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Anne Harison Award for health librarianship

The Anne Harrison Award for health librarianship commemorates the work of a holder of the prestigious ALIA fellowship. Anne Harrison (1923–1992) was librarian-in-charge of the Brownless Medical Library, University of Melbourne (1949–1983), and founder of the Central Medical Library Organisation (1953). She helped pioneer the introduction of Medline into Australia, and was a founder of the Australian Medical Librarians' Group in the early 1970s, and the LAA Medical Librarians' Section (now ALIA Health Libraries Section).

The first recipient of the Anne Harrison Award was Linda Mulheron (Westmead Hospital), for work on the

quality of user education (1987). Recent Award winners include Veronica Delafosse (Caulfield General Medical Centre Library) for her bibliography *Resources for health sciences* (Adelaide: Auslib Press, 1995) and Kathy Saurine (Department of Community and Health Services, Burnie) for research on the relationship between hospital libraries and the private sector, the results of which appeared in her publication *Health libraries: challenges in the commercial environment* (Adelaide: Auslib Press, 1997).

The current Award holder is Lorena Smirneos (Alfred Hospital), whose project was *Investigating the use of the internet and other information sources by health professionals*.

Lorena developed a research tool, including a questionnaire, which is available to others interested in doing their own research. Lorena's research tool is available from the Anne Harrison Award Secretary (see below) to anyone who would like to use it to find out more about their library's user population.

Anyone interested in applying for the Award in 1999 should contact Stephen Due, Secretary of the Anne Harrison Award Administrators, Geelong Hospital Library, PO Box 281, Geelong 3220 (telephone 03 5226 7226, fax 03 5223 1946 or e-mail due@barwonhealth.org.au). Applications close on Friday **21 May 1999**. ■

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