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Conference

1-2/12 3rd ALIA New Librarians' Symposium. *Pathways and possibilities* ALIA is proud to present the 3rd New Librarians' Symposium. Scientia, University of NSW, Sydney For more information, contact Conference organiser, newlibrarian2006@alia.org.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2006/>

• 30/1-1/2/2007 Information Online 2007. *13th conference and exhibition Information*. Online is the most important and informative conference and exhibition for the Online Information Industry. Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Contact: Conference organiser, aleks@conferenceaction.com.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/online2007/>

• 9-12/10/2007 2007 ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference. *Inform, Innovate, Initiate and Inspire* Further information to come. Grand Hyatt, Melbourne. Contact: Convenor: Gail Schmidt, ph 03 8664 7335, gschmidt@slv.vic.gov.au, <http://www.alia07.com/>

2-5/9/2008 ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference. Alice Springs, NT. Contact: Jane Hardy, jane.hardy@alia.org.au

International

19-23/8/2007 WILC 2007: *73rd IFLA General Conference and Council*. Librarians for the future: progress, development and partnerships. Durban, South Africa. Contact: WILC conference secretariat, wlic2007@congrex.nl, <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/>

31/8-4/9/2009 International Congress on Medical Librarianship. *Positioning the profession*. Registration information will be available in 2008. Brisbane, Australia. Contact: ICML 2009 Congress secretariat, ph 07 3844 1138, icml2009@icms.com.au, <http://www.icml2009.com/>

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ALIA Membership

ALIA welcomes the following new members who joined the Association in September 2006 and congratulates those who have upgraded their qualifications

Associate members

- Renate Beilharz VIC
- Elizabeth Bernard VIC
- Larissa Dial QLD
- Vannessa Edwards QLD
- Natarsha Larment WA
- Pauline Middleton VIC
- Reshma Parakkal NSW
- Anna Stasiak SA
- Paula Swatman SA
- Aileen Weir ACT

Members elected as Associates

- Catherine Hill NSW
- Stacey Jukes VIC
- Ross McPhee VIC
- Maureen Spiers SA

Library Technician members

- Robyn Moses NSW

Members

- Malca Bar QLD
- Karen Bonanno QLD
- Christine Cid SA

Treann Clarke SA

- Barbara Cooper SA
 - Ernest Domingo VIC
 - Joy Dunk NSW
 - Catherine Fagan VIC
 - Linda Gilmore TAS
 - Julie Hallett WA
 - Jennifer Hansen NSW
 - Rebecca Herrington VIC
 - Isobel Kachoyan NSW
 - Katrina Laschuk SA
 - Jessie Mahjouri NT
 - Kerryn Martin WA
 - Nicole Mock VIC
 - Courtney Moran QLD
 - Rachel Olsson QLD
 - John Stevens VIC
 - Helen Woodman NSW
 - Myriam Zurkinden WA
- Institutional members**
- Papuan Oil Search NSW
 - Presbyterian Ladies College Senior School VIC
 - Utahloy International School China

2006 Hans Christian Andersen Awards

HC Anderson Author Award: Margaret Mahy
HC Anderson Illustrator Medal: Wolf Erlbruch

Every other year IBBY presents the Hans Christian Andersen Awards to a living author and illustrator whose complete works have made a lasting contribution to children's literature. They are the highest international recognition given to an author and an illustrator of children's books. The Author's Award has been given since 1956 and the Illustrator's Award since 1966. The Award, a gold medal and a diploma, is presented at the biennial IBBY Congress. A history of the Awards was prepared for the 2002 IBBY Jubilee Congress. It includes biographies and a selected bibliography of all the winners from 1956 to 2002, as well as the history of the Award.

Nominations are made by the National Sections of IBBY and the award winners are selected from the nominees by an international jury of children's literature specialists. A special Andersen Awards issue of IBBY's journal *Bookbird* presents all the nominees, and documents the selection process. In the 2006 Awards issue Anna Jackson of Victoria University, Wellington discusses Margaret Mahy's

work. Mahy, a New Zealander, worked for the Christchurch School Library Service and was Children's Librarian at the Canterbury Public Library until 1980, when she resigned to write full-time. I'm sure her books are well-known to all children's librarians; Jackson's article briefly and readably summarises some of the strongest themes in her work: families, the recognition of one's own power (and the dangers of mis-using it), and the importance of language and narrative. The high quality of Mahy's characterisation and writing makes this a well-deserved award: I still reread her books with pleasure, and I must be thirty-five years older than the 'target audience'.

Wolf Erlbruch is not an illustrator I am familiar with – being limited to English probably has something to do with it – but any library with a multi-lingual collection that includes German titles should probably look him up. His work is published by Peter Hammer Verlag, and titles include *Nachts* and *Die grosse Frage*. He has also illustrated works by other authors. *