

Questions on notice

In 2003 the format of the National Policy Congress encouraged groups to forward questions on notice for the national meeting in Canberra. The questions asked ranged from queries relating to professional qualifications through to how the Association is handling international issues. For the next few months we will dedicate space in *inCite* to answering these questions. The full list of questions on notice is available from <http://alia.org.au/governance/npc/2003/>

Q: What arrangements can be made to provide funds for Groups so that they can pay for dinner (or similar function) for guests who are being honoured, or who are invited speakers at that dinner/function?

A: Groups are asked to work on a break-even budget over the year. Groups have the option of covering the costs of the situation listed above in the following ways:

- ensure that the fee charged for the event is sufficient to cover these costs
- ensure that other events run through that year cover the cost so that the group achieves break even by the end of the year, or
- seek sponsorship for the event

Q: How are international issues being handled? (Note: APSIG is doing a good job, but it covers only a particular geographic area)

A: The executive director has been consulting with the convenor of the International Relations Policy Advisory Group. There has

been some issues significance happening and both the ED and convenor are keeping a watching brief as many of these are being picked up through IFLA especially now that Alex Byrne is president-elect of IFLA. The Association has also been involved in the cultural alliance established by the Federal Government to determine how best Australia can contribute to reconstruction in Iraq.

Q: What has happened to the money handed over by groups? Where is the transparency in this process?

Details of the groups (divisions) funds is included in the annual financial statement under Cash Assets — Divisions/groups and under Other Assets — Group conference funds. This financial statement is included in the annual report; the most recent report was published in the April 2003 issue of *inCite*. An audit is conducted annually prior to the release of the annual financial statement by an external organisation. ■

Celebrating success

We continue to highlight ALIA group's successful events and activities, this month we focus on the ALIA Tasmania group

The ALIA Tasmania Group decided its main focus for 2003 would be to ensure the students of the Graduate Diploma in Information Management course, offered by the University of Tasmania for the first time this year, were welcomed and supported by ALIA members.

As an initial event ALIA Tasmania hosted a very successful welcome function for the students in April. All the students, staff of the School of Information Systems, the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and other senior staff from the University of Tasmania and the State Library of Tasmania and many ALIA members attended. This provided the students with their

first opportunity to network with members of the profession. The students all appreciated this opportunity and have continued to build upon it by continuing to attend subsequent ALIA events.

The heightened focus on the students coupled with a regular and varied program of events and activities in 2003 has led to increased participation and attendance at ALIA Tasmania events this year. Between one quarter and one third of members are regularly attending activities, with a different mix of members each time. On current trends more than fifty per cent of members will have attended at least one ALIA Tasmania event in 2003. ■

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• **27/3 Qld Library Technicians.** Visit to UQ Ipswich Library and possibly Ipswich Hospital Library and Ipswich Library followed by lunch. Contact: Jennifer Parker, ph 07 3244 6464, jennifer.c.parker@det.qld.gov.au

• **31/3 Qld OPAL.** General meeting. Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Ltd, IBM Centre, 348 Edward Street City, 12:00pm. Hosted by Sue Gowan. Contact: Sue Gowan, ph 07 3218 2222, sgowan@pb.com.au

• **27/4 ALIA Quorum.** General meeting. Venue tba. Watch the ALIAQLD e-list for more information. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 07 3846 1813, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **6/5 Qld OPAL.** General meeting. Sinclair Knight Merz, 369 Ann Street, City, 12:00pm–2:00pm. Hosted by Melissa Porritt. Contact: Melissa Porritt, ph 07 3244 7100, mporritt@skm.com.au

• **24/5 ALIA Quorum.** Trivia night: celebrate the start of Library and Information Week with a trivia night and the presentation of the Library Achiever of the Year Award. Venue and details tba. Watch the ALIAQLD e-list for more information. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 07 3846 1813, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **8/6 ALIA Quorum.** General meeting. Venue and details tba. Watch the ALIAQLD e-list for more information. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 07 3846 1813, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **30/6 Qld OPAL.** General meeting and seminar: *Marketing your library using technology* presented by Kristina Williams. BCC Theatre Central City Library, lower level City Plaza, cnr George and Adelaide Sts, City, 5:30pm–7:00pm. Contact: Kristina Williams, ph 07 3801 4111, kristina.williams@softlink.com.au

• **10/8 Qld OPAL.** General meeting. Brisbane Catholic Education Centre, 243 Gladstone Rd Dutton Park, 4:00pm–5:30pm. Hosted by Denise Cadman. Contact: Denise Cadman, ph 07 3840 0433, dcadman@bne.catholic.edu.au

20/9 RAILS seminar. Research applications in information and library studies on day prior to ALIA 2004 biennial conference. QUT Gardens Point Campus, Brisbane, Michael Middleton, ph 07 3864 2870, m.middleton@qut.edu.au

• **21/9 Qld OPAL.** General meeting. Time yet to be confirmed. Hosted by Alethea Hubley at Drug-Arm, 83 Castlemaine Street Milton. Contact: Alethea Hubley, ph 07 3368 3822, alethea@drugarm.com.au

• **3/11 Qld OPAL.** General meeting. Resource Options, Unit 6, 6 Qualtrough St Woolloongabba, 7:30am–

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