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As we approach the end of 2017, we reflect on the year and its successes. Many projects and activities have taken place throughout the country such as SALW 2017, IAP, Librarians Day, LIASA Annual Conference 2017, workshops, training, webinars and other collaborative endeavours. These endeavours would not have been successful without **YOU, LIASA MEMBER!**

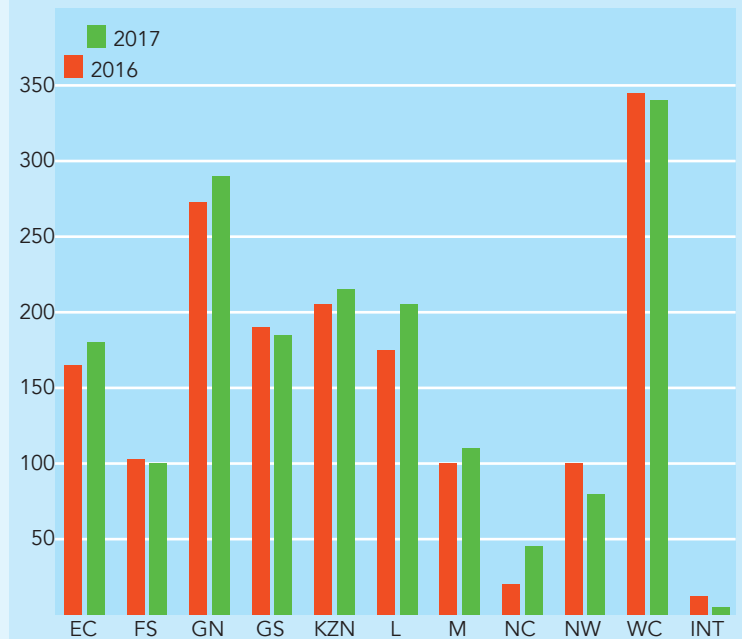
The 18th LIASA Annual Conference LNO Office

The LNO, Representative Council and EXCO has had a busy year in preparation for the 18th LIASA Annual Conference from the 2-6 October 2017, at the Birchwood Conference Centre, Gauteng. The LIASA National Office booth was prominent during the Conference with a hub of activity.



Membership

- We have not exceeded the target of 1,800 members.
- Total paid up membership number to date is 1,750 members.
- Branches campaigns, IAP seminars and 20 years celebrations contributed to the membership.
- The new Digital Membership Certificate was implemented from 2016 membership year doing away with the costly membership card.



Membership Fees

- **Early Bird Individual Membership for 2018:** 03 Oct - 31 Dec 2017. Payment must have been received by 31 Dec 2017.
- **Early Bird Institutional Membership for 2018:** 03 Oct - 31 Dec 2017 - Payment must have been received by 31 Dec 2017.

	2017	2018
Students & Pensioners	R290	R290
Individual	R550	R580
Individual Africa	R550	R870
Individual International	R550	R870
SA Institutions	R2780	R2900
African Institutions	R1648	R2900
International Institutions	R2780	R2900

- South African Library Week (SALW 2018) will be celebrated from 19-25 March 2018, with the national launch on 19 March 2017, in Cape Town. The SALW theme for 2018 - **Libraries: Heart of the Community**. SALW 2018 is a special celebration as it

coincides with the National Library's (NLSA) 200 year celebration (1818-2018).
 • The LIASA National Office will be closed for the December vacation from 22 December 2017 - 03 January 2018.
 On behalf of the EXCO and Representative Council, season's

greetings, safe holidays, and a Happy New Year. May we all return in 2018 with renewed vigour, to take LIASA to new heights, in re-envisioning our roles within the sector.

Larshan Naicker
LIASA NATIONAL SECRETARY (2016-2018)



Mr Mandla Ntombela

What a glorious and an exciting year it has been for LIASA!

In 2017, LIASA celebrated 20 years of existence boasting some amazing achievements, among them being awarded Professional Body Status and acknowledgement as a key stakeholder in the development of LIS in Africa with six members serving on the AfLIA Governing Council. LIASA is participating in the development of the new SCECSAL Constitution, which will be finalised at SCECSAL 2018 to be held in Uganda. LIASA will bid to host SCECSAL in 2024.

We hosted a very successful 18th Annual Conference where we made some groundbreaking announcements and presented a very positive Annual Report on the activities of the past year at the Annual General Meeting on 5 October 2017.

I would like to thank Scatterlings (PCO), the Gauteng South BEC for coordinating book donations, Exhibitors, Sponsors and Speakers invited specifically to share their expertise on technology, new trends, new practice models, libraries on the development agenda and national imperatives. The inclusion of practitioners, academics and civil society activists worked wonderfully well to generate healthy discussions and debate among delegates. My special thanks to programme chair Ms. Naomi Haasbroek and her team.

I want to acknowledge with gratitude the contribution from the Department of Arts and Culture for providing grants for delegates to attend the conference, funding various expert speakers and paying for ICT and AV equipment.

Next year we will visit Cape Town for our 19th Annual Conference - look out for further announcements, the call for papers and workshop proposals.

The full Annual Report 2016-2017 is available on the

From the President

website and the AGM report will provide you with details of all the activities of LIASA over the past year, including membership statistics.

Membership

Please be reminded that the early bird membership offer expires on 31 December 2017. From 1 January 2018 the new fees will apply. Do not miss out on the membership benefits and the exciting activities planned for the New Year.

We have observed the membership growth in 2017 with a total number of 1750 paid up members by September 2017. Branch campaigns, IAP seminars, LIASA 20 years' celebrations and the new Digital Membership Certificate were implemented from 2016 with notable cost-savings.

Some of the strategic priorities within my LIASA presidential theme are: foster stakeholder relationships; advocacy for libraries and library services; and responding to the needs and challenges of the profession. It is pivotal that LIASA members continue to support the Association and communicate to us your needs, critical issues and wishes for LIASA. You have an important role to play in mapping the future of LIS in South Africa. Let us unite and indeed drive access to knowledge for our communities and the country.

Reports from branches and Interest groups clearly indicated that members are doing their best to take the Association forward. Many structures adhere to the overall strategic directives which are a sign of good governance. Branches continue building leadership capacity among members through various

training initiatives.

The next LIASA flagship programme is **South African Library Week (SALW)** from 16 to 26 March 2018 with the theme "Libraries: Heart of the community". The launch will be on 15 March 2018 at the National Library of South Africa in Cape Town which will be celebrating 200 years of public libraries in the country.

Librarian of the Year Award

Together with the sponsors, UKS, SAPnet and SABinet, we engaged in interviews with the nine candidates which was indeed a delightful experience! The interview comprised of a poster presentation and a Q&A session. The delegates were introduced to the nominees at the Welcome Cocktail and had a further opportunity to engage with them and peruse their posters for the 2017 Librarian of the Year. Congratulations to LIASA Librarian of the Year **Mr. Steve Mokhabuki** and to the 1st Runner up Mr. Sidima and 2nd Runner up Mr. Jeremiah Pietersen. Special thanks to UKS, SAPnet and SABINET for sponsoring this award so generously. To the other nominees - you are Branch Librarians of the Year, chosen by your colleagues in your branches, so go forth and be strong advocates for the profession!

In recent times, due to the broad scope of talented library and information workers, the shortcomings of the LoY Award had become increasingly clear - we are not comparing apples with apples. The job of the adjudication panel - to single out one outstanding contestant from the group of Branch winners - has become very difficult. In the light of this dilemma, the sponsors requested a review of the criteria

and inserted into the 2017 competition an age cut-off of 50 years. The strong pushback from the Membership has been noted with regret.

LIASA RepCo has therefore embarked on a process of re-envisioning the Librarian of the Year Award, seeing the current reshaped one as the first of a suite of awards that recognise the scope of talent across our sector. Tentative talks have begun with not only the current sponsors but also other parties to fund more awards that will cover the identified gaps.

Furthermore, a discussion is needed on the overall shape of the awards in LIASA. For example, it was suggested that given the difficulty of trying to compare disparate groups, that an 'Academy Awards' approach be considered.

As we proceed, we respectfully request the support of the membership. While we may disagree - perhaps vehemently - at times, we ask for collegiality and for considered debate on the matter of the LIASA Librarian of the Year.

Congratulations once again to our Librarians of the Year - you can read more about the winners elsewhere in this issue. These members make us proud and are worthy role models of leading librarians.

Congratulations to **Professor Seth Paul Manaka**, the winner of SALI Trust - LIASA Lifetime Achiever award. Prof. Manaka, a living legend, as he is affectionately called, is known to be the first black South African Librarian and the first black University Librarian. He was honoured as one of the truly outstanding figures in the history of African librarianship. A full tribute is featured elsewhere in these pages.

I am looking forward to another year of exciting times as we work together to do amazing things for LIASA. Thank you to the EXCO, the Representative Council, the staff in the LIASA National Office, our stakeholders and sponsors for their valuable and much appreciated contributions during this past year.

I wish you all a wonderful end-of-year break and to those of you celebrating Christmas, may your celebrations be blessed; to all members, have a fabulous festive season. For those who will be travelling - travel safe, don't drink and drive, take care and return safely.

Happy New Year and a prosperous 2018. God bless you all!



Lifetime Honorary membership was awarded to the Immediate Past President Ms Segametsi Molawa at LIASA's 18th Conference

The LIASA Librarian of the Year event took place during the LIASA National Conference 2017 held at the Birchwood Hotel on 5 October 2017. The event was the culmination of a long process including a nomination as Branch Librarian of the Year and with strict selection criteria:

- The LIASA Librarian of the Year is a role model for the Library and Information Services community, a person whose contributions make a lasting impact on the sector and who will be an ambassador for LIASA and Librarianship for the upcoming year;
- The award should be used for educational and development purposes and should be in line with the sponsors' guidelines. The Sponsors of the awards were UKS, SAPNET and SABINET;
- All three winners will present a poster at the following year's conference to highlight their use of the prize money. In addition: The winner will present a report of how the prize



Winner: Steve Mokhabukhi (Limpopo Branch, Phalaborwa Library). Presenting the Award is Mandla Ntombela (LIASA President) and Neesha Ramsumar, MD of UKS - the sponsor of the Award

LIASA Librarian of the Year 2017

ent a poster at the following year's conference to highlight their use of the prize money. In addition: The winner will present a report of how the prize

money was applied, the value gained or the sector and the community at the following year's Annual Conference Gala Dinner; and,

- The two runners-up will present

ent reports of how the prize money was applied, the value gained for the sector and the community at the following year's Annual Conference during a parallel session.

On behalf of the President, The Executive Committee and Representative Council of LIASA, we would like to congratulate all the LIASA Branch winners for 2017, as well as the new LIASA Librarian of the Year, Steve Mokhabukhi from Limpopo branch, first runner-up, Sidima Mnengi from Eastern Cape branch and second runner-up, Jeremiah Pietersen from Western Cape branch. All of you are winners and we wish to thank you for setting an example as leaders in the LIS Sector.

We also wish to thank the sponsors Sabinet, SAPNET and UKS, for their continuous support.

Senovia Welman

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First Runner-up: Sidima Mngengi (Eastern Cape Branch, Walter Sisulu University Library) with Freda van Wyk, MD of SAPNet



Second Runner-up: Jeremiah Pietersen (UCT Libraries, Western Cape Branch) with Ros Hattingh, MD of Sabinet



Mzo Ndlela
KwaZulu-Natal Branch Winner



Edith Khuzwayo
Gauteng South Branch Winner



Jeannet Mologyane
Free State Branch Winner



Ofentse Maaroganye
Gauteng North Branch Winner



President's Award – Best Branch
Free State Branch
Ms Mologyane, Chair-Elect accepts



The Volunteers @ LIASA's 18th annual conference. The unsung heroes of LIASA!



President's Award – Most Improved Branch: Northern Cape Branch
"Highest increase in membership"
Paradise Nkomo – Branch Chair (left)
Wilhemina Matshediso – Chair-Elect