

SAOUG Annual General Meeting
Universal Resource Sharing Application (URSA)
Pierre Malan, SABINET Online

The AGM was held at the Centurion Lake Hotel on 13 May. A new committee was elected as follows:

Chair: Glenda Myers(Wits Health Sciences Library)
Minutes Secretary: Devind Peter (Wits Health Sciences Library)
Hon. Treasurer: Annemarie Geldenhuys (SABINET Online)
Newsletter Editor: Dianne Kruger (Rand Merchant Bank Library)
Meetings Organiser: Maureen Brassel (Pretoria Med)
Hon. Secretary: Ingrid Du Bont (CSIR Environmentek)

Congratulations to the four lucky draw winners at the AGM! They are:

Petruska J Willemse from Unisa;
Mavis Mashala (Mosane) from MRC;
Di Man from Wits; and
Ingrid de Bont from CSIR.

Each one wins a free training course on either Dialog or the Internet, sponsored by SAOUG. Details regarding courses and venues will be sent to each winner individually.

The meeting was followed by a talk by Pierre Malan of SABINET accompanied by a demonstration of URSA - the Universal Resource Sharing Application. Sharing of library materials is becoming high priority in most libraries, as prices rise and budgets shrink. Our union catalogues are becoming outdated as library consortia form, and records fail to show the latest state of affairs. URSA is a software package that sits on top of the existing library catalogue and enables effective resource sharing through its ability to interface with different catalogue systems. SABINET is evaluating this programme and we may see big changes in 1999!