IFLA elections

The call for nominations for IFLA president elect 2005–2007, Governing Board and Section Standing Committees has gone out.

The Association is able to nominate candidates for president-elect, the Governing Board and those Section Standing Committees of which it is a member and there are vacant positions on the following committees:

Section 15: Document Delivery and Interlending

Section 21: Information Technology

Section 26: Asia and Oceania

Section 34: Management and Marketing

Section 42: Information Literacy

Section 43: CPD and Workplace Learning

Nomination of a candidate by the Association does not include meeting any financial costs of the candidacy or representation should the nominee be elected.

President–elect

The position of president–elect is open to anyone, including all the present Governing Board members, except the current president and the current president-elect. Each candidate needs ten valid nominations. The successful candidate will serve for two years as president-elect (2005–2007), followed by two years as president (2005–2009). Alex Byrne will become president of IFLA in August 2005–2007.

Governing Board

Governing Board, in accordance with the Statutes, consists of:

• president

• president-elect

• ten members elected by the membership at large

• nine members of the Professional Committee, consisting of a chair elected by the committee itself and one officer, preferably the chair, from each of the eight Divisions of the Federation.

The ten elected places on the Governing Board are open to anyone, except the current president, who will end her term in August 2005, and the president–elect who will begin his term of office as president in August 2005. Each candidate needs five valid nominations.

The successful candidates for these places on the governing Board will serve for two years (2005–2007).

Nominees need not be formal representatives of IFLA Members or Personal Affiliates of IFLA. Nominations must be received at IFLA Head Quarters by the close of business on Wednesday, 2 February 2005.

More information is available on IFLANET at http://www.ifla.org/announce.htm, or contact Mary Ann Ryan, executive support, ALIA, phone 02 6215 8214, maryann.ryan@alia.org.au. ∎

JEAN ARNOT MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP 2005

The Jean Arnot Memorial Fellowship honours Jean Fleming Arnot (1903-1995) MBE, FLAA who had a distinguished career of 47 years in librarianship and was a pioneer of equal pay and women's rights.

The Fellowship is funded by a generous donation from the National Council of Women in New South Wales Incorporated and the Australian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Associations Incorporated.

The Fellowship is awarded to a female librarian or student of librarianship for an outstanding paper of no more than 5000 words on any aspect of librarianship. An award of $1000 will be presented to the winner at the annual Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon to be held in Sydney on Friday, 29 April 2005.

Entries for the Fellowship close on 31 March 2005 and should be submitted to Elizabeth Ellis, Assistant State Librarian, Collection Management Services & Mitchell Librarian, State Library of New South Wales, Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. Please telephone (02) 9273 1466 or email eellis@sl.nsw.gov.au for further information on entry conditions, or consult the Library's website: http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/awards/ for conditions of entry and application forms.

Timor-Leste Library and Information Association established

In a move to further strengthen and improve co-ordination among the existing information service organisations, the Timor-Leste Library and Information Association (ABITL) has officially been established.

At the inaugural meeting in Dili in July 2004, twenty-eight people representing twenty-two information service organisations, namely from Dili, Baucau, Manatuto, Atauro and Lolotoe, met and formally approved ABITL's *Constitution* and elected a five member Board to develop and oversee the Association's activities. The elected board members are: Dr Venceslao Do Rego from UNTL; Cancio Pires from ONG Lorosae Baucau; Dr Palmira Pires, East Timor Development Agency; Jose Caetano Guterres, CAVR Archive Team; Margaretta Evy da Siva, from UNDIL.

The ABITL aims to improve the condition and services of existing and future libraries and information service organisations in Timor-Leste as it considers them to be fundamental resources to quality education.

'The establishment of ABITL is an important step forward in addressing the challenges we face in education in Timor-Leste today, especially in the area of library and information. ABITL aims to focus on training and building the capacity of Timorese working in this field to enable them to provide good quality and professional services to the general community' stated Mr Venceslao do Rego, general co-ordinator of the ABITL Board. ∎