

LAA Study Grant Award Winners

The Association has awarded three of its Study Grants for 1987. The winners are Barry Scott, Community Services Librarian at Caulfield Library Service, Sister Deirdre Murphy, Librarian of St. Joseph's High School at Broken Hill and Anatolij Lisov, who is Acquisitions-Technical Services Librarian at Frankston College of TAFE.

Barry Scott has been awarded \$3000 to examine public relations programs in selected American public libraries. He is too particularly interested in how effective these are in attracting people to the library and raising its status as a focus for community development activities. In his study he will be visiting libraries in eight major centres, as well as holding discussions with the American Library Association.

A grant of \$1700 to Sr. Murphy is enabling her to produce a series of short reading programs suitable for junior and middle secondary classes. They are designed for small groups of children with mixed abilities, and centred on forms of children's literature such as school stories, classics, historical fiction, folklore and science fiction. Sr. Murphy's study program includes visits to a number of primary and secondary schools in South Australia, to the State Library and to the School Libraries Branch of the Education Department of South Australia.

Collection development and management for ESL (English as a second language) resources in Victorian TAFE colleges is the area to be studied by Anatolij Lisov. His grant of \$1500 will allow him to examine current practices, and how ESL teachers identify



Photos: Study Grant Award winners (left): Sister Deirdre Murphy; (below left) Anatolij Lisov; (below right) Barry Scott.



these resources, and to look at the role of the publishing industry. He hopes to identify shortcomings and to suggest solutions for more constructive approaches to managing ESL resources.

Each of the award winners is to produce a report on their studies, and these will be available through the Association. They have also been asked to write an article for *InCite* as the study progresses.

Study Grant Awards are available to practising librarians in supervisory or middle management positions, who have a minimum of three years' experience in library and information work, and who wish to undertake a study project on a selected library and information issue or problem relevant to the development of library and information services in Australia. The study may include opportunity for preliminary work, local or overseas visits or consultations, attachments to other organisations, preparation for a publication, or further educational qualification. The award is not intended to be used to fund research projects, and is available only to members of the Association.

Nine awards have been made in the past four years. They have been used for a variety of projects including studies in library and information services to the disabled, library resources for basic nursing programs, participation in user education programs, a study of trends in theological librarianship, compiling a guide to buying nonbook materials in other languages and an examination of personnel librarianship and staff development.

Applications for awards in 1988 close on 1 September 1987. Application forms and further details of the awards may be obtained from the Assistant Director, LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo 2007.

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