

## RECRUITMENT BREAKFAST

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The Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) Western Cape Recruitment Breakfast Meeting took place on 29 November 2006 at the Lord Neethling Restaurant which is set against the picturesque background of the Neethlingshof Estate in Stellenbosch. The weather was magnificent and there was an atmosphere of anticipation amongst the guests, those special people who form part of the LIASA family. It is the project forum to showcase the achievements of the Branch, its leadership and its members.

Those who attended for the first time were filled with anticipation, and enjoyed sharing news and tales with colleagues whom they only meet up with at the various LIASA programmes offered throughout the year. There was a great sense of camaraderie and lots of laughter as microphones, screens and the lectern were moved from one side to the other in order to ensure that every delegate had a view of the proceedings.

Nazeem Hardy (vice-chair) was the programme coordinator and did the welcoming honours.

The morning's proceedings kicked off with a presentation on the World Library and Information Congress which was presented by Ellen Tise.

Marone du Toit from Bookdata did a presentation on the SAP Net Booksearch project. The loyal member award was the first lucky draw of the proceedings and went to Ilse Swart, who received a South African Booksearch voucher worth R2700.

After a scrumptious breakfast, Rheina Epstein announced amongst great excitement that Vrygrond Community Library was the winner of the 2006 Western Cape Branch Award with Pelican Park School/Public Library as the runner-up.

Almost everybody present won something - ranging from books to booby prizes as well as corporate products donated by Sabinet, Don Gresswell, Bookdata, Laragh Skills as

well as LIASA and City Of Cape Town LIS. All in all it was great fun, and the fundraising team should really be commended for the effort that went into sourcing the various gifts.

Nazeem paid tribute to Fatima Darries, the chairperson, who won the Librarian of the Year Award for 2006. She was, however, not present at the breakfast as she was visiting the Timbuktu Manuscript Project in Mali with her prize money of R25 000.

Special congratulations were also extended to Tommy Matthee, who was re-elected as president and Ingrid Thomson, who in her absence, was elected as national public relations officer.

Naomi Haasbroek received a certificate in recognition for her dedication as Western Cape Branch chairperson for the last term.



Above: Elizabeth Everson and Jane Sylvester from Vrygrond Community Library received the Western Cape Branch Award 2006

Nazeem concluded a most enjoyable programme with the wonderful news that the Western Cape will be hosting the 2008 conference! - the announcement certainly had everybody cheering and looking forward to a challenging 2007 and an even more challenging 2008.