

Directline

A refreshing new year

Welcome back for the new year and to a bumper issue of *inCite*. Our new Managing Editor, Fiona Edwards and Graphic Designer, Di Kuscher have together refreshed the look of *inCite* for the start of 2008. Thanks again to all those members contributing letters and articles, including from overseas. If you would like to write for *inCite* at anytime, please take a look through the themes and deadlines on page 50 and contact us at incite@alia.org.au

ALIA will also be refreshing in other ways during the year, with refurbishments at ALIA House, a refreshed website design and a new Membership database. ALIA's Resources Directory is also being revamped and 'going green', available soon from the ALIA website. We will also be conducting a member survey to receive your feedback. Also, Web 2.0 tools are starting to be integrated into committee activities.

We also have a bumper year for events and conferences with the Biennial and New Librarians Symposium, and two Summits to be held during 2008. I hope that you are planning your professional development activities to include opportunities both in-person and online.

Education and Workforce Summit

Invitations for representatives to attend ALIA's Education and Workforce Summit to be held in Melbourne on Friday 28th March 2008 have been issued. However all ALIA members are encouraged to read the information about the summit, the invitation to contribute submissions and view the background papers.

An open forum will also be held on the evening of the 27th March 2008, just prior to the Summit for anyone interested in a pre-Summit discussion. Submissions and comments not marked confidential will be posted to the website as received.

Congratulations

...to **Jennefer Nicholson** who has been appointed as IFLA's new Secretary General. She will join IFLA's Headquarters on 1 June 2008 and will take over the helm in September.

Jennefer has spent most of her working life in the information sector - in advertising, information brokerage, and the library and information services sector.

More details will be available in *aliaNEWS* and on the Summit website <http://www.alia.org.au/education/summit08/>

Board of Directors Elections 2008 – Get ready to vote

Nominations have been received for the ALIA Board of Directors 2008 and candidate information is available on the website. This year two board directors will be elected by the general membership as well as one director by institutional members. A vice-president is elected by the general membership.

Ballot papers will be available in the March edition of *inCite* and posted to those members who have indicated that they do not wish to receive *inCite*. Your vote is important in electing board members to lead our Association. Take the time to view the candidate details on the website.

Retirements at ALIA

Moyra McAllister has retired from the position of part-time Copyright Advisor for ALIA. On behalf of all of our members and the ALIA Board we thank Moyra for her sound advice, great seminars and member engagement during her time in this position. We wish her a well travelled retirement. Moyra will continue to be involved as a volunteer with the Copyright and Intellectual Property Advisory Committee and the Australian Libraries' Copyright Committee.

Marie Murphy, ALIA's Education, Policy and Research Manager is also retiring at the end of February 2008. Marie is known to many of our members and has been a dedicated member of our staff and our profession. Her involvement in the evolution of education and policy for our Association over the past 12 years has been significant. From being the Secretary to the Education Reference Group and the LISEKA project to the hundreds of Course Recognition visits – her work for the Association will be long remembered. We all wish Marie a happy retirement.

She moved into association management in the early 1990s and was appointed Executive Director of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) from 1999 to the end of 2005, after five years as the Deputy Executive Director. Jennefer was instrumental in the Association's renewal and restructure process, and in expanding ALIA's advocacy and participative role in the wider community.



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