

Editorial

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As Libri completes its 55th volume, the Editors pause to reflect on how far we've come since 1950. The Libri Student Award (see the 2006 announcement for the Annual Award for Best Libri Student Paper on p. 231) was the idea of former Libri editor Professor Irene Wormell and it has been a real success story. Each year more and more young professionals submit papers whose quality is exceptional. The addition of the winning paper, as well as the honourable mention papers, to the pages of Libri has significantly expanded our coverage of highly current topics. This year several student papers were revised in accordance with reviewer comments, resubmitted, and accepted for publication as regular articles.

The Libri Web presence, www.librijournal.org, took a major step forward as our goal of providing access to the full text of the journal is being realized. Nearly 10 years of Libri is already available online. All but the most recent 4 issues will be available with open access to the Libri archive. It is indexed by search engines and searchable on the Libri site. In 2005, the most viewed paper was the 2003 article *The Information Audit: Principles and Guidelines* by Hannerí Botha and J.A. Boon (Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa).

2006 will bring more changes. Current subscribers will have access to the most recent issues by registering their IP-address(es) for the online access to the current volume free of charge at the publisher at the e-mail: Arifa.Ramovic@thomson.com. Early in 2006 we expect to offer a quarterly Table of Contents notification service and an improved process for submitting electronic manuscripts.

The search for excellent articles on timely topics is always our most pressing concern. In particular, we are interested in topics that address digital libraries and the technologies that support them. But timely topics are always welcome at any time. Our fast-track refereeing and publishing process can turn manuscripts around in a matter of a few weeks. Of course, Libri is well known for its review articles on the library and information programmes of different countries, particularly in the developing world, and we always enjoy receiving those articles.

We wish you a most productive 2006, and we hope to see a manuscript from you or a colleague in the near future.

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