

# Fellowship to Anne Harrison

More than sixty members joined ALIA President Averill Edwards at Queen's Hall in the State Library of Victoria on 23 June for the presentation of the first ALIA Fellowship to Anne Harrison, and the 1988 Metcalf Medallion to former RMIT student Elena Leonoff. (The citation for Anne Harrison is printed in full below.)

Elena won her Medallion for a bibliography on human rights in ASEAN countries — originally submitted as part of her Graduate Diploma course.

Many members of the Health Services Section were present to congratulate Anne on the Fellowship, which was a reward for long service to health libraries. After reading the citations, the President addressed the meeting on the subject of 'A new future for ALIA'. She spoke about the changes and opportunities that will arise from the move of headquarters to Canberra, and a lively discussion ensued.

## Citation

Anne Harrison has made a distinguished contribution to the library profession, to the Library Association of Australia, and particularly to the development of medical librarianship and medical library services in Australia.

She gained a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Western Australia, completed the Preliminary and Registration Certificates of the Association, and was admitted to Associateship in 1966.

In 1948, Miss Harrison joined Brownless Medical Library, University of Melbourne, as Assistant Librarian. She became Medical Librarian-in-Charge in 1949, and held that position until her retirement in 1983.

Anne Harrison was instrumental in the establishment of the Central Medical Library Organisation (CMLO) in 1953 — her 'brainchild'. The member-

ship of this non-profit, cooperative venture increased from eight in 1953 to forty-seven in 1988.

As Honorary Secretary from its inception until her retirement, she organised regular meetings of members, established policies and procedures, maintained records (including card catalogue union lists of books and journals, and exchange lists for cooperative disposal of duplicates, before the advent of computer technology), and administered the funds obtained from membership dues.

The completeness of the major medical archival collections in Victoria owes a great deal to CMLO's role as a

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central clearing house for monographs and periodicals exchange. CMLO's central screening and storage facility enabled the older hospital libraries to rationalise their collections by depositing backruns at Brownless Medical Library. It also enabled smaller libraries established during the past 30 years to build reasonable working collections. This service was available to libraries on a national basis, and so assisted collection development at a national level.

The union list, which started in 1954-55, preceded the NUCOM service by a decade. By including the holdings of the smaller medical libraries — not at that stage contributing to NUCOM — it became a primary source of medical material for the whole of Australia.

An audio-visuals catalogue based on CMLO's union catalogue holdings was published in 1981. It was Miss Harrison's lobbying that gained the necessary sponsorship and financial support for this publication.

CMLO acts as an agency for overseas interlibrary loans, and is the designated contact point between Victorian medical libraries and the National Library of Medicine (U.S.) and its Regional Medical Library network.

This cooperative venture, led and nurtured by Anne Harrison, helped to promote high standards of service, and foster collection development among member libraries. It also helped to en-

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courage the sense of cohesion and unity between medical libraries which has stimulated the growth of the strong medical library network so evident today.

Anne Harrison also made a significant contribution to the development of the Australian MEDLINE network. She was one of the foremost advocates for MEDLARS before its introduction to Australia, and played an important role in gathering support from the medical research community for its adoption, and in persuading the National Health and Medical Research Council of its potential value.

Under her direction, Brownless Medical Library was a founding mem-

ber of the Australian MEDLINE Network. In advocating, instituting and encouraging the use of MEDLARS by students and faculty (and by the medical community in utilising modern information services for the provision of quality patient care), Anne Harrison showed her ability to recognise and implement benefits of the latest technological advances, thus reaffirming her position as a leader in the medical library community.

Anne Harrison was the first convener of the Victorian Group of representatives on the National Library of Australia's Life Sciences Consultative Committee (LSCC). The LSCC was the main avenue to the MEDLINE user community for provision of feedback to improve the quality of this service. She succeeded in establishing a form of representation on the Committee that reflected the diversity of MEDLINE users, with hospital, university and research institute representation.

Anne Harrison saw the need for medical librarians, as a group, to undertake cooperative activities, to set standards for libraries, and to raise their own professional competence. Miss Harrison was appointed co-convener of the National Steering Committee for the formation of an Australian Medical Librarians' Group. In 1971, she organised and presided over the first meeting to establish the Victorian Branch of the Group, and was instrumental in organising the first national conference of medical librarians in 1972.

In 1979, Anne Harrison lobbied the various State-based Medical Librarians' Groups for affiliation with the LAA, and was appointed convener of the Steering Committee for the formation of the LAA Medical Librarians' Section (now the Health Libraries Section).

As her writings attest, Anne did not lose sight of the interdependence of librarians and their role in the wider spectrum of national information resources. Her professional activities include contributions to the Special Libraries Section and University and College Libraries Section, including appointments as an office bearer in each.

She actively promoted the cause of professional librarianship in the wider community, and was called on to represent librarians as a consultant on various committees. Significant among these was the Consultative Committee on Hospital Libraries to the Victorian Health Commission, which was instrumental in the establishment of professionally supervised libraries in



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ing on Sunday night, there is a welcome cocktail party at the University.

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#### Registration

Put 25-27 September in your 1989 diary for a national Conference not to be missed.

The registration fee (\$110 ALIA members; \$140 non-members; \$50 full-time students) includes all Conference sessions, teas and lunch. For a program and registration form, contact Antonia George, Broadmeadows College of TAFE, Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows, Victoria 3047; telephone (03) 301 0423.

For further information, contact Pat Stewart, President, ALIA National TAFE Section, Box Hill College of TAFE, Elgar Road, Victoria 3128; telephone (03) 895 1222.





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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Membership of the Board of Education is as follows:

- three professional members elected by the Professional Committee of General Council;
- seven members, of whom at least four must be professional members, elected by the membership-at-large of the Association;
- the President of the Association *ex officio*;
- the Executive Director as a non-voting executive member.

(By-law 24)

The terms of office of three members of the Board end on 30 April 1990. Two members are now to be elected by the membership of the Association to hold office until 30 April 1993. The Professional Committee of General Council will elect the third member.

Nominations are hereby called for the two positions. Nominees must be personal financial members of the Association, however they need not be professional members.

Nominations shall be:

- in writing;
- signed by two personal financial members of the Association;
- countersigned by the nominee;
- accompanied by a curriculum vitae (giving full details of academic and professional qualifications) and a statement of concerns, each to be not more than 100 words.

Nominations close with the Executive Director, Australian Library & Information Association, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 at **5 pm on 1 September 1989**.

Board members retiring on 30 April 1990 are Janette Wright, Mairead Browne and Edward Parr.

The retiring members have all completed two terms with the Board and are **not** therefore eligible for re-election.

Continuing members of the Board are Anne Hazell, Christine Henderson, David Jones, Fay Nicholson, Twila Herr, Eric Wainwright and Angela Bridgland.



country and smaller metropolitan hospitals throughout Victoria and set a precedent for other States.

Anne Harrison's contribution to the development of medical librarianship is inseparable from her role as a leader in medical libraries. Her work for CMLO, MEDLARS, and the Medical Librarians' Group was instrumental in opening the way for the development of the present vigorous medical libraries network in Australia, and in promoting the sense of cooperation which is now such a feature of it. Her foresight, skill and dedication have led to development of a higher status and quality of librarianship, and her leadership, work and example have brought significant and lasting benefits to the practice of the profession.

Anne Harrison's contribution to library and information services in Australia makes her a most worthy recipient of a Fellowship of the Australian Library and Information Association.



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## REMINDER Call for nominations for Division Officers for 1990

Nominations for ALIA Division officers for 1990 close on 1 September 1989. A call for nominations was circulated as an insert in the last issue of *InCite*. Copies of the nomination form can be obtained from ALIA head office (telephone (062) 85 1877), or from Branch secretaries.



## REMINDER ALIA Study Grants

Applications for the ALIA Study Grant Awards for 1990 close on 1 September 1989. Conditions of the Awards and application details were published in *InCite* 10, 10 July 1989. Application forms are available from ALIA head office, PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600; telephone (062) 85 1877.