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**International Association of School Librarianship (IASL)
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**VIRTUAL CONFERENCE AN OUTSTANDING AND INNOVATIVE PROJECT –
LinksPlus Library Commendation Award**

The Australian School Library Association Online Conference Team has been awarded the LinksPlus Library Commendation Award for the online virtual conferences *ASLA Online I, II and III*.

The award, sponsored by LinksPlus, publishers of Weblinks Directories, recognises outstanding and innovative projects, plans or programs that could serve as models for replication by school library associations or staff in individual schools. A certificate and a monetary award of US \$1000 will be presented at the 37th annual conference of IASL at the University of Berkeley, California in August.

In announcing the award, IASL President, James Henri, noted the value of online learning that brings together participants from across the world to discuss common issues and learn from each other. ASLA Online has built a professional learning community through the 3 successive conferences during a period of development and growth in online tools.

Paul and Pat Pledger of LinksPlus congratulated ASLA on their online conferences for helping to break down the tyranny of distance to allow many people to participate in a worthwhile professional development forum.

The International Association of School Librarianship, which promotes and administers this award, has personal, association and institution members from over 75 countries and is committed to enabling young people to develop literary and cultural appreciation and to use information effectively through the improvement of school libraries and school library programs as a vital component of education.

Information about membership and the awards program is available on the IASL website: <http://www.iasl-online.org> and from the IASL Secretariat, PO Box 83, Zillmere, Australia 4034.

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