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South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (*SAJLIS*)

About the Journal:

The South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science, SAJLIS, has since 2002, (Vol. 68 (1), been published as the official research journal of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA).

SAJLIS has had various editors-in-chief, all senior academic Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals, with a Journal Management Team (JMT) and an extensive, globally representative international Editorial Advisory Board of distinguished information scholars and professionals. The Editor-in-Chief and JMT serve for fixed maximum terms of office.

The journal seeks to embrace a wide range of practical and research components, including information and research literacy, information management, children's literature, ethics, globalization, impact of the digital divide, technology, scholarly communication, open scholarship, indigenous knowledge systems, etc.

The primary target audience is the LIS and related research communities, inclusive of academics and scholars (nationally and internationally), practicing information professionals as well as policy makers (including government officials).

Job Description of the *SAJLIS* Editor-in-Chief

Job objective

To serve and reflect the interests of the South Africa LIS community across the spectrum of its wide-ranging activities and research. In addition to formal scholarly articles, the Editor-in-Chief will solicit articles on issues of practice and controversial matters as they arise. It is intended to actively

encourage young writers, researchers and practitioners to share their experiences and findings so that all aspects of research, teaching, thinking and practice are brought together.

Functions:

1. Managing the Journal Editorial process through the Journal Editorial Management Team (JMT)
2. Soliciting and selecting articles for the Journal, and submit contributions to referees to ensure that articles published by the Journal are relevant and of international quality and standard by employing an effective peer review process.
3. Convening and chairing JMT meetings; overseeing the activities of the JMT.
4. Represent the Journal on the Representative Council of LIASA.
5. Identifying, together with the JMT, suitable members of the international Editorial Advisory Board.
6. Representing the Journal at various scholarly and professional activities both at the national and international level.
7. Providing reports on the publication pattern in the Journal annually.

Requirements of the *SAJLIS* Editor-in-Chief

Professional attributes:

- Active researcher, known in LIS and related fields both nationally and internationally
- PhD in LIS or related field, preferably with a professorial title
- Wide knowledge of LIS and related fields
- Extensive networks in LIS and related fields
- Strong publications record
- Previous editorial experience, particularly in a decision-making capacity
- Knowledge of the journals market
- Knowledge of online management of journals
- Demonstrated vision for *SAJLIS* and be able to communicate that vision
- Explore and embrace innovative technologies and future directions in scholarly publishing

Personal attributes:

- Enthusiastic, energetic, highly motivated and committed
- Effective communicator
- Strong time management skills
- Strong leadership skills
- Ability to work effectively with diverse viewpoints and approaches
- Effectively delegate responsibility
- Effectively resolve conflict
- Firm decision-maker
- Fair and discreet
- Follow through promptly