

East Timor: urgent assistance needed

East Timor's *Living Memory* project is seeking an archivist/curator to work in Timor for five months beginning around October 2005.

The project headed by Australian writer Jill Jolliffe, in alliance with the Association of Former Political Prisoners, will create a video archive of testimony from some of East Timor's estimated 10 000 ex-prisoners. The archive will remain in Timor as part of the country's national heritage. An international version will be made available in various formats to educational and media institutions for research, to advance respect for human rights and contribute to the international campaign to abolish torture.

Living Memory has been granted US\$44 000 by the Southeast Asia Digital Library (set up recently by American university libraries with funds from the US Department of Education). Work is ongoing to obtain the rest of its US\$86 000 overall budget before start-up.

The archivist would form part of a staff of six Dili-based internation-

als and East Timorese. The budget includes funds for casual employment of ex-prisoners as drivers, caterers and interpreters.

Living Memory needs an experienced librarian in the audiovisual field to design a system of storage in tropical conditions for master tapes, establish an online catalogue, and train an East Timorese counterpart for long-term conservation of the material and the mounting of related exhibitions. Given Dili's status as a hardship posting, the project team is looking for a dedicated person, preferably with some ability in one or more of the Tetum, Indonesian or Portuguese languages. Employment would be for five months, at a rate of US\$2000 per month, plus accommodation and airfares.

Additional sponsorship desirable

Ideally the project would like a library to second a staff member on salary for the five months, and contribute travel costs. The draft budget described this job as financed 'in kind', in the belief that an NGO or library might be

prepared to finance it, but to date no partner has stepped forward. This is not essential to start-up, but would relieve a strained budget.

Replies

Reply to The Living Memory project, PO Box 3952, Darwin NT 0801 or e-mail: tropo_media@yahoo.com. ■

From *Living Memory* project outline:

'For ex-prisoners and torture victims, the recovery and safeguarding of memory are imperative to their well-being. The story of ex-prisoners...is a vital part of East Timor's recent history which is currently ignored and in danger of being lost to the younger generation. The recovery of that collective memory by the *Living Memory* project is...part of the healing process.' ■

New Directions: ALIA symposium for special librarians

Melbourne, 3-4 November 2005

ALIA, in partnership with Information Edge, will host a new symposium for special librarians in Melbourne in early November.

New Directions will focus on the opportunities for special librarians to position their libraries or services as vital, integral parts of their organisations in a rapidly changing work environment.

ALIA's Georgina Dale together with Elizabeth Swan from Information Edge, both of whom have broad experience as special librarians, have developed the program for *New Directions*. A mix of keynote speakers, workshop sessions and panel sessions will provide delegates with the opportunity to hear and debate new ideas, and learn how to implement them when they return to their workplaces.

As part of the program, a symposium dinner will give delegates the chance to network over great food and wine.

New Directions will be held at the new RACV Club, located in Bourke Street in the heart of Melbourne. We look forward to seeing you there!

For further information about the symposium or to register, go to <http://alia.org.au/events/>, or contact Georgina Dale, manager, Member Services and Groups Liaison, ph 02 6215 8229; e-mail georgina.dale@alia.org.au. ■



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