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The Office is still celebrating the success of the 9th LIASA Annual Conference 2006. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the conference participants, sponsors and members of LIASA for their great support. Congratulations too, to our new Executive Committee. Furthermore, I would also like to congratulate all the award winners: LIASA/SABINET Librarian of the Year, Nielsen BookData President Award winners, EBSO travel grants winners, LACIG award, and other winners of the various awards presented at the conference.

I am pleased to say that the response to the membership early bird renewal period was good. I would like to thank all members who joined or renewed their membership at the conference. We have signed up 25 new members, with 130 renewals.

Thanks again for the valuable suggestions received. We will try our utmost to keep improving our service to the membership.

#### Upcoming events

1. SA Library Week 2007 19-23 March 2007. The theme is "Libraries: your key to the future". This theme is in line with the theme for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2007 "Libraries for the future: Progress, Development and Partnerships"
2. 2007 marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of LIASA. Celebrations of this milestone will coincide with the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2007. We are excited about preparations and we will ensure that members are updated on the list serve and website. Branches are encouraged to participate in the celebrations during the course of the year.

We will work hard to make 2007 a lot better by building on the achievements and successes of 2006. I wish you all a peaceful and prosperous new year.

#### Announcements

**Bongi Ncube**, the Administrative Secretary has resigned to take up a new position at the Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture. We wish her well in her new career.

*Adelaide Vilakazi*

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A big thank you to all the members who renewed their membership during the conference of September 2006. We trust that you have benefited from the conference by meeting new people, networking and being exposed to new ways of doing things.

LIASA's growth is dependant on its membership and its financial viability is contingent upon the annual renewals and new memberships. If you have not yet renewed, please do so before 31 December 2006.

Members who renew between 1 September 2006 and 31 December 2006 for 2007 will pay only R180.00 as part of the early bird special. (Please see the table, page 3, for the other categories of payment for 2007.)

### EDITORS NOTES

I would like to welcome Karlien de Klerk onto the Editorial Team. Karlien replaces René Schoombee as Editorial Assistant for the term 2006 to 2008. I am pleased to announce that the Representative Council has approved that I remain Editor for this term of office.

At this time of the year it is most appropriate to thank all those whose unflinching support contributes so much to the successful publication of the magazine:

- **René Schoombee**, for her hard work and commitment as Assistant Editor. She was particularly successful in raising advertising revenue which goes a long way to ensuring that members still receive the magazine at no cost
- LIASA President, **Tommy Matthee**, who has championed the magazine in all sorts of ways and proudly recommended it as a model publication for Africa at SCECSAL 2006
- **John Tsebe**, the National Librarian, who distributes it far and wide as he meets with national librarians and government
- Our loyal advertisers whose ongoing support ensures that LIASA members receive their magazine as one of the benefits of membership
- The **LIASA National Office** staff who are in charge of the administration and distribution of the magazine
- And last, but not least, to all our contributors who have taken the magazine into their hearts and ensure that we have interesting articles in every issue.

Best wishes to you and all our readers over the Festive Season. Peace and joy.



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