

Dinner for Ali Sharr

On Friday, 3 May 1991 the Western Australian Library profession and friends will celebrate the award of Doctor of Letters to F A (Ali) Sharr at a dinner at Curtin University. Ali Sharr was the founding Western Australian State Librarian, a former President of the Association in 1969-1970, and a recipient of the HCL Anderson Award in 1980. He is also a Fellow of ALIA. His D. Letters degree will have been conferred on him the previous evening by Curtin University. Curtin's Library Studies Alumni and the WA Branch of ALIA have joined forces in organising the dinner and there is a notice in the Events section of *inCite* regarding the function.

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Harold White Fellowships Let's have more applications from librarians

The National Library will shortly be calling for proposals in relation to the Harold White Fellowships for 1992. In the past, the Fellowships have been awarded mainly to academics, but librarians are certainly eligible to apply. John Levett has said that he would like to see this encouraged.

He advises those members of ALIA who may be considering an application to read the terms of reference and guidelines very carefully. If they have had no previous experience in submitting proposals for research funding, they would be well advised to have their proposals vetted by someone in the field. Academic colleagues are often very experienced in fine-tuning

research proposals as part of their bread and butter, and this shows in the quality of submissions to the Fellowships Committee.

John also feels that proposals (however meritorious) to compile bibliographies of the National Library's holdings are not quite what that Committee looks for... As the current ALIA representative on the Selection Committee, John would, within the usual bounds of decorum and due process, be happy to review any application prior to its submission. □

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organisation structure was created which included a group of the most highly paid positions in the country at the time.

In his 17 years at Melbourne he first revitalised the library then maintained its place as one of the country's greatest. But perhaps his greatest achievement lay outside the University. CAVAL is arguably Australia's most successful attempt at formalised library cooperation and there is no doubt at all that it was Denis Richardson's imagination, drive and leadership which were the major factors in its establishment.

Not all Denis Richardson's services to librarianship were made in the libraries he served so well. He was Association President in 1980. He made significant contributions to the work of AUSINET and AACOBS and ABN and CAUL and was consultant to both the Northern Territory and Queensland governments. His thoughtful contributions to the literature are in marked contrast to the many more lightweight or trivial papers that are published.

We wish Denis well in retirement. His fellowship and his librarianship will be missed by very many of his colleagues and certainly by all those who know him. □

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Register of communicators

The Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce has just published a 220-page 'Australian Science and Technology Communicators Register' as part of its Science and Technology Awareness Program.

The Register consists of lists of projects and people. The projects are coded by sector (e.g. academia, education, health, etc) and interest (specific targets, purpose, medicines, issues, content, message). The people, about 350 of them four to a page, have brief details of their sector, activity, target audience, output, interests and expertise. There are summary indexes as well as the full listings, and some technical notes.

The intention of the Register is to 'enhance cooperation, stimulate ideas and encourage the development of networks within the field of S & T communication'. It is a continuing project, and the Department wants to expand it from this first stage.

A few copies of the 1990 edition are still available free of charge from the Director,

Science and Technology Awareness Program, DITAC, GPO Box 9839, Canberra, ACT 2601, telephone (06) 276 1780, fax (06) 276 2188. The Director will be particularly interested to hear from communicators in these fields who missed the first edition. □



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