

It's a leap year. Why not leap into REAP?

Are you often involved in projects at work? Do you think that your project work can contribute to innovative LIS practice? Then why not leap into REAP — ALIA's Research Exchange and Partnership?

REAP is a network that lets you share ideas and information with colleagues who, like you, are involved in projects relating to library and information services and that may even have the potential to improve or change the way that we deliver those services.

Currently REAP operates as an e-list where you can learn about projects already in progress, discuss and refine ideas, ask questions and find out if others are working on projects similar to yours. When you join the aliaREAP e-list, you will be in contact with people who are keen to become involved in research projects as well as others wanting to explore further possibilities and even new directions for their research.

As its name implies, REAP offers you the opportunity to share your experiences with others and helps you in becoming involved in research and project work to benefit library and information sector practice. Although established to operate mainly as an e-list, meetings will be held from time-to-time so that you can come together with fellow REAP participants to learn more about research opportunities and discuss issues

face-to-face. The first of these meetings is planned to co-incide with this year's biennial conference.

Linked to REAP is the ALIA e-prints repository, a free service which enables you to publish and review your research work at any time. Reports of research-in-progress are welcomed and are easily linked to subsequent reports. ALIA e-prints offers a complementary service to usual publication routes and aims to increase the visibility and accessibility of library and information sector research.

You may be a student undertaking a research project as part of your library and information studies course, or you may be involved in workplace projects. Whatever your situation, REAP can provide a useful forum for discussing aspects of your project work. Depending upon your role in a particular project, you may want to discuss your participation in REAP with your supervisor or project manager as their advice can help you gain the greatest benefit from the forum.

Leap into REAP through <http://alia.org.au/research/>. From there you can subscribe to the e-list and learn more about ALIA e-prints and other research resources. If you would like more information about the Research Exchange and Partnership contact Marie Murphy, marie.murphy@alia.org.au. ■



President Christine Mackenzie and directors invite members

to join them at 6:00pm Thursday 20 May 2004 for the

ALIA Annual General Meeting

Notice of Annual General Meeting and call for motions

The 16th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 20 May 2004 at ALIA House, 9–11 Napier Close, Deakin ACT.

AGENDA

- 1 Notice of convening meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of the 2003 AGM
- 4 Presentation of the 2003 Annual report and financial statements
- 5 Presentation of supplementary balance sheet and supplementary income and expenditure account to 30 April 2004
- 6 Election of Directors
- 7 Fixing of Auditors' fees
- 8 Reports
- 9 General business

RULES OF MEETING

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing to the ALIA executive director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604 by **19 March 2004**. Motions should be signed by the movers either individually or on behalf of a division of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda notice in the April issue of *inCite* and on ALIANet.
 2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
 3. The only items that may be raised under general business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
 4. If any item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting, the chairperson has the power to accept it without notice or rule that due notice must be given.
 5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with rule 4, and amendments, shall be in writing, signed by the movers (forms will be provided), and delivered to the chair.
 6. When addressing the chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving his or her name and affiliation. Only ALIA members may speak.
 7. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
 8. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in the *Constitution* — item 8.2 and be in the hands of the ALIA executive director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604, e-mail address: enquiry@alia.org.au, by **6:00pm on 18 May 2004**. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific areas. A proxy must also be a member. A form is available from ALIA National Office or on ALIANet at <http://alia.org.au/governance/meetings/agm/2004.proxy.html>
 9. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
 10. The chairperson's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia*, 8th ed, 1994. A parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the chairperson on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.
- <http://alia.org.au/governance/meetings/>