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CICD Update

A warm welcome to the new CICD Project Coordinator, Mr Solomon Dude, who commenced duty on 26 June 2006.

Solomon is 42 years old and was born and raised in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape Province. He attended school in Grahamstown where he completed matric in 1984, and received an American Field Service (AFS) award to attend post-matric schooling as a foreign exchange student at Washington High School, Washington (USA). He then returned to the US and enrolled at Kirkwood Community College where in 1988 he received a two-year Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts. Subsequent to this, he transferred to the University of Iowa, Iowa City-Iowa (USA), where he pursued and completed a four-year Bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Upon his graduation in 1990 he started working in the state of Iowa, where he occupied several supervisory and management positions. In 1999, he returned to South Africa and occupied a management position, working as a restaurant manager within McDonald's SA. His most recent position was at the SA-USA Fulbright Commission in Pretoria, where he occupied the position of Programme Officer, managing and administering the US exchange programmes. He was in charge of five programmes that facilitated for all American Fulbright grant-holders coming to South Africa as lecturers/researchers. His responsibilities also included the management of projects for the US Department of Education. He found the three years that he had spent at the SA-USA Fulbright Commission both challenging and rewarding. He enjoyed working in an academic environment at Fulbright and looks forward to his new position as the CICD Project Coordinator at LIASA.

The project is active again. We wish Solomon the best of luck with the project.

Announcements

1. **Bongi Ncube** has been appointed as the new Administrative Assistant and commenced duty on 8 August 2006. Bongi should be contacted about all the tasks that were previously performed by Ina van Straten before. Her contact details are Tel: (012) 337-6124 and email: bongi@liasa.org.za. We wish to welcome Bongi and trust that she will have a long and fruitful relationship with LIASA.
2. **Ina van Straten** has been appointed Membership and Listserv Administrator as from 1 August 2006. Her contact details are still the same. We wish to congratulate Ina on her appointment in this position.
3. The National Office regrets the non-receipt of the June issue of the **LIASA-in-Touch** by some members. The problem has been addressed with the mailing company and we trust that it won't happen again. Please advise us if you were one of the members who did not receive the June copy.
4. Voting papers for the **National Elections** will be mailed by 21 August. Ballot papers should be submitted to the National Secretary, Ms Karlien de Klerk. Her contact details appear on the ballot paper. The ballot paper will also be available on the LIASA website. Audited Financial Statements, the Agenda for the AGM and the amended Constitution will be included in the mailing. The audited statements should be studied and questions addressed at the AGM on 28 September. Please advise the office immediately should you not receive these documents.
5. A final report on the **Raffle 2005** will be submitted to members early in September. Branch Chairs are urged to finalise ticket sales in their branches and submit a report to the National Office as soon as possible in order to speed up the process.

Now that the National Office has a full complement of staff again we will be able to provide full support to our Executive Committee, Representative Council and the entire Membership of LIASA.

Adelaide Vilakazi

EDITORS NOTES

Dear Readers,

This issue once again illustrates that LIASA is a vibrant and growing organisation for the LIS sector. The widely reported LiSLIG activities in different branches illustrates that LIASA provides a home for library staff in ALL types of libraries. Other articles range from conference reports to providing a voice for Genealogists.

I hope that reading through these pages will not only convince you to remain LIASA members, as you are encouraged to do in the Membership Campaign, but also inform you about the diverse interests and issues that SA library workers deal with every day.

Nohra Moerat