

ALIA PD SCHEME HEALTH SPECIALISATION CERTIFICATES AWARDED



The achievements of specialist LIS professionals in the health sector were recognised recently at the HLA Professional Development Day.

The ALIA Health Libraries Australia (HLA) Professional Development Day was back again in 2016. This year's theme was 'Innovation for Enhancing Library Value'. Held at the Kolling Institute, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney, more than 120 health library professionals gathered for their annual day of learning.

This year was special, as it marked the awarding of the first group of Certified Professional certificates to those ALIA Members who have successfully completed

Presentation of the ALIA Certified Professional Health Specialisation certificates at Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital on 18 July 2016 during ALIA Health Libraries Australia PD Day. L to R: Judy Brooker (ALIA), Veronica Delafosse, Ann Ritchie, Suzanne Lewis, Cheryl Hamill, Jane Orbell-Smith, Jeanette Bunting, Phoebe Nimanis and Kate Jonson.



Left: Alison Hart and Veronica Delafosse HLA Medical Director Award 2016
Right: Anne Harrison Award Recipients

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their ALIA PD Scheme Health Specialisation Triennium. Since July 2013, LIS professionals in the health sector have been able to demonstrate their specialised knowledge by complying with an additional commitment to the ALIA PD Scheme, choosing ongoing learning based on a specific set of health core competencies. The completing members who attended the HLA PD Day could receive their Health Specialisation Certificates in person. Ann Ritchie, president of HLA, and Judy Brooker, ALIA's Director of Learning, presented the certificates to applause from the audience in recognition of the significant personal achievement by the recipients.

The ALIA PD Scheme Health Specialisation supports librarians, library technicians and information managers working in all health sectors, including hospitals and other clinical facilities, research institutes, regulatory agencies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, government departments, regional health services, professional colleges, universities, cooperative research centres, not-for-profit and community organisations and parts of public library services. The scheme participation has continued to grow strongly and provides an important support framework for the expertise of the health information workforce, which is integral to the provision of evidence-based best practice health care in Australia.