

Introducing ALIA to a new generation

Queensland University of Technology, Masters of Information Technology (Library and Information Science) program hosted an informal 'Introduction to ALIA' event on Friday 15 May 2009. Students used this event to help complete their professional development requirements as part of their professional practice.

This event presented different perspectives of the association, including what it is like to work with ALIA as a National Office staff member, an ALIA local representative, and an ALIA volunteer.

Associate Professor of the QUT Masters program, Gillian Hallam, commenced the evening by sharing her insights as an ALIA Board Director into the duties of the Board, specifically in terms of the overarching governance and fiscal management of the association, and ALIA's role in international Library and Information Science activities.

The visiting speakers at this event included:

Dianne Walton-Sonda, Education Manager, ALIA: Dianne joined ALIA as Education Manager in 2008, after working for 10 years in public and special libraries. In her current role, she is responsible for the liaison work between LIS education and the wider profession, especially in terms of professional standards and course recognition in higher education and in vocational education and training. Dianne provided an overview of life in ALIA National Office and the work she undertakes as Education Manager.



Bonnie Dixon, Dianne Walton-Sonda, Claudia Davies, and Gill Hallam

Claudia Davies, ALIA Local Liaison Officer, Queensland: Claudia leads a very busy life as law librarian with Legal Aid Queensland, as well as serving as the 'face of ALIA' in Queensland. She is the valuable link between ALIA members in Queensland and the services provided by National Office in Canberra. Claudia is also very active with the Australian Law Librarians' Association (Queensland). Claudia told us about the role she plays to support LIS professionals at the local level.

Bonnie Dixon, Queensland Coordinator of ALIA New Graduates Group: Bonnie, who is a recent graduate from QUT, is now working with the InfoServices Team at Griffith University. She highlighted the activities of the ALIA New Graduates Group, which aims to facilitate networking for the new generation of library professionals. Bonnie talked about the great things happening among the new grads.

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ALIA Awards



- Promote the Objects of the Association;
- Honour outstanding contribution to the profession;
- Recognise pioneering work in library and information services;
- Recognise excellence in practice;
- Celebrate achievements of individuals and organisations;
- Encourage the professional development of members new to the profession, as well as more experienced members and groups of the profession.

The following premier and excellence awards are offered in 2009.

Premier awards

HCL Anderson – Redmond Barry – Ellinor Archer
Premier awards deadline: 3 August 2009

ALIA Fellowship

May be submitted at any time

Excellence awards

Excellence Award – Metcalfe Award
Excellence awards deadline: 3 August 2009

Merit awards

Letter of recognition

May be submitted at any time

ALIA Silver Pin

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ALIA group-based awards

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Ever wondered how ALIA sets its direction? Ever wish you had a say in it? ALIA is your Association and you do have a say at ALIA's National Advisory Congress.

All financial personal and institutional ALIA members are invited to attend **Your Voice: the ALIA National Advisory Congress** at a location near you. This informal meeting will provide an opportunity for members to participate in discussion with an ALIA Director and your Local Liaison Officer on the 2009 NAC focus "Lobbying and Advocacy: working together to make a difference".

For more details, including the ALIA Planning paper and NAC dates visit <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/nac/2009/>.

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