existing technology to offer an information service of direct and immediate benefit to clinicians and patient

care through international collaboration by health librarians. The 'Chasing the Sun' project has potentially far reaching ramifications for Australian health libraries by offering clinical information, regardless of time or geographical constraints, and in enhancing the international role of Australian health librarians.

The Award will be used by Sue to assist in funding her attendance at the Canadian Health Libraries Conference in St John, Newfoundland where she will be giving presentations on the 'Chasing the Sun' project and holding discussions on possible Canadian involvement in this project. Congratulations to Sue for receiving the inaugural Professional Envoy Award, and for setting a high standard for future Awards. ■

## Expressions of interest called for ALIA advisory groups

### ALIA By-laws advisory group

The role of the By-laws Advisory Group is to review and revise on a continuing basis the by-laws of the Association to ensure clarity and internal consistency, without the intention to change the Association and its structure.

The group acts on matters referred by the ALIA Board of Directors. It may also advise the Board of Directors of elements of the Constitution and By-laws of the Australian Library and Information Association potentially requiring review.

At least two members are required on the By-laws committee.

### ALIA interlibrary lending expert advisory group

The role of the Interlibrary Lending Expert Advisory Group is to advise the Board on:

- the Association's management of actions referred by the ACLIS National Council;
- interlibrary lending and resource sharing policy and practice matters of interest and concern to members;
- matters relating to the As-

sociation's responsibilities for the ILL voucher system;

- representation on appropriate bodies;
- development of policy statements or documents relating to interlibrary lending and resource sharing;
- other matters as determined by the Board.

There is one vacancy on the Interlibrary lending committee.

### ALIA new generation policy and advisory group

The New Generation Policy and Advisory group exists to help strengthen the participation of a new generation of library and information professionals in the Association. The group advises the Board of Directors on services for students and new professional members.

There are three vacancies on the New Generation policy and advisory group.

The term of all appointments is two years from the 2004 annual general meeting. Further details and information about how to nominate are available from Mary Ann Ryan, phone 02 6215 8214, or e-mail [maryann.ryan@alia.org.au](mailto:maryann.ryan@alia.org.au). ■

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## ALIA's excellence awards

Nominations are now being called for the following excellence awards of the Australian Library and Information Association

### National Excellence Award (2003)

The National Excellence Award recognises excellence in any area, field or aspect of practice in the library and information services sector. This award is peer or self-nominated. Nominees may be: a personal member of ALIA or the nominated ALIA representative of an institutional member; a group comprising personal members or the nominated ALIA representatives of an institutional member; an institutional member.

### Metcalf Medallion

The Metcalf Medallion recognises high achievement by a personal financial member in their first five years of practice in libraries and information services. Achievement would be commensurate with experience and should show a contribution beyond the normal requirements of the nominee's employment. This may include but not be limited to initiative, a commitment to innovation in practice, and leadership. This award is peer-nominated.

### Nomination forms

Nomination forms and further information:  
<http://alia.org.au/awards/>

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Nominations close 1 August 2004