

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The Australian Catholic University is growing rapidly and has now appointed a full time Director of Libraries and will represent the ACU on CAUL. **Fides Lawton** has been appointed to this role and will begin in July. Jim Graham will be acting Director until that time.

New Zealand's new National Librarian has also been announced. **Bill Macnaught**, currently Manager of New Plymouth's Puke Ariki took up the post on May 2nd, bringing to the role a strong understanding of the opportunities and issues facing libraries and the wider sector in New Zealand.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

ERA 2012 UPDATE

The current Australian Research Council ERA rankings process and consultations for the 08 FoR codes are attracting a lot of attention in library academia. Sue Hutley has this update.

ALIA has joined with Computing Research and Education (CORE, www.core.edu.au) and the Australian Council of Professors and Heads of Information Systems (ACPHIS, www.acphis.org.au) to jointly tender to the Australian Research Council for funds to undertake the analysis of the 08 FoR ranked outlets. CORE is the lead agency on this tender. By joining with other peak bodies in the IT field we are able to achieve much more and have access to the right expertise to ensure the process is successful and productive.

The ALIA Board approved the formation of the ALIA ARC ERA Working Party 2011-12, to conduct a consultation through the library and information community during

Phase 2 of the 2012 ARC process. This will include email and 'virtual' consultation and correspondence, as well as a roadshow of consultation meetings in capital cities which will be open to library and information professionals in order to consult as widely as possible.

Ainslie Dewe, University Librarian at La Trobe University, has been appointed to lead the ALIA ARC ERA Working Party and other members of this group are being finalised as inCite goes to print.

Further updates will be provided to LIS Educators at the ALIA Higher Educators Forum in May, via e-lists and through the ALIA Research Committee.

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ACHIEVEMENTS REWARDED



Congratulations to these Northern Territory Library Studies students on their achievements as they start out on their new careers.

ALIA NT Manager Jayshree Mamtara, presents the ALIA Encouragement Award to Robyn Cormac.



Ruth Quinn, Director, Charles Darwin University Library, with student award winner Joan Schiller



L to R: Jayshree Mamtara, Joan Schiller, Robyn Cormac and Kathy White, LIS Lecturer, Charles Darwin University

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