

Renewal – in more ways than one

After a year of review and restructure, your professional association is ready to embark on the new membership year with a fresh focus and renewed energy. We need your continued support to enable us to further your professional interests and those of the profession. Significant changes, including many added benefits, have been made to your membership:

A new, simpler fee structure for personal members

Full fee, Reduced fee and Student/Retired fee – this new fee structure replaces the previous eight fee levels. The fees are: Full fee \$198; Reduced fee \$99; and Student/Retired \$49.50 (all including GST). The fees include membership of new groups you wish to join.

For institutional members, the six tier fee structure continues.

New groups

Sixty-four new groups were proposed by members and are now being established to replace the previous branches, sections and special interests groups. Information about each group was provided with the renewal form. Group membership is free.

New Direct Debit payment option

In response to member requests, a monthly Direct Debit payment option is now

available for personal members who prefer to pay the membership fee in instalments.

Continuing value-adding benefits

Your membership still includes:

- your gratis monthly issues of *inCite* (institutional members also receive the *Australian Library Journal*);
- a reinvigorated *aliaNEWS* current awareness service online;
- gratis participation in the Continuing Professional Development Scheme for Associates and Library Technicians;
- discounts to all ALIA publications, including the *Australian Library Journal*, *Australian Academic and Research Libraries*, and *Orana*;
- discounts to ALIA conferences, seminars and meetings;
- gratis hosting of your personal website and e-mail account on *ALIANet*; and
- free access to *ALIANet* including the member-only areas under construction.

New value-adding benefits

ALIA membership now also entitles you to:

- discounts to the conferences of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA);
- membership rates for conferences, CPD activities and publications of the Australian

School Library Association (ASLA) and the Records Management Association Australia (RMAA);

- discounts from professional training providers: Caval Collaborative Solutions and the School of Information Management, University of Canberra; and
- free training to members who are also Dialog clients for 'Introduction to Dialog' and 'Dialog, Beyond the Basics' courses.

Further reciprocal arrangements will be pursued during the year.

More new benefits in the pipeline

ALIA is currently negotiating a number of new financial benefits for members. They are likely to include: an ALIA Credit Card with competitive rates; specially designed home loans and financial packages; discounted hotel rates; discounted car hire; an insurance package; and affiliation with an online florist for worldwide delivery. Further membership benefits are being investigated.

These value-adding benefits are in addition to the professional services and activities that ALIA continues to provide to represent and support members and the profession. For information about your membership, contact Susanne Bruhn, phone 02 6285 1877, fax 02 6282 2249, or e-mail membership@alia.org.au. ■

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