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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

**D**ear Colleagues,

Greetings to all.

As information professionals, we are privileged to be positioned in an industry that is currently undergoing significant change and fluidity. We are in the information age and the era of the knowledge worker - well-positioned to make a difference by applying our knowledge of and competencies in managing information resources.

Our challenge: to clearly articulate this role and to define the knowledge we bring and the value we add to our workplace.

Whatever we choose to call ourselves: Librarian, Information Specialist, Information Resources Manager, *our professional contribution to the information industry is the*

*delivery of information, information products, information services, and the facilitation of information access to our actual and potential users.*

This is what our profession is about. I encourage you to embrace this responsibility with enthusiasm and commitment. Please direct some of that same enthusiasm and commitment to your professional association. An association is neither bigger nor better than its membership. In this International Year of Volunteerism, volunteer your time, your talent, your experience, your wisdom, to LATT.

- Respond positively when asked for assistance.
- Lend a hand.
- Mark off special LATT events on your calendar.
- Attend meetings.
- Encourage a colleague to come with you.
- Explore your web site.
- Make your annual mem-

- bership contribution.
- Send in suggestions.
- Be an advocate for the profession.
- Contribute to your newsletter.

There are significant personal and professional benefits to be had from membership among them being, networking with your peers and the personal development that comes from participation.

Our strength, our ability to successfully lobby, influence and persuade is directly related to our numbers. I look forward to working with and on behalf of the membership.

Together we can take this Association forward.

Your President,

**Gemma Crichton**

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### A TIME FOR ACTION

This issue of BIBLIO is published against a background of many events—some worrying, some promising. A new Executive Board has been elected. New is probably not quite the word since so many of the members “have been there”.

We anxiously await the resolution of the outstanding issues pertaining to the NALIS Act – three years after its passage. It is clear that there is no rejoicing in certain quarters— as demonstrated by recent offerings in the media.

And what of the National Library Building? As the date of completion draws nigh, we ask: **Will we or won't we?**

Another significant development is the imminent introduction of an Associate Degree in Library and Information Studies. This will be offered by COSTAAT. BIBLIO invites your views on these issues.

Best wishes are extended to the President and her team for a productive and fulfilling term.

**Janice**

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