

Tax-deductible donations

Donations to ALIA's Research Fund are now tax deductible following the Australian Taxation Office decision to grant Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status to the Association for this particular area of our operations.

The decision follows a successful application to the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training to recognise the Association as an Approved Research Institute. This is the outcome of some 3 years of effort by ALIA's former executive director, Jennefer Nicholson, which involved establishing the Research Committee as a vibrant entity and demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Department that ALIA undertook research activities beneficial not only to the sector but to the country in general.

Contributions to ALIA's Research Fund will help support research into issues affecting the sector, for example the impact of technological advances on client services, workplace issues and more, as well as the Research Awards through which Association members have the opportunity to undertake projects of significance to the sector.

For further information about donating to ALIA's Research Fund and the Association's tax-deductibility status contact Marie Murphy, marie.murphy@alia.org.au. ■

CAUL Achievement Award for 2005

At its November meeting, the Coalition of Australian University Libraries (CAUL) Executive considered and approved the nomination of Michele Sabto, manager of Monash University ePress, for the CAUL Achievement Award for 2005. The committee applauded the work undertaken by Michele in a role which underlines the ways in which libraries are evolving.

This award recognises staff of a member library, an individual or team leader, who makes an outstanding contribution to the achievement of the CAUL strategic agenda. Previous recipients were Judith Peacock, information literacy co-ordinator, Queensland University of Technology (2004), Peter Green, e-library development librarian, Curtin University of Technology (2003), and Margie Jantti, quality and marketing manager, University of Wollongong (2002).

Michele will be invited to the first meeting of CAUL in 2006, to receive her \$5000 cash prize and to speak of her work. Monash University ePress was established in 2003 as an initiative that would lead the way in using innovative information technology to publish scholarly material. Michele collaborated with Sydney University Press to provide a print-on-demand facility for books published online by the ePress. Recently Michele initiated the Australian Scholarly Electronic Publishing Group to explore issues and activities in scholarly electronic publishing and to promote and achieve co-operation and collaboration between members, but in particular to advocate on behalf of scholarly electronic publishing in Australia.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominations should include a brief (no more than one A4 page) outline of the work that has been undertaken and a letter from the university librarian supporting the nomination. Nominations may be submitted any time. For more detail see the CAUL website at <http://www.caul.edu.au/caul-doc/CAULAchievementAward.htm>. ■

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ALIA's premier awards

Nominations are now being called for the following premier awards of the Australian Library and Information Association

HCL Anderson Award

The HCL Anderson Award is the Association's highest honour that can be bestowed on an Associate member of ALIA. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to the library and information profession in Australia; to ALIA, or to the theory of library and information science or to the practice of library and information services.

Applicants are required to be financial members of ALIA. This award is peer-nominated.

Redmond Barry Award

The Redmond Barry Award is the Association's highest honour that can be bestowed on an individual not eligible for associate or technician membership of the Association.

It is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to or promotion of a library and information service or libraries and information services, or to the theory or practice of library and information science, or an associated field.

Nominees do not need to be a member of the Association. This award is peer-nominated.

Ellinor Archer Pioneer Award

The Ellinor Archer Pioneer Award recognises pioneering work in new areas of library and information science.

This may involve a one-off product, a new service or program or development of an existing service, but must incorporate a future-oriented approach.

Applicants are required to be financial members of ALIA.

The nomination may identify a specific group or unit within an institution. This award is peer-nominated.

Nomination forms

Nomination forms and further information:

<http://alia.org.au/awards/>

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Nominations close 1 August 2006