



## SLA Europe Information Professional 2007



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**SLA EUROPE: WINNER OF  
INFORMATION PROFESSIONAL AWARD 2007  
(SLA Europe IP 2007)**

***The Board of SLA Europe is delighted to announce that the winner of the 2007 SLA Europe Information Professional Award (SLA Europe IP) is Janet Hopkins, Head of Research, Druker & Co. GmbH & Co. KG.***

The SLA Europe IP Award is now in its 14th year. It recognises individuals working in Europe who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the information profession. Past winners include Marie-Madeleine Salmon, Publicis (France), Steve Borley, Royal Bank of Scotland (UK), Margareta Nelke of Tetra Pak (Sweden) and Will Hann, founder of FreePint (UK).

Janet Hopkins receives the Award for her networking activity in the business information sector in Germany. She has been involved with the “Online Stammtisch”, an informal monthly get-together of information professionals in Frankfurt primarily from banks, financial institutions, consultants and M&A advisors, since its foundation in 1994. Announcing the winner of the Award, SLA Europe President Rachel Kolsky said, “Once again we had a strong contender list. Janet stood out for the number of warm recommendations we received. In addition, we are delighted once again to have a winner from mainland Europe.”

Rachel continued: “Janet Hopkins has been praised by her professional contacts as the ‘glue’ of the networking group, a key to its continued success over the 13 years since its foundation, by ensuring regular networking events, and helping to expand its membership beyond the original native English-speaking founding group. Recently Janet has been instrumental in creating more formal events on topical issues for the group, and in building bridges between the German and English business information world. She organised a training course in Frankfurt by TFPL, having recognised the European need but also the barriers of cost and time of travelling to England.

SLA Europe also recognises the support of Janet's employer, independent investment banking company Drueker & Co., in hosting events."

As the SLA Europe IP, Janet Hopkins receives an expenses-paid trip to the SLA Conference, held in Denver, USA, in June 2007, where Clare Hart of Dow Jones will make the formal award. She will also represent SLA Europe in the following months by attending and presenting at key events, including the July SLA Europe Summer Soiree and the December Online Information Conference and Exhibition, both in London, UK.

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### **SLA Europe**

*SLA Europe provides information professionals in Europe with a unique networking and learning opportunity through regular meetings and social events. SLA Europe also 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 a conference attendance award in conjunction with SLA's Business & Finance Division.* <http://www.sla-europe.org>

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