



SLA Europe Student Conference Award 2008

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The Board of SLA Europe is delighted to announce the four recipients of the SLA Europe Student Conference Award. The winners, Emma Dhesi (Brighton University), Sarah Hammond (University of Sheffield), Hanna Lewin (University College London), and Sandy Peterson (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow) will attend the annual SLA Conference in Seattle, Washington, USA, 13-18 June, 2008 as part of the award.

The SLA Europe Student Conference Award, now in its second year, is made to European students enrolled in a graduate-level programme in the field of library and information science, who have excellent English language skills and have never attended the SLA Conference.

This year, thanks to collaboration between SLA Europe, three SLA Divisions and our industry sponsors, the number of awards has increased from one in 2007 to four in 2008.

“We are especially pleased to partner with our sponsors, Books 24x7, Glen Recruitment, Sue Hill Recruitment, and TFPL to make these awards possible” said Barbara Robinson, Chair of the Student & Faculty Committee for SLA Europe. Without their generous assistance, initiatives like this to promote the benefits of SLA membership to our future professionals would be impossible, so we are doubly appreciative”.

In addition to these sponsorships, the Business & Finance (B&F) Division of SLA has doubled its commitment on last year by co-sponsoring two students - Emma Dhesi and Sandy Peterson. The Insurance and Employee Benefits (IEB) and the Science & Technology (Sci-Tech) Divisions, as first time participants, are each co-sponsoring one student, Sarah Hammond and Hanna Lewin respectively.

As part of the application process, students were required to demonstrate a commitment to the profession through work experience, academic ability and persuasive writing skills on why they should be selected to win the award, as well as providing faculty recommendations.

The award covers all expenses, as well as Conference registration and a one-year student membership to SLA. In return, award winners participate and assist in the co-sponsoring Divisions' events during Conference and report on their experience in the Division and SLA Europe newsletters.

Application guidelines for the 2009 Student Conference Award will appear on SLA Europe's website in Winter 2008. For more information, contact SLA Europe's Student and Faculty Committee at students@sla-europe.org.

About SLA

The Special Libraries Association is a non-profit global organisation for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners. Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, USA, the SLA represents over 12000 information professionals in 83 countries, including corporate, academic and government information specialists. <http://www.sla.org>

About SLA Europe

SLA Europe represents SLA's members in Europe, and provides information professionals in Europe with unique networking and learning opportunities through regular meetings and social events. SLA Europe seeks to recognise outstanding achievement in the information profession with the annual Award of the SLA Europe Information Professional (SLA Europe IP), and to encourage student participation by dissertation prizes and Conference attendance awards in conjunction with three divisions of SLA. <http://www.sla-europe.org>

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