

The Redmond Barry Awards

Donald McLean Lamberton BEc DPhil

Donald Lamberton has contributed greatly to the development of library and information services in Australia, specifically in the area of the economics of information, where he enjoys an international reputation.

As Director of the Information Research Unit and Professor of Economics at the University of Queensland, he established one of the world's first educational programs on information economics. During this time he was appointed a member of the Committee of Inquiry into Public Libraries, whose report *Public Libraries in Australia* (the Horton Report) made major policy recommendations.

His ideas on the costs of library service and relevance of economic analysis for the library profession have profoundly influenced library and information professionals and educators in this country. A prolific thinker and author, he has been a member of numerous committees of inquiry for the government, the OECD and UNESCO. He has edited a number of monographs and journals and in 1983 founded the scholarly journal *Prometheus*, the journal of issues in technological change, innovation, information economics, communication, information and science policy.

In 1989, he co-founded the Centre for International Research on Communication and Information Technologies (CIRCIT), and worked there on a variety of library and information research projects. In 1992 he became a Visiting Fellow in the Urban Research Program at the Research School of Social Sciences at the Australian National University. He remains a Senior Research Fellow at CIRCIT.

His efforts over many years to convince governments of the crucial importance of information as a major transforming agent in our society are gradually being reflected in the increasing pressure for the adoption of national and state information policies, and in the addition of an information dimension to such crucial policy areas as trade, industry and telecommunications. This proud record of achievement demonstrates that Donald Lamberton has richly deserved the Redmond Barry Award.

George Frederick Maltby BA

George Maltby has made a valuable contribution to the Australian library and information industry, with over 40 years of active involvement in providing Australia with efficient external communications. His distinguished career in the Overseas Telecommunications Commission, culminated in his appointment as Managing Director and a Member of the Board of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission in 1985. He retired in 1988.

While with the Commission he took a keen interest in communications issues affecting the Australian library and information industry. He recognised the crucial importance of efficient external communications in the industry's development, and was directly responsible for the first public online data connection in Australia to any overseas database, at the LASIE Kilgour Seminar in Sydney in 1973. He saw that telecommunications were rapidly becoming an abundant resource and that librarians and information specialists would be significant users of improved data communication technologies.

His decision to select the information community as the initial market for a public packet-switched network, MIDAS (Multimode International Data Acquisition Service, subsequently renamed DIALCOM), which OTC introduced in 1979, broke down the cost barrier to access to overseas information sources and began a revolution in information delivery in Australia.

George Maltby, married to a distinguished school librarian, actively involved himself in the successful LAA campaign which resulted in Federal assistance for school libraries in 1968. For many years he participated in programs of library schools in Sydney. He was on the Board of CLANN Ltd from its establishment in 1979 until 1988.

George has been a welcome guest speaker at LAA conferences, and at the Information Online Conferences established in Sydney in 1986. He was a staunch supporter of the communications section of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS), and was elected Chairman of the Australian chapter of the International Institute of Communications (IIC) in 1990. His unwavering commitment to the development and effective transfer of information fully justify his Redmond Barry Award. ■

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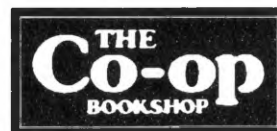
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