State Library of Queensland wins prestigious IT&T award

The State Library of Queensland has won the 2001 Regional Community Skills Award for the BHPskills.net roadshow Queensland which has been delivering free internet training to regional, rural and remote communities across the state.

The award recognises the roadshow's innovative service that has de-livered significant benefits to regional Queensland.

Since June 2001, the roadshow has travelled 6852 kilometres, visited seventeen towns, presented 160 courses and trained almost 1500 people in the central Queensland area. Course participants have spent 3653 hours online and visited more than 24 000 websites.

In 2002 the roadshow will visit towns from Maryborough to Townsville providing free computer and internet training.

State librarian, Lea Giles-Peters said the win has presented the opportunity to represent Australia at the finals in Malaysia for the Asia Pacific IT&T Awards in 2002. 'The project was up against some pretty stiff competition, but from speaking to our sponsors — BHP Billiton, IPEX Information Technology, and Telstra Country Wide — not only do we have the best project, we have the best staff possible,' said Ms Giles-Peters.

Roadshow facts

- The roadshow will visit more than sixty regional, rural and remote communities.

- It is estimated that more than 4000 people will be trained over the two years of the program.

- BHP Billiton is contributing $400 000 over two years to the program.

- The roadshow is focussed on assisting people with no previous exposure to computers, school leavers, job seekers, young people, and seniors.

- Local government assistance is a key to the success of the roadshow.

- Public libraries in each town provide the primary local community contact.

- The roadshow provides access to the latest technology including flat screen monitors and wireless connectivity.

- Visit http://www.bhpskillsnet.slq.qld.gov.au and follow the roadshow's progress, highlights, schedules and training course developments. ∎

Review of ISBD(ER)

Principal investigator appointed

During its August 2001 meeting, IFLA's ISBD review group decided to initiate a study of the International Standard Bibliographic Description for Electronic Resources [ISBD(ER)] to determine the need for updating it. With the generous sponsorship of OCLC Online Computer Library Center, inc, the group has appointed Ann Sandberg-Fox as principal investigator for this project.

Ms Sandberg-Fox has substantial expertise in this area and served as the editor of the ISBD(ER) published in 1997. Her remit is to mount an investigation that will:

1 focus on only the most significant problem areas in the ISBD(ER) that are in need of immediate resolution. Other areas might also be taken into consideration in so far as they are deemed to be significant, problematic, or increase the utility of ISBD(ER) within the confines of a limited revision; and,

2 take into account, within this focus, changes being adopted by the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR (JSC) and other sources (for example, changes proposed by the ALCTS CC:DA).

Ms Sandberg-Fox will consult with experts from other IFLA sections and would also welcome comments from interested colleagues. Please convey comments to her at: asandbergfox@earthlink.net. The comment period is 1 February – 15 April 2002.

Ms Sandberg-Fox will recommend specific changes to the ISBD(ER) which the ISBD review group will consider. Modifications to this ISBD which the review group approves for further consideration will then be posted on IFLANET for world-wide review. Further information concerning the ISBD review group can be obtained by writing the chair, John D Byrum, at jbyr@loc.gov. ∎