

## Editor's Note

Welcome to issue 4 of eLucidate for 2016.

My opening article pays homage to the success of UKeig's Tony Kent Strix Award, with a brief overview of the fascinating 2016 Annual Lecture. Chris Armstrong writes: "The panel that runs the Tony Kent Strix Award felt for a number of years that the winners should be celebrated in some way that extended beyond a simple presentation, and the inauguration of the Annual Strix Lecture in 2015 was the outcome. Peter Ingwersen followed Microsoft's Dr Susan T Dumais (see [Understanding & Improving Search Using Large Scale Behavioural Data](#)) and will be followed next year by the 2016 winner, Professor Maristella Agosti."

On his recent retirement from UKeig, Chris, who with the Strix panel has managed the Award for many years, said: "It has been an honour to be associated with the Tony Kent Strix Award for so long. It is given in recognition and appreciation of a man I only knew slightly, but who made major contributions to information retrieval. The list of previous winners is impressive, from Professor Stephen Robertson through international luminaries such as Donna Harman, Peter Willett, Kalervo Jarvelin, Keith van Rijsbergen and Herbert van Sompel. The award stands as a fitting tribute to everything that Tony Kent accomplished. It should be said that it also marks the not inconsiderable effort put in over the years by my colleagues on the Strix panel who set up the Award following Tony Kent's death." In taking over the Award from the Institute of Information Scientists, UKeig recognised its value and importance, and the group is proud to sponsor the Annual Lecture.

Amy Icke, recipient of UKeig's Early Career award, reports on the IASL (International Association of School Librarians) Conference 2016, held in Tokyo, 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016. The theme of the event was "A school library built for the digital age" and Amy outlines and discusses key conference themes illustrated with examples delivered by librarians working in a range of countries including Japan, Australia, Sweden and Canada. Key messages for our readers in all sectors includes:

- The importance of context: knowing your organisation and your audience and tailoring your message to them
- Meaningful collaboration and relationship building: how to forge successful working relationships between staff and libraries
- The diversity of the LIS work role
- The importance of teaching digital literacies and getting students "work ready"

Similar themes are reiterated in Marja Kingma's report on the 2016 CILIP Conference. I was particularly interested in Dr. Alison Brettle's presentation on how to prove the value, effectiveness and importance of professionally trained librarians, information and knowledge workers. "Library, information and knowledge professionals make a significant

contribution to the overall aims of the organisations that they serve. And yet, their skill set is often over-looked and this contribution is under-valued.” Alison provides evidence that all LIS professionals can use to demonstrate their value in four key sectors: public, schools, academia and health.

Martin White also introduces us to the theory of information asymmetry and the significant role it should play in effective information management.

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