



ALIA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Nominations are now being
called for the 2001 award**

The ALIA Manager of the Year award recognises and encourages exceptional management practices within the library and information sector. Nominees may be a personal member responsible for managing a library and information service or individual library, or responsible for a significant service or project within a larger organisational unit.

Nomination forms are available
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Nominations close 1 June 2001



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UNESCO guidelines for digitisation programs

UNESCO has collaborated with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the International Council on Archives (ICA) to establish guidelines for digitisation programs for collections and holdings in the public domain, particularly those held by libraries and archives. The guidelines, expected to be published at the end of 2001, are intended to serve decision makers as well as library and archives managers, mainly in developing countries, as a guide for planning digitisation projects.

UNESCO's ultimate goal is to strengthen access to information in the public domain, and to link up, through

virtual gateways, the various activities being developed at national and international levels, with a view to progressively building a virtual repository for public information relevant to UNESCO's fields of competence.

The guidelines, which will include an analytical list of completed and ongoing digitisation projects of information in the public domain, will cover selection policy, conversion policy and techniques, metadata issues, legal aspects, quality control, budgeting, human resource planning, technical needs analysis, development and maintenance of interfaces (websites), preservation of digital contents and project management. ■

The Big Australian joins the net roadshow

A strategic partnership between BHP and the State Library of Queensland will deliver free computer and internet training to rural and regional Queensland. BHP will contribute significant funding over the next two years, and State Library staff, already experienced in internet education, will provide the tuition.

The program, called 'BHP skills.net roadshow Queensland', will be rolled out through Queensland's well-developed public library network.

The first region to be covered when the project commences this month will be the Central Highlands, including Emerald, Blackwater, Bluff, Moranbah,

Dysart and Mirani. With a week in each location, training and guidance will be provided in more than sixty towns and communities in two years.

Training will include internet sites for job seekers and communicating via e-mail and chat. Normally out of reach of many rural and regional communities, this kind of training will be of value to small businesses, farmers, teachers and parents alike.

Two additional partners, IPEX Information Technology Group and Telstra Country Wide, will provide state-of-the-art computers and telecommunication technology. ■



LIBRARY TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Nominations are now being
called for the 2001 award**

This award promotes the role of library technicians in library and information science, and the role and image of the library technician. Nominees must be a personal member of the Library Technician Section and hold a library technician qualification recognised by ALIA. Members should note that any nomination for the award must be made in strict confidence.

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ISBD(G): General International Standard Bibliographic Description

The revised version of the *General International Standard Bibliographic Description* is now available on IFLANET at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/pubs/isbdg.htm>.

This is the second of the ISBDs to become available worldwide on the web, the first having been the ISBD for Electronic Resources. The IFLA Review Group is currently preparing a revised version of the ISBD for Monographic Publications, which, when ready, will be posted on IFLANET in draft form for comments. The ISBD for Serial Publications is also nearing the final phase of its preparation for worldwide review, and it too will be posted on IFLANET in the near future.

If you have comments regarding these or other ISBDs, please address them to John D Byrum, Jr, chair, ISBD Review Group: jbyr@LOC.GOV. ■