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Are quotas the answer?

Tim Bruwer's letter (July *inCite*) asking that ALIA consider imposing quotas to stop men giving presentations at conferences is absolutely right. Further, considering that the number of male librarians is at an all time low and falling and that the male customer base is stagnating whilst the female rate is rising, it makes no sense for men even to be in the audience.

As Tim correctly says ALIA should show more sensitivity to the gender balance, after all a man's place is obviously not in a library.

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