

# Call for papers

Your chance to contribute to the most important library conference in the year 2000



Papers are invited on topics relevant to the theme *Capitalising on knowledge — the information profession in the 21st century* for presentation at the ALIA2000 conference. The conference will examine the nature of the provision of information in society in the 21st century. Who will provide information and on what basis in the 'information century'? Day 1 of the conference will focus on the environment of the world of information in the 21st century, including a scan of the future developments in the social, legal, business and technological environment. Day 2 will focus on the information needs of the consumer. Day 3 will focus on the information creator and provider, including discussion of the roles of a range of information professions.

Some of the important issues will be:

- How will the new global economy, characterised by an almost instantaneous flow and exchange of information, capital and cultural communication, affect our lives?
- Will commercial providers, for example online book stores, fill the gaps left by libraries as budget cuts occur?
- Will several large virtual universities dominate the global education market?
- What will be the core of information competency skills for the 21st century?
- The continued presence of libraries and library services is now turning on the economic and social value they provide to their stakeholders: how is their value measured and by whom?
- What services will citizens expect libraries to provide and with what balance between digital and traditional services?
- What responsibilities do libraries have toward citizens across all their life spans?
- Should libraries act as change agents, especially social and technological interpreters?
- Will information providers by-pass libraries and deal directly with users?
- What changes to the regulatory framework will effect the flow of information access: to regulate the internet or not, 'net TV, issues of intellectual property and censorship.
- What will be the impact of these changes on all types of libraries and the services they provide?
- Will the web become a virtual library and what is a publisher in the 'net environment?
- Globalisation or niche markets — how can library and information professionals capitalise on their skills in the knowledge environment?

These topics and many others will be addressed by a host of expert speakers from government, national associations, lobbyists and information professionals. Individual or joint papers, panel papers or poster session papers may be proposed. The proposed topics together with an 100-word abstract are to be provided by Friday 10 December 1999. Successful authors to be advised by 31 January 2000. Submissions should be sent to Conference Solutions, PO Box 238, Deakin West ACT 2600 [alia2000.conference@alia.org.au](mailto:alia2000.conference@alia.org.au).

## ALIA's PREMIER AWARDS

Nominations are now being called for the following honorary awards of the Australian Library and Information Association

### HCL ANDERSON AWARD

This award commemorates HCL Anderson, who was the principal librarian of the Free Public Library of New South Wales from 1906 and is the highest honour the Association can bestow on a professional member. The HCL Anderson Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to librarianship, the profession, ALIA, or to the theory and practice of librarianship. Previous winners of the award include John Wallace Metcalfe, Harrison Bryan, Warren Horton and Margaret Trask. To be eligible for the award nominees must be Associate members of the Association.



### REDMOND BARRY AWARD

The Redmond Barry Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to ALIA, to the promotion/theory/practice of library and information science or an associated field. Nominees must be people who are not eligible to become a professional member; and not employed in the field of library and information science. Prof Donald Lamberton and The Hon EG Whitlam are previous recipients of this award.



### ELLINOR ARCHER AWARD

Ellinor Archer was a foundation member of the Australian Institute of Librarians and its first woman president. The Ellinor Archer Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to a library and information service, the promotion/theory/practice of library and information science, or an associated field. Nominees must be, or have been, employed in libraries, but be ineligible for Associate membership. A previous recipient is Ena Noël.



#### Confidentiality

It is essential that nominees should NOT be aware that they are nominated for an award. Nominations are considered by the Honorary Awards Committee and General Council in committee, and details are published only when the nominations are successful. Divisions of ALIA are particularly asked not to note nominations in their agenda papers or minutes. Disclosure of such details can prejudice a nomination.

#### Nomination forms

Nomination forms are available from  
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Nominations close 1 February 2000