

Executive Director's Report

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Corporate plan and review report

The response to the report has been generally very favourable and this is heartening to those who put so much time and energy into carrying out the review. For those of you who missed it, a summary of the report appeared in *InCite* number 3 and copies of the full report are still available from Head Office. If you are quick you can still get comment on the report to the Corporate Plan Committee for consideration at the June meeting of General Council. The deadline for comment is 1 May but we can extend this by a few days, so make sure you've had an input.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

Indexing award

The Australian Society of Indexers is offering an award for an outstanding index to a book or periodical compiled and first published in Australia.

To be eligible for the Australian Society of Indexers Medal, the index must be in print and must have been first published in Australia between January 1 1984 and December 31 1985. It must have been compiled in Australia even though the text to which it refers may have originated outside Australia.

Indexers, librarians, authors, publishers, indeed all who are concerned with indexed publications are invited to recommend indexes as contenders for the 1985 award. Recommendations with essential bibliographical details should be sent to the Secretary, Australian Society of Indexers, GPO Box 1251L, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001 by April 30 1986.

The Maria Gemenis Award

The Maria Gemenis Award for Outstanding Contribution to Special Librarianship was established to encourage members of the Special Libraries Sectional Group to contribute to group activities and to continue the work which Maria so actively carried out. The Award criteria are listed in the 'Call for Nominations' on this page.

The story of Maria Gemenis

In 1967, Maria graduated from the University of New South Wales with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Diploma in Librarianship, in September of that year becoming Librarian of the NSW Department of Works (now the Department of Transport and Construction). Later she became Data Services Manager and then Information Service Manager in charge of the Library, Trade Information and Plan Records Section.

Maria became a member of the LAA in 1967 and made a distinctive contribution to the Special Libraries Sectional Group. Joining the Committee in 1975, she served as Chairperson from 1976 to mid-1979, and worked tirelessly for Specials. For example, she organised a very successful series of lunch-time visits to Special Libraries in Sydney and several innovative seminars, such as the micrographics seminar which she arranged so quickly given that micrographics was then a little known topic.

As a long-standing member of Architects, Construction and Consulting Engineers, Specialists Services (ACCESS), Maria became concerned about librarians in isolation and urged the Special Libraries Sectional Group to cater for their needs. Maria further championed Special Libraries through her participation on NSW Branch Council of the LAA, AACOBS, ACCESS and TAFE. She brought to

the attention of these bodies the particular needs of Special Libraries which had been largely unheeded until then.

A creative leader and supportive committee member, Maria had a pragmatic approach to problems and concern for users of library services and for the quality of the profession. A warm, outgoing person, she actively sought out the new or the lonely at general meetings to encourage their involvement.

The life of this very vital woman, active marathon runner and practical and energetic librarian ended prematurely with her death on 1 February 1983.

Recipients of the Award

Eve Ahearn was the first recipient in 1983, in recognition of her activities on many LAA committees, in which she often promoted or represented Special Libraries. For many years Eve was the editor of the *Australian Special Libraries News*, a publication which helps to overcome the isolation of Special Libraries, and facilitates the sharing of professional expertise.

Kaye Cox received the award in 1984, primarily in recognition of her efforts in overcoming the barriers of isolation as a Regional Librarian for the NSW Department of Agriculture. Kaye established a library network, throughout the New England, Hunter and Metropolitan regions, which is so successful that it is to be implemented statewide.

Elizabeth Swan, who received the Award last year, is noted for her efforts in advancing the professionalism of colleagues, and for advocating a marketing approach to promoting and selling library services within the parent organisation. Elizabeth has utilised this approach successfully, and through difficult times, for her own ACI Information Services.

There is a Call for Nominations announcement for the Maria Gemenis Award on this page with details of how to nominate someone you consider to be eligible. Nominations close on 31 May 1986.

Wendy Bartlett

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

MARIA GEMENIS AWARD

for outstanding contribution to special librarianship

Nominations are called for the Maria Gemenis Award.

The award criteria are as follows:

The award will be made to a person who has made a significant contribution in the following areas —

- Willingness to share professional expertise.
- Breaking down the barriers of librarians in isolation.
- Successful promotion of the library/information service, achieving outstanding recognition from their parent organisation.

Rules of nomination:

1. Only members of the Library Association of Australia, NSW Special Libraries Sectional Group may be nominated.
2. No current member of the NSW Special Libraries Sectional Group Committee may be nominated.
3. Each nominee must have a proposer and a seconder, with the consent of the nominee.
4. The proposer and the seconder must submit a brief résumé, in writing, about the nominee and send it to the Maria Gemenis Award at the address which has been nominated in the Call for Nominations.
5. The decision of the Committee will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
6. The presentation of the award will be reported in the September issue of *Australian Special Libraries News* (or nearest date after presentation) and will include a photograph and the résumé of the recipient.
7. Nominations should be reported in *InCite* and June *Australian Special Libraries News*.

Nominations close in May.

Nomination forms are available from: **The Secretary, Special Libraries Section NSW Group, Library Association of Australia, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007.**

AUSTRALIAN BOOK TRADE VIDEO

The Australian Book Trade Committee (ABTC) is currently planning the production of a video tape on the Australian book trade. Intended as an introduction to the book trade the tape will provide an overview of the inter-relationship between publishers, booksellers, library suppliers and librarians. Each of these sectors will be represented in the production with library acquisitions work featuring in the library segment. The potential audience includes both students of librarianship and people seeking employment in the Australian book trade. However the production should also be of interest to librarians and members of the book trade who are not very familiar with the various interactions between the two sectors. The tape will be made available throughout Australia.

The ABTC would welcome any comments or suggestions relevant to this proposal. In particular it would be helpful to learn of the existence of video tape productions on the book trade or acquisitions work currently in use in libraries or courses of librarianship. Please direct any information or suggestions, before the next meeting of the ABTC on 28 May, to:

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