

Who's where?

Recent appointments in the sector...

Parliamentary librarians

Roslynn Membrey, head of the Resource Development Services at the Australian Parliamentary Library has been elected to the position of president of APLA (Association of Parliamentary Libraries of Australasia). APLA is a group of member libraries of the parliaments of the Australian States and Territories, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. The executive consists of vice-president (Kate Curr of NSW parliament) and secretary/treasurer (Marilyn Hawthorne of NT Library Service).

As well as being APLA president, Ros is vice-president (Pacific) of the Association of Parliamentary Librarians of Asia and the Pacific (APLAP) which is a group of member libraries who cooperate and encourage the development of parliamentary librarianship in the region. As vice-president, Pacific it is Ros's job to keep in touch with our colleagues in the South Pacific, encourage them to contribute to the aims and objectives of APLAP and to attend biennial conferences if aid funds can be found to help pay their way.

Council of

Australian University Librarians

Helen Hayes has been re-elected as CAUL president for a second term. She was first elected in October 1998.

Ms Hayes is vice-principal (information) at the University of Melbourne, a position she has held since mid-1999, with responsibility for the University Library, Information Technology Services (ITS) and the Multimedia Education Unit (MEU). She has been university librarian since 1991.

In 1999, Ms Hayes was the national winner of the 1999 Telstra Business Woman of the Year in the corporate and government category. Her use of quality management framework provides for effective use of resources and a strong customer focus which resulted in an Award for Business Excellence in 1996 by the Australian Quality Council.

During her first term as CAUL president, she has provided leadership through the development of more focussed strategic planning processes and regular review of CAUL's co-operative and centralised activities. She promotes collaboration across the entire sector while recognising that more localised arrangements can also be beneficial to members.

New ALP director appointed

Birgitta Sandell has been appointed director of the IFLA Advancement of Librarianship Programme (ALP).

The appointment, announced jointly by the University Library Uppsala, Sweden and IFLA, is for the period until 31 December 2003, with the possibility of renewal. It takes effect immediately.

On learning of her appointment, the new director said: 'I am delighted to have the opportunity to continue the work Birgitta Bergdahl started, and to work with IFLA in these changing times. ALP remains important because of continuing scarce resources in developing countries.'

New Human Rights Commissioner

Professor Alice Tay, president of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission has welcomed the announcement of Dr Sev Ozdowski AM as Human Rights Commissioner and Acting Disability Discrimination Commissioner. Dr Ozdowski succeeds former Human Rights Commissioner Mr Chris Sidoti whose term expired in August. 'Dr Ozdowski brings wide-ranging experience in many areas of human rights — in race relations, multicultural affairs, human rights law, community relations and education,' Professor Tay says. 'His background as an eminent sociologist will also contribute enormously to the broader work of the Commission.'

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Australian Library and Information Association

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) wishes to appoint a suitably-qualified and experienced person to join its National Office staff in Canberra as:

Deputy executive director

ALIA is the principal professional association for the Australian library and information sector. Among its major goals are the promotion of the services provided by libraries and other information agencies, and representation of the sector's interests to government, other organisations and the general community.

The successful applicant will play a major role in achieving the Association's strategic directions and priorities and will have responsibility for a number of important programs and policy areas. S/he will be expected to identify specific policy needs and opportunities, and develop new programs to achieve strategic goals. The position will play a significant part in facilitating the operations of ALIA's Board of Directors and will lead and contribute to the work of a number of specific-purpose national committees and groups. Representing the Association in a range of forums will be part of the successful candidate's responsibilities.

Candidates should have extensive experience in senior-level management with the ability to plan, organise, and manage multiple priorities and activities within challenging timeframes. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Knowledge of the library and information sector and of the current policy environment in which it operates is desirable. Tertiary qualifications, preferably incorporating library and information studies, are essential.

An attractive salary package will be negotiated with the successful applicant. Terms and conditions of employment for all staff are regulated by the *Australian Library and Information Association (National Office Staff) Enterprise Agreement 2000*, a certified agreement registered by the Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

Telephone enquiries may be directed to Jennefer Nicholson, ALIA executive director, ph 02 6285 1877. Further information may be obtained from: <http://www.alia.org.au/employment/>

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