

Conferences

Register for NLS4 before 6 September for Early Bird savings at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008/Registration.html>.

Do some background reading on Dr Sherman Young at http://www.media.mq.edu.au/staff/profiles/index.php?u_id=19

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ALIA Biennial Conference 2010

The ALIA Biennial Conference will not be held in 2010 as Australia will host the World Library and Information Congress 76th IFLA General Conference and Council in Brisbane. ALIA invites all of its members to join us and 4,000 other professional colleagues from around the world, for a week of networking and professional development <http://www.alia.org.au/ifla2010/>

ALIA Biennial Conference 2012

Would you like to have the 2012 ALIA Biennial Conference in your area? ALIA will be calling for Expressions of Interests from ALIA groups in early 2009 for the opportunity to host the 2012 ALIA Biennial Conference.

ALIA Information Online Conference and Exhibition 2009 20–22 January 2009



Nominations are open for the IOG Excellence Award. The prize is attendance at the conference of your choice to the value of \$10,000.

The IOG Excellence Award acknowledges excellence/innovation in performance by an information professional. The 2007 award was won by Gold Coast City Council Libraries for its implementation of an RFID system.

Are you working on a project that could be suitable to nominate for the 2009 award? Would you like to be the recipient of the 2009 perpetual trophy?

Winners receive:

- full registration for an individual, to a conference of their choice (within the parameters of the information profession, and subject to ALIA IOG committee agreement) anywhere in the world
- travel
- accommodation or per-diem allowance.

See all the details at <http://www.alia.org.au/awards/merit/IOG.excellence/>

Registrations for ALIA Information Online 2009 open August 2008. See the latest Information Online news at <http://www.information-online.com.au>

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Building a culture of research: introducing ALIA's Research and Publishing Standing Committee

Library and information professionals manage knowledge, but should they produce knowledge too? The Research and Publishing Standing Committee was established in May 2007. The committee has the responsibility of advising the ALIA Board of Directors on the key areas of research and publishing. Its three primary aims include:

- support and promote a culture of research and publishing in the profession;
- improve professional practice by building capacity for excellence in research and publishing; and
- provide leadership on matters relating to research and publishing in the profession.

Members of the committee include three ALIA Directors, Damian Lodge, Kate Watson and Helen Partridge as well as two members of the Australian library profession, Dr Peter Macauley and Dr Kerry Smith.

As Peter Macauley says, 'Professions depend upon their members to increase the knowledge base and narrow the gap that exists between research and practice'. Undertaking research, and publishing the findings, is crucial for a healthy

and dynamic profession, particularly in today's knowledge driven economy.

The committee is working on a number of exciting activities and initiatives. Most notable is the ALIA Publishing Action Plan. Lead by Damian Lodge, the plan is a twelve month project that aims to ensure ALIA's publishing remains a dynamic and successful part of the Association and will continue to meet the needs of the Association and its members over the next 3-5 years.

The Publishing Action Plan will address all areas of publishing undertaken by ALIA and will include strategies for publications such as *inCite*, *AARL* and *ALJ*. This Action Plan will suggest strategies to improve publication circulation, readership, quality and impact of both research and general publications and will promote a stronger balance in terms of both marketing and financial sustainability for the continued success of the Association's publications.

The project builds upon the publishing review completed in 2005 by Maxine Brodie, Norman Horrocks, Kim Moody and Karen McVicker, and the 2002 Gillard report.

Visit the committee's web page <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/committees/standing/publishing.research.html>

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