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The ALIA Awards for Innovation recognise innovative practices by library staff in any aspect of library activity — for example, design of a brochure or world wide web page, or for teamwork. Orinally awarded in Victoria, the Awards for Innovation went national in 2000. The Awards are awarded in the following categories: academic libraries, public libraries, school libraries, special libraries, law libraries, and health libraries.

In this issue of *inCite* we congratulate the winners of the 2001 ALIA Awards for Innovation. We hope that these stories inspire libraries of all types to embrace innovation in the workplace. And if you know of a library which deserves recognition, or if your own library is an innovative place to work, nominate them for the 2002 ALIA Awards for Innovation. Nomination forms can be obtained from Sandra Reid at ALIA National Office on phone 02 6285 1877, fax 02 6282 2249, e-mail awards@alia.org.au or check ALIAnet http://www.alia.org.au/awards/innovation/.

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University of Queensland Library Cyberschool

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The UQL Cyberschool allows Queensland secondary school students to access information finding tools and state-of-the-art electronic databases at a cost-effective rate via a website developed by the University of Queensland Cybrary. It is an integrated approach to supporting the IT needs of secondary school students. It began with a trial involving three Brisbane schools and the Information Access Company (now known as The Gale Group) in 1998. Over one hundred schools now subscribe to the databases provided through the project and more than 100 000 school students in Queensland have access to quality information.

The service has opened the door to online research by providing access to the full-text articles available in reputable journals and encyclopaedias. The UQL Cyberschool provides direct links to electronic databases, online information guides on searching databases, links to university services and to the University of Queensland Cybrary website and information finding tools.

The UQL Cyberschool reaches out to secondary schools across Queensland assisting students wishing to

L-R: Warren Ham. Liz Blumson, Deborah Turnbull and Janine Schmidt after the presentation of their ALIA Award for Innovation in the Academic Libraries category

achieve excellence in their studies while at school, and also preparing them for studies at university and for their lifelong learning.

It is helping to break the tyranny of distance for Queensland secondary school students, being available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. It ensures that all students, no matter how remote, have access to up-to-date-information.

In presenting the ALIA Award for Innovation [Academic], the Association congratulates the UQL Cyberschool team for their innovative approach to teaching and learning. ∎