Career-long education

A plan for the Association

Work on the Library and Information Science Education for the Knowledge Age (LISEKA) project has been continuing and is about to enter a new consultation phase. The Project Working Group, led by Mairéad Browne, has analysed outcomes from the Ideas Forum and taking into account feedback from attendees at the Forum developed a discussion paper for presentation to the Board of Directors March meeting. The paper offered various models for a career-long education framework.

The Board of Directors has now asked the LISEKA Project Working Group to use the models to finalise a consultation paper about a future career-long education structure for the Association. The group is now preparing a document which outlines the models for wide circulation to members and other stakeholders. It is anticipated that the paper will be circulated in mid-April and a consultation period of approximately two months is planned to enable all interested to respond with comments. The Project Working Group is due to report formally to the August meeting of the Board of Directors but will be providing updates on the consultation process to the Board in the interim.

Relevant documents will be circulated to ALIA Groups and stakeholders and will also posted on the ALIA website when they become available. Members are encouraged to take the opportunity to comment on the models when the document becomes available. See the LISEKA webpages for more information [http://www.alia.org.au/education/liseka/] ■

Ministers agree to streamline classification guidelines

Commonwealth, state and territory censorship ministers have supported the streamlining and simplifying of the *Guidelines for the Classification of Films* and the *Guidelines for the Classification of Computer Games.*

The Office of Film and Literature Classification (OFLC) is presently conducting a review of the guidelines. The OFLC review discussion paper attracted 372 submissions from a broad cross-section of the community, including ALIA.

Dr Jeffrey Brand, Associate Professor of Communication and Media, Bond University, was selected as the independent expert to provide an analysis and recommendations to Censorship Ministers on the submissions.

Dr Brand's initial report indicates that the prevailing view of the submissions is that media convergence is inevitable and that the national classification scheme needs to address this issue.

Censorship ministers agreed that the OFLC should develop a clear set of classification guidelines for films and computer games. The OFLC is to provide the ministers with a mid-year report on the progress of the review. ■

Amendment to By-law 2

A benefit to institutional members

At its March meeting the Board of Directors amended By-law 2, Clause 23 to read: 'Group office bearers must be either personal, financial members of the Association or the appointed representative, or the formal nominee of the appointed representative, of a financial, institutional member'.

Individuals nominating as an ALIA group office bearer representing an ALIA institutional member, are required to produce a written and signed nomination from that institution's appointed ALIA representative.