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PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENT FOR LEADING TECHNOLOGY NETWORK LIBRARIAN

The Director of Library Services at the Queensland University of Technology, Ms Gaynor Austin, is to head up the internationally renowned International Association of Technological University Libraries (IATUL).

Ms Austin, who is a member of the Australian Technology Network's Librarians Association, (LATN) will become the 13th President of the Association and only the second in its 50 year history to be appointed from outside of Europe.

The IATUL has 246 members in 44 countries worldwide, including the Australian Technology Network, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the California Institute of Technology.

Her appointment demonstrates the international recognition of the capabilities and leadership of the Australian Technology Network (ATN) university libraries. The ATN, an alliance of Australia's five leading technology institutions, was formed in 1993 to encourage collaboration and to be a driving force behind Australia's continuing innovation and technological excellence.

With more than 20 percent of the nation's students studying at an ATN University, the LATN works to improve access by staff and students to the information resources that are crucial to their teaching, learning and research.

The ATN Librarians have a commitment to achievement that garners them a great deal of respect and standing amongst their national and international colleagues. That standing was also recently shown when Ms Imogen Garner, University Librarian at Curtin University of Technology, assumed the presidency of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and through the 2003 election of Mr. Alex Byrne, UTS University Librarian, to lead the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. He is the first Australian to attain this position

The other two ATN University Librarians, Dr Alan Bundy and Mr Craig Anderson, are former Presidents of ALIA, and Dr Bundy is President Elect of Friends of Libraries Australia. Rounding off this exhibition of the strength of the ATN university libraries, Ms Ainslie Dewe, who is the University Librarian at the

Auckland University of Technology, and an invited participant in the collaboration of the ATN libraries, was recently appointed to chair the New Zealand government's new Library and Information Commission.

ATN University Librarians are constantly developing initiatives to improve the resources available to students and to give them the tools they need to succeed in today's workplace. With the Network's focus on producing job-ready graduates, information literacy is becoming increasingly important, and ATN University Librarians are guiding students along the paths that they need to reach their goals.



Ms Gaynor Austen