

WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR ASSOCIATION?

New membership categories and rolling membership renewals introduced

There have been some big changes afoot in ALIA's member services. Jade Dawes was recently promoted to the position of Membership & Marketing Manager and is now overseeing the rollout of some important changes in membership categories and how membership renewals are handled – changes designed to support members in their career development and deliver more streamlined support.

As reported in INCITE in our August issue, ALIA introduced two new membership categories, Associate Certified Professional and Library Technician Certified Professional, earlier this year. These categories recognise the efforts and dedication of members who continually build on and refresh their expertise.

Along with these new categories we have introduced a system to enable formal recognition of the unique combination of information and specialist sector skills and competencies of eligible members. The Certified Professional (Health) is the first such specialisation to be recognised and already this category is proving to be extremely popular, with many members upgrading their membership to take part.

Improving members support through the introduction of anniversary date membership renewals has been another important change. As of September 2012, members are able to renew according to the month in which you joined, rather than all renewals being scheduled for July, which required various pro rata memberships to be managed. This has made life much simpler for both the membership team and members alike.

Our goal is 100% commitment to meeting the needs of you, our members, so don't hesitate to contact Jade with any feedback or suggestions at membership@alia.org.au. Whether you are a qualified library and information professional or someone who loves working in the sector, ALIA is here for you. And together, we are stronger.

Our top tips for accessing the true value of your ALIA membership

GET RECOGNISED

The ALIA PD scheme and PD tracking tool can help you track your progress and provides a record of your ongoing professional commitment. And now you can also aim for Certified Professional membership status and add specialisation.

JOIN A GROUP

ALIA groups are formed by members, for members, and focus on particular aspects of profession and practice. What's your passion?

GET CONNECTED

Be a part of the online conversation via our social media platforms. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube, Storify and LinkedIn.

TALK

Your State Manager, the ALIA House team and your fellow members are here to help!

WRITE AND PRESENT

Submit an idea for an article, program or paper for INCITE or for an ALIA conference, meeting or event.

READ

Get all the latest news and information delivered straight your inbox in ALIAWeekly, catch up with the latest professional development opportunities and sector news in our range of newsletters, check out INCITE for report and comment on contemporary issues and follow the research in your Australian Library Journal and Australian Academic and Research Libraries Journal.

BUILD YOUR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Refresh and update your skills and knowledge, or learn something new to broaden your professional scope with a course from ALIA Training. Or do a little research via your free member access to the ProQuest ebooks and journal databases.

GET OUT AND ABOUT

There are ALIA events held throughout the country. Check out the ALIA events calendar on our website for what's on near you.

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