

## Press Releases

### UKeiG to sponsor place at CILIP New Professionals Day 2014

UKeiG is pleased to offer a sponsored place for a student or early-career professional to attend the CILIP New Professionals Day on Friday 10th October (see <http://www.cilip.org.uk/cilip/events/cilips-new-professionals-day-2014>) under its Student or Early-Career Professional Conference Grant scheme. CILIP's New Professionals Day is the annual conference aimed at library and information professionals who are seeking guidance on their initial steps into their first professional roles. If you are still studying at university, have recently finished your information qualification or are in your first professional post, then this event is for you.

Applications are welcomed for this award, which covers standard class travel to London as well as the event fee if you are not a CILIP member (it is free to CILIP members). To apply please write a paragraph outlining why you would like to attend the event and how you would benefit from attendance, and send it to [awards@ukeig.org.uk](mailto:awards@ukeig.org.uk).

It is a condition of winning that a short 'conference report' is presented for publication in eLucidate.

### The UK conference for Comms & Intranet people

['Intranet Now'](#) is a brand new UK conference for everyone who contributes to an intranet. Join 130+ intranet practitioners on Tuesday, 2nd of September in Central London for a full day focusing on how the intranet is best used to support business goals.

Intranet Now is a completely independent endeavour, supported by UKeiG along with Interact, Igloo, dwg and many others and organised by Brian Lamb and Wedge Black. 'Everyone' wanted an independent UK conference, and so Brian and Wedge thought they would make it happen.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September you will hear from some of the country's leading independent intranet experts, and from intranet managers with case studies from famous brands and charities in a mix of 20 minute and 5 minute talks.

The conference is about the role of the intranet in the digital workplace and will be about the intranet now, not about future technologies. There will be space and time to learn from each other, to discuss what works well and what doesn't.

You'll be cared for within a grand venue at the Radisson Blu, Portman Square, with a good lunch but no dress code. The focus may be on business, but the approach is informal.

### Jason Farradane Award 2014 Call for Nominations

The Jason Farradane Award is made to an individual or a group of people in recognition of outstanding work in the information profession.

#### Criteria

The Award is given in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the information profession, by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Raising the profile of the information profession within an organisation or field of endeavour in a way which has become an exemplar to others
- Raising the awareness of the value of information in the workplace
- Demonstrating excellence in education and teaching in information science;
- A major contribution to the theory and practice of information science or information management

Jason Farradane graduated in chemistry in 1929 at what is now Imperial College and started work in industry as a chemist and documentalist. After working in research at the Ministry of Supply and the Admiralty during World War II, he first made an impact with a paper on the scientific approach to documentation at a Royal Society Scientific Information Conference in 1948.

He was instrumental in establishing the Institute of Information Scientists in 1958 and the first academic courses in information science in 1963 at the precursor of City University, where he became Director of the Centre for Information Science in 1966. Of Central European origin, his commitment to science was reflected in the name he created for himself - a combination of Faraday and Haldane, two scientists he particularly admired. On the research side his main contributions lay in relational analysis, which can now perhaps be seen as providing a precursor to work in the area of A.I., and the concept of information. He saw information science as a step towards understanding and better organizing ourselves.

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### Strix Award 2014 Call for Nominations

The Strix Award is presented in memory of Dr Tony Kent, a past Fellow of the Institute of Information Scientists, who died in 1997, and celebrates work in the field of information retrieval.

Tony Kent made a major contribution to the development of information science and information services both in the UK and internationally, particularly in the field of chemistry. The name 'Strix' was chosen to reflect Tony's interest in ornithology, and as the name of the last and most successful information retrieval packages that he created. The Award is managed by an Executive Committee and UKeiG in partnership with the Chemical Information and Computer Applications Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC CICAG); the International Society for Knowledge Organisation UK Chapter (ISKO UK) and

the British Computer Society Information Retrieval Specialist Group (BCS IRSG).

The Award is given in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the field of information retrieval in its widest sense - thus, for example, including search and data mining - that meets one of the following criteria:

- A major and/or sustained contribution to the theoretical or experimental understanding of the information retrieval process
- Development of, or significant improvement in, mechanisms, a product or service for the retrieval of information, either generally or in a specialised field
- Development of, or significant improvement in, ease of access to an information service
- Development and/or exploitation of new technologies to enhance information retrieval
- A sustained contribution over a period of years to the field of information retrieval; for example, by running an information service or by contributing at national or international level to organisations active in the field

Nominations are assessed by a panel of judges and past winners. Key characteristics for which they will look are innovation, initiative, originality and practicality. The Award is open to individuals or groups from anywhere in the world.

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