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## President's Message

### Happy New Year To All Members Of OALT/ABO.

2001 was a year of turmoil & change and one that we will never forget. 2002 has come and this is a good thing. Now that we are in the New Year, the preparations for the annual conference are almost complete. This year we will be going to Thunder Bay, Ontario to experience the hospitality of the Thunder Bay region. Look for more information on the website, on *2002 and You / 2002 et Vous*.

Preparing for the conference means that we are starting to make the arrangements for our annual business meeting. During the ABM we have elections. This year we are looking for individuals to fill many vacancies. We are looking for a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. This is a great concern for the current Executive/Board of Directors, as it is necessary, according to our constitution, to fill all of these spots and the Association could be in great danger if that does not happen. We need your help!! If you are interested in any of the positions, please speak to the person who is currently in the spot.

Pam Casey – President      Chris Carmichael – Vice-President  
Ola White – Secretary      Maxine Corea – Treasurer

We also need someone to be responsible for our Discussion List. Ronn Cheney currently looks after this and would be able to tell the interested individual what the duties are.

If you do not want your Association to fold, then each of you must think seriously about running for one of the positions. That is the reality of the situation. Your director is on the Nominating Committee, so please let her know that you wish to help.

Sincerely,

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## *OALT/ABO Presidential Award*



Marian Doucette addressing the Conference

by Marian Doucette

The OALT/ABO Presidential Award is the highest honour granted by our Association to recognize outstanding contributions or major achievements made by a member in promoting and/or developing the Association. Past recipients of this Award have truly constituted a "Hall of Fame for Library Technicians" within this Province.

You can imagine my personal surprise and delight in joining this esteemed listing of dedicated professionals when I became last year's recipient.

This award was initially given to Danielle Amat in recognition of the vision and leadership, innovation and achievement, professional involvement, impact and strategy for growth she provided this Association. Since that memorable occasion, all recipients of this peer recognition have demonstrated a high level of commitment both to OALT/ABO and our profession. In fact, over my twenty-three year association with this group, I have found that I have learned much from all of these individuals, as have most of you.

Pat Graham, Linda Davis, Bette Gore, Janet Iles and Danielle all instilled in me over the years a love and respect for Robert's Rules of Order. Judy Koenig's dedicated belief in training opportunities for library personnel in remote locations led to the initiation of a Library Technician programme at Georgian College in Barrie. Judy's passion for post-secondary professional development along with that of Sue Weaver and Marsha Hunt continues to inspire many of us. Paulette Burton, Liz Aldrey and LaRae Moody have provided guidance, and promoted discussion on strategies for setting and attaining career goals, as well as providing practical advice and encouragement on putting plans into action when we re-evaluated our Association during our first "Committee for Change" proposals. Janet Scheibler, Susan Morley, Susan Boudreau and Marg Bushell

have, over the years, demonstrated the need for high levels of commitment to our career, education and our professional community. Truly this Association is blessed with positive role models that continue to provide members with an expanded network of professional colleagues.

In many ways these women are a lot like the rest of us, but they go that extra mile – they are our mentors. It has been said that to advance personally and professionally you should "surround yourself with great people who are very different from you and learn to listen to them." I feel that over the years, like many of you, I've listened and learned from them and their lessons have provided me with the encouragement, skills and expertise to make positive contributions to my profession, this Association, the volunteer sector and my community.

This year the Presidential Awards Committee, consisting of Janet Iles, Doug Wilford and myself met and reviewed the criteria, guidelines and nominations for this prestigious form of peer recognition. Acknowledging the prestige which comes with individual achievement, plus the level of commitment and inspiration required while participating in the structure

and development of projects or programmes raising the profile of Library Technicians and/or OALT/ABO, my Committee would like to recommend the following changes to the nomination process.

In reviewing the current nomination form we discovered that no acknowledgement of a nominee's employment history, personal or professional achievements within the workplace, innovative initiatives within the delivery of library service, or promotion of OALT/ABO is required. These are contributions to the delivery of library service within this province that should be considered in the presentation of this award.

Since former recipients have traditionally been individuals who've inspired other technicians within their career choice and Association involvement, we feel that this Award and its presentation affords OALT/ABO with a perfect public relations opportunity. This could easily be accomplished by the following:

- a permanent listing acknowledging former recipients on our website;
- submission of a press release about new recipients, their professional accomplishments and OALT/ABO to their local newspaper and other appropriate publications;
- ensuring that the award guidelines plus the nomination form are available in PDF format on our website.

Our committee regretfully reached the unanimous decision that we could not award a Presidential Award this year (2001). We recognized that unfortunately our call for nominations did not reach the entire membership – requests for nominations have traditionally been distributed with the winter newsletter but there was no such issue and so the request was distributed only via the discussion list, a communication tool to which not all members subscribe. Also, we know that this Association possesses numerous members who have made valuable contributions to this organization, our profession and the delivery of library service. In other words, we know that there are individuals deserving of this prestigious recognition within our midst. We encourage you to consider their accomplishments, take the time to nominate them and we look forward to not only reviewing their applications but also awarding the Presidential Award at the 2002 conference in Thunder Bay.

#### **Guidelines for the OALT/ABO Presidential Award**

In 1984 the Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des Bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario announced the launch of the OALT/ABO Presidential Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding contributions or major achievements of an OALT/ABO member in promoting and/or developing the Association. The first recipient was Danielle Amat, a distinguished member who promoted the importance of professional development and recognition for our field. Her actions continue to serve as an example to those who, like her, demonstrate the importance of Library Technicians and OALT/ABO. Between 1984 and 2001, 16 Library Technicians have received the Presidential Award, which is the Association's way of acknowledging and thanking members for the enormous contributions their voluntary efforts make to our vocation.

The award is presented annually to a full member, in good standing, of OALT/ABO excluding the current Provincial President, members of the Award Committee and past recipients. This award recognizes the contributions of Library Technicians from

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## Conference – Focus 2001

With a view to the upcoming OALT/ABO conference in Thunder Bay, we glance back to last May, when Halton-Peel Region hosted Focus 2001.



Anne Heath &  
Diane Baksa at  
the Registration  
Desk

The Executive,  
(left to right)  
Chris Carmichael,  
Stacy Goddard,  
Pam Casey,  
Ola White &  
Maxine Corea



The  
Banquet



## Thank You Sponsors



Clockwise from top:  
The CEDROM-SNi booth, the  
DIALOG booth, and the Vendors' Hall

(all photos by Nanci Abbondanza)

OALT/ABO especially wishes to thank all the sponsors who support us, for the Conference, for our web site, our discussion list and our Membership Directory.

# OALTABO – Halton/Peel Region

## *Focus 2001*

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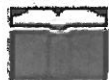
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### *Surfing the Invisible Web*

by Kathy Henev

About a year ago, OALT/ABO Ottawa Regional Branch and the Library Association of Ottawa-Hull (LAOH) did a joint event on Computer Guts. This session was so successful, that we decided to do another computer related event in late November. Katie Hobbins, Internet Librarian at the Library of Parliament, gave a presentation on surfing the invisible web. This was great!! A whole new take on the Internet... and new information. This session was extremely well attended (about 60) at the Lees Campus of Algonquin College.

The invisible web is the stuff that common search engines just can't find. Heard of web rage? You know, when you can't find the info you're looking for? Seems there are many sites out there, that one needs to be aware of, in order to know where to go. Canada411, for example, is one of them. Here are a couple of other useful sites listed in the handout: [www.completeplanet.com](http://www.completeplanet.com) and [www.freepint.com](http://www.freepint.com).

### *And the winner is...*

On behalf of the **Committee for Change**, I'd like to thank those members who took the time to complete our online survey. We will incorporate many of your excellent suggestions into our recommendations.

Congratulations to **Pat Buczkowski**  
who is the winner of our \$25.00 Chapters Gift Certificate.

Nanci Abbondanza

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communities across Ontario, whose leadership, commitment and persistent endeavours have contributed significantly to advancing the Association and our profession.

The OALT/ABO Presidential Award Selection Committee consists of the previous award recipient and two additional members in good standing, of OALT/ABO. The Selection Committee will seek candidates who generally meet the following criteria:

- Member of OALT/ABO;
- Evidence that the Association has played a significant role during the individual's professional career;
- Demonstrated leadership in helping others achieve full participation in the library profession within the Association and/or within the work place;
- Outstanding contribution in building the Association either regionally or provincially;
- Recognized for his/her contributions by colleagues or employers;
- Advanced recognition of the Library and Information Technician profession through publications, seminars, or workshops.

Candidates for the OALT/ABO Presidential Award may be sponsored by two members in good standing, who are not related to the candidate. Nominations must be submitted in writing, by April 1st of each year. The application form may be found on the OALT/ABO web site, or obtained by contacting the current committee chairperson, Marian Doucette, phone 519-482-5457 (day) or 519-233-5535 (eve) or email [mdoucett@huron.county.library.on.ca](mailto:mdoucett@huron.county.library.on.ca).

### OALT/ABO Presidential Award Recipients

1984	Danielle Amat (Ottawa)	1993	No recipient
1985	Liz Aldrey (Lohania)	1994	Judy Koenig (Huronian)
1986	Sue Weaver (Halton-peel)	1995	Marsha Hunt (Halton-Peel)
1987	Paulette Burton (Sudbury)	1996	Susan Morley (Halton-Peel)
1988	LaRae Moody (Thunder Bay)	1997	Susan Boudreau (Ottawa)
1989	Pat Graham (Ottawa)	1998	Marg Bushell (Lohania)
1990	Bette Gore (Sudbury)	1999	Janet Scheibler (Huronian)
1991	Janet Iles (Huronian)	2000	Marian Doucette (Lohania)
1992	Linda Davis (Sudbury)	2001	No recipient

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## ***WE NEED YOU!!!***

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to stand for election for the 2002/2003 executive. You don't need a lot of qualifications or experience. You just need to have the ability to come to 4 meetings during the year and have the desire to work for the Provincial association.

We are looking for the following positions:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

If you are interested, then talk to your regional director TODAY.



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## OALT / ABO Discussion List

The OALT/ABO discussion list is a moderated discussion list of our provincial association, OALT/ABO. It provides information concerning job opportunities, meeting notices and professional development activities.

The list is sponsored by Rowe Com Canada and is run on their server using Majordomo software.

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subscribe oaltabo

Be sure to leave the subject line empty and write the message in the body only.

You will receive a confirmation and welcome message from our list manager. Questions or comments can be directed to Ronn Cheney, [ronn.cheney@ca.pwcglobal.com](mailto:ronn.cheney@ca.pwcglobal.com)

## Around the Regions

### Halton-Peel

-Jan. 26, 2002, Super Saturday, loc TBA  
Contact Vicky Lynham,  
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### Lohania

- March 16, 2002, Annual meeting, location TBA  
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### Sudbury

-Annual Business meeting TBA

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### TALTA

-Jan. 4, 2002, Andre Paradis, Janice Hayes:  
"Metadata" cancelled - to be rescheduled  
-Feb. 9, 2002 Speaker TBA  
-March 23, 2002, ABM  
Contact Marina Dranitsaris, (H) 416.267.3226  
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### Thunder Bay

-February 9, 2002, Workshop on "Preparing  
Electronic Resumes"  
-March 28, 2002, Annual Business Meeting  
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### Editor's Note:

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue, and especially to Nanci Abbondanza for her photographs. Please send your submissions for next issue to me at [warburtonm@hhangus.com](mailto:warburtonm@hhangus.com) by March 8, 2002. More about the Conference in Thunder Bay in the March issue.