

Australian Committee on Cataloguing

The Australian Committee on Cataloguing (ACOC) is a joint committee of the National Library of Australia and ALIA, each organisation having three representatives. The Australian representative on the Editorial Policy Committee of the Dewey Decimal Classification, Anne Robertson, is also a member.

In recent times we have been fortunate to have had two outstanding people as the Australian JSC (Joint Steering Committee for the Development of Resource Description and Access (RDA)) representatives. Ann Huthwaite (an ALIA representative) was not only the Australian representative but also Chair of JSC from 1999 to 2003. With Ann as Chair the first steps on the road to a revised cataloguing code were taken. Ann must be thanked for her dedication and insights. Her expertise will be sorely missed.

Ann was followed by Deirdre Kiorgaard as the JSC representative and also, in short order, as JSC Chair. Deirdre has steered the development of RDA over the last 3 years. She resigned as Chair earlier this year. Deirdre has done an incredible job during her time as Chair, and I would like to thank her for her hard work. I would also like to thank the National Library of Australia for their support during this process, and going above and beyond. Luckily, Deirdre is still the Australian representative to JSC.

Philip Hider, another ALIA representative is also resigning from the committee. His knowledge of cataloguing practice and issues in the region, as well as his insights as an educator have been invaluable, and he too will be greatly missed.

ACOC is now looking for enthusiastic new members.

Part of the Terms of Reference for the committee are: "... monitoring and influencing developments in national and international cataloguing and classification". This leaves broad scope for ACOC's involvement in a number of areas, and an unbeatable opportunity to get involved. All terms of reference can be found here <http://www.nla.gov.au/lis/stdndrs/grps/acoc/index.html>.

Over the last six years the ACOC annual seminar has been established as the premier event for cataloguers in the region. ACOC has also provided review and response to the RDA drafts on behalf of the Australian cataloguing community. With the publication of RDA this year ACOC will be a major player in disseminating information to the Australian cataloguing community as Australian libraries prepare for RDA's implementation. It should be an interesting and challenging time ahead.

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Call for Expression of Interest

ALIA representatives for ACOC

The ongoing role of the Australian Committee on Cataloguing (ACOC) is to:

- Study developments in national and international cataloguing rules, standards, and shared cataloguing systems;
- Present the Australian viewpoint to international committees and organisations and, in particular, to select and brief the Australian delegate to the Joint Steering Committee for the revision of the AACR;
- Ensure adequate consultation within Australia on such cataloguing issues; and
- Foster cooperation within Australia in shared cataloguing systems with due regard to national and regional requirements.

There is a vacancy on the committee for two ALIA representatives for a three-year term. For further information, please contact Jenna Walter, 02 6215 8225, jenna.walter@alia.org.au.

Call for Expressions of Interest

Editor: *Australian Library Journal* (ALJ)

The ALIA Board of Directors is seeking expressions of interest in the position of ALJ editor from suitably qualified and experienced persons.

The *Australian Library Journal* is published quarterly and covers a wide range of professional interests in the sector. Published by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), ALJ is now in its 55th year. It is the flagship publication of the Association and the editor will be expected to be familiar with its evolution and with ALIA's objectives, programs, range of interests, and place in the LIS sector.

Experience in the professional field, in serial publications, and as an editor are important. Applicants should briefly address the selection criteria (indicating editorial experience) and supply the contact details for two referees. A maximum of 400 words outlining their thoughts on possible editorial directions for ALJ and its relationship to ALIA's other publications would also be acceptable as part of the application. <http://www.alia.org.au/publishing/alj>

Further information on the duties and responsibilities of the editor and the roles of the Editorial Board and the Association, and copies of the selection criteria, are available from Sue Hutley, ALIA Executive Director, ph 02 6215 8215, sue.hutley@alia.org.au.

Closing date for expressions of interest is

16 October 2009

Call for Expressions of Interest

Editor: *Australian Academic & Research Libraries* (AARL)

The ALIA Board of Directors is seeking expressions of interest in the position of AARL editor from suitably qualified and experienced persons.

Australian Academic & Research Libraries is published quarterly by ALIA and is a scholarly journal publishing original refereed articles. It is devoted to all aspects of librarianship in university, TAFE and college libraries, and in research libraries of all types.

Experience in the professional field, in serial publications, and as an editor are important. Applicants should briefly address the selection criteria (indicating editorial experience) and supply the contact details for two referees. A maximum of 400 words outlining their thoughts on possible editorial directions for AARL and its relationship to ALIA's other publications would also be acceptable as part of the application. <http://www.alia.org.au/aarl>

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