

## Call for nominations

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# Nominations are invited for the Tony Kent Strix Award

The Award is given in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the field of information retrieval that meets one or more of the following criteria:

- development of, or significant improvement in, mechanisms for the retrieval of information, either generally or in a specialised field
- development of, or significant improvement in, accessibility to an information service
- a sustained contribution over a period of years to the field of information retrieval; for example, by running an information service or by contributing at national or international level to organisations active in the field
- a major and/or sustained contribution to the theoretical or experimental understanding of the information retrieval process
- a major contribution to fostering the education, training and/or general awareness of the importance and the technicalities of information retrieval.

Key characteristics the judges will look for in nominations are innovation, initiative, originality and practicality. The Award is open to individuals or groups from anywhere in the world.

Nominations will be judged by a panel of experts, including the recipient of the previous year's Award, and the statuette of an owl will be presented to the winner at the CILIP Gala Awards Day in November.

The Strix Award is presented in memory of Dr Tony Kent, a past Fellow of the Institute of Information Scientists, who died in 1997. Tony Kent made a major contribution to the development of information science and information services both in the UK and internationally, particularly in the field of chemistry. The name Strix was chosen both to reflect Tony's interest in ornithology, and the name of one of the last and most successful information retrieval packages which he created.

### Past winners:

2002 Mr Malcolm Jones  
2001 Professor Peter Willett  
2000 Dr Martin Porter  
1999 Dr Donna Harman  
1998 Professor Stephen Robertson

Nominations for the 2003 Award are now invited, and should be sent with the form below and full supporting documentation to:

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*The closing date for nominations is Friday June 27th 2003*