



## ALIA Health Libraries Australia

### HLA/HCN Health Informatics Innovation Award

#### Guidelines

**1. Purpose:** To acknowledge excellence/innovation in performance by an information professional. This Award is an opportunity for those working in the Australian health and biomedical library sector to showcase innovative projects which, through the use of health informatics or web technologies contribute to or support improved health outcomes.

**2. Frequency:** Annual - The Award will be presented at relevant ALIA events with a health focus.

**3. Nature of the Award:** -The recipient will be presented with a certificate and \$2,500 to further their professional development. All arrangements are to be undertaken by the awardee after approval by the award. The funds must be consumed within 12 months of receiving advice of the award.

**4. Selection Criteria:** The Award will focus on the innovation and, if possible, evidence that the innovation has improved access to health information and health care (e.g. practical outcomes).

Nominations will also be assessed against the following criteria:

- Contribution to, and enhancement of, the information profession/industry
- Outstanding project work, whether by an individual or as part of a team
- Collaboratively working within or between organisations
- Originality/innovation regarding services or solutions
- Excellence/innovation in terms of best practice

**5. Outputs:** The awardee will

- Report on the innovation via an article in *HLA News*
- Report on the staff development activity in *HLA News*

in addition

- The winning application to be made available via the HLA website and other applicants will be asked to provide an abstract that would also be made available via the HLA website

**6. Eligibility:** All award nominees must be either

- A current personal member of ALIA, or,
- One nominated ALIA representative of an institutional member
- Current Health Libraries Australia executive members, Award Administrators, employees of HCN are ineligible to apply

**7. How to Apply:** Nominations must be submitted to the ALIA HLA using the form available from the [ALIA HLA website](#), describing the nature of the nominee's contribution, together with the endorsement of a seconder.

**8. Deadline:** The nomination must be received by at least 6 months before the National Event.

**9. Presentation of the Award:** The Award will be presented at a relevant national event. Funding will be provided for the travel costs for the winner to attend the presentation of the award. All other costs must be covered by the individual. The national event for 2009 and 2010 will be

2009 ICML2009 31 August – 4 September 2009 – Brisbane

2010 IFLA2010 – (exact dates TBA) August - Brisbane

**10. Decision Process:** Nominees are considered by a Panel, with 2 representatives of the HLA Executive and 1 member of HCN Management

The nominations will be emailed to the Panel, which is chaired by an ALIA HLA Committee member.

- The Panel will vote for their top 3 choices, in order of merit.
- The 3 choices will be weighted (3 points for first choice, 2 points for second choice, one point for the third choice).
- The winner will be by a simple majority - if there is a tie, the casting vote lies with the HLA Committee.
- The ALIA HLA Committee will make a recommendation to the ALIA Membership and Awards Standing Committee to confirm the selected nominee.

**Approved by the ALIA Membership and Awards Standing Committee**

**Date: August 2008**