
A new award was presented for the first time in Malmö. The 2000 IASL/Concord School Library Page Award went to Peter Milbury for his library website at Chico High School in California, USA. A committee, coordinated by Dr. Anne Clyde (Iceland), selects monthly winners of school library websites, which promote the involvement of school librarians in the development of the Web. The annual winner is then selected from the monthly recipients and receives a cash award and plaque from Concord. The sites are featured on the IASL web site www.iasl-slo.org.

The 2000 IASL/Jean E. Lowrie Leadership Development Grant was presented to Thomas Adigun from the University of Swaziland in Kwaluseni, Swaziland. This grant enables leaders from developing nations to attend an IASL conference and is named for Dr. Lowrie, IASL’s first President and Executive Secretary.

The 2000 IASL/Winnebago Progressive School Library Media Award went to Mrs. S. K. Sandhu of the Budha Dal Public School in Patiala, India. The award of a plaque and US$400 is granted for the implementation of innovative ideas to enhance lifelong learning skills for students. Param Jit Sing (Uday), Vice President, and Manjeet Kaur, Director, accepted on behalf of the school.

The 2000 IASL/UNESCO International Book Project #554 was awarded to the Khodobi Primary School in Gazankulu, South Africa. The award provides funds to purchase books for school libraries in developing countries. Alf Engdahl, Principal of the School of Värner Ryden in Malmö, accepted the 2000 International Book Exhibit, coordinated by Ruth Cady (USA). Books were brought by IASL members from around the world and contributed to the exhibit.

The Annual IASL Auction was very successful this year. The auction took place at the Malmö City Library with IASL’s Auctioneer, Gerald Brown (Canada). Money raised at the annual auction is used to support various IASL projects geared to members in the developing nations. This year’s auction was the 12th Annual Auction and raised over US$1500.

The Assembly of Association heard reports from 29 countries. The membership elected James Henri (Australia) as Vice President for Special Interest Groups; Margaret Baffour-Awuah (Botswana) as Director for Sub-Saharan Africa; Jenny Ryan (Australia) as Director for Oceania and re-elected Monica Nilsson (Sweden) as Director for Europe. All terms are for three years and will expire in 2003. Sandy Zinn (South Africa) was appointed Vice President for Association Relations for one year to fill a vacancy.