

# Sandy Campbell AFALIA (CP) ALIA's first overseas Associate Fellow

Sandy is a member of the ALIA CPD scheme, was found compliant when audited in 2002–2003, and has completed her first triennium and received a Certified Practitioner certificate. Find out what attracted Sandy to ALIA ...

I am honoured to receive the distinction of Associate Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

I joined the staff of the Science and Technology Library at the University of Alberta in 1980 and was a public services librarian until six years ago, when I began managing collections. As a public services librarian, I was map librarian for several years, did liaison with various departments, mainly in Engineering and Agriculture and developed some expertise in the patent literature. Currently, in addition to managing the broader collection, I have responsibility for the Canadian Circumpolar Library and I am a member of the Steering Committee of the Polar Libraries Colloquy, an international organisation of polar libraries and librarians.

My professional interests have always been focused on getting the consumer connected with the information he or she needs, whether that consumer is a doctoral researcher or someone in a remote community. Because of that interest, I have worked a lot in instruction and in services in cyberspace — e-journals, e-books, virtual reference.

I joined ALIA in 2000. Having visited Australia several times, I had come to understand that many of the challenges for the Australian information community are the same as those faced by the Canadian information community. Like Canada, Australia has a large land-mass with much of the population concentrated in small areas and small populations dispersed over the rest of it. We are figuratively and in many cases, literally, cousins. We have similar legislative and governmental histories. We both have rich indigenous cultures and we even have similar issues with regional alienation.

There are notable differences, of course. Because of those differences, when we face similar information challenges, the 'made-in-Australia' solutions are sometimes quite different from ours. I thought we could learn from that.



Once I had joined ALIA, I found that in addition to the general awareness that I maintained about developments in the Australian library community, there were other benefits. In particular, I have made use of the Continuing Professional Development Scheme as a guide to my professional development. Following the requirements of the scheme caused me to pursue a more balanced selection of development programs.

Like many of my colleagues, I strike a balance between career and family. My husband and two sons, who are 9 and 12, share my enjoyment of Australia and we spent a lovely month over Christmas in Perth. We practice karate as a family, but when I need a less vigorous form of recreation, I watch birds.

Sandy has written, published and presented papers from Canada to Buenos Aires (IFLA) over the last five years, one of which may be accessed on ALIA e-prints. The ALIA Research Exchange and Partnership (REAP) program, which incorporates ALIA e-prints, encourages and supports research and innovation in library and information services. For more information about REAP and ALIA e-prints: <http://alia.org.au/research/> or contact Marie Murphy, [marie.murphy@alia.org.au](mailto:marie.murphy@alia.org.au).

To see the criteria an Associate or Library Technician must meet to be eligible for admission for the distinction of Association Fellow view <http://alia.org.au/education/cpd/associate.fellow.pdf>.

For further information about the ALIA CPD scheme, please contact Jill Yvanovich by e-mail [cpd@alia.org.au](mailto:cpd@alia.org.au) or ph 02 6215 8216. ■

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