



ASLIA and SLIANZ Reciprocal Membership Agreement Announcement

In conjunction with the announcement of the ASLIA and SLIANZ Memorandum of Understanding on 22 December 2012, we are pleased to advise our respective members that each Association has agreed to recognise the membership held in one Association as a reciprocal membership in the other.

ASLIA and SLIANZ believe this is a great opportunity for members in both countries, and is an extension of the closer relationship between ASLIA and SLIANZ. This arrangement formalises what has been a long-standing, but at times ad hoc, agreement between ASLIA and SLIANZ.

SLIANZ members will be recognised as Associate members in ASLIA and vice versa. For SLIANZ members, this will mean that they are eligible for the ASLIA members' price for the ASLIA National Conference as well as any ASLIA state-based professional development which they may wish to attend. Additionally, access to information and resources held in the ASLIA website members' only section will be available to them. This includes ASLIA's online interpreter professional development, Interpret-Ed.

For ASLIA members, this will similarly mean eligibility for the members' price for the SLIANZ conference as well as any SLIANZ professional development opportunities. SLIANZ offer a minimum of four professional development opportunities in each of the three main regional centres each year and are striving to increase access to these events through videoconferencing and other remote technology.

We jointly believe this initiative to extend reciprocal membership across the Tasman is in the best interests of members from both Associations. It is also tangible evidence of a closer, formal working relationship between ASLIA and SLIANZ.

For further details, contact ASLIA (info@aslia.com.au) or SLIANZ (<http://www.slianz.org.nz/index.php/contact-us>)

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Micky Vale
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Paul Heuston
President
ASLIA

22 December 2012