

## 2010 Emmett Leahy Award Recipient Announced

**Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia September 7, 2010.** The Emmett Leahy Award Committee is pleased to announce that **Adrian Cunningham** of the National Archives of Australia received the 40th Emmett Leahy Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Information and Records Management Profession at the Awards Dinner at the Annual Convention of the Records Management Association of Australasia (RMAA) on September 6, 2010.

Named after Emmett J. Leahy, the Emmett Leahy Award is presented annually to recognize an individual whose contributions and outstanding accomplishments have had a significant impact on the records and information management profession. It is differentiated from other awards in the following ways:

- Membership in a professional organization such as ARMA, the SAA, AIIM, RMAA, or the ICA, among others, is meritorious but it is not a threshold requirement.
- Demonstration of service to a profession also is meritorious but it is not a differentiating requirement.
- Authorship of professional and presentations is commendable but it is not a threshold requirement.
- Original contributions that fundamentally moved the information and records management discipline in a direction that it might not otherwise have gone is a threshold requirement.



The Emmett Leahy Award Committee selected Adrian Cunningham as the 40<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Emmett Leahy Award because his leadership efforts in both the National Archives of Australia and the International Council on Archives to promote collaboration and innovation have resulted in the development of world leading strategies, frameworks, standards, tools and guidelines for electronic records and information management. These initiatives have resulted in improved integration with and value to business systems and processes. The guidelines and practices have been adopted in many organizations globally and internationally recognized because of the value they bring to record keeping practice in both the public and private sectors.

His leadership and initiative led to the development of the ICA's Principles and Functional Requirements for Records in Electronic Environments – ICA-Req. The basic requirements are being further expanded for use through guidance and training materials that are being developed through a joint initiative of the ICA Section on Archival Education and Training, the International Records Management Trust and 9 participating ICA-member countries. As a result of this initiative, good recordkeeping has been cited as a regional priority. Funded by AusAID, eleven records management guidelines have been developed together with introductory and promotional materials. While focused on PARBICA, these works will be transferrable into other geographic areas.

In addition, Adrian Cunningham has participated on international standards development committees, university advisory board and most recently management the development of PARBICA's Recordkeeping for Good Governance Toolkit. He has written numerous articles that have been translated and published internationally. In addition to his full-time work, and participation on various international committees, he has written numerous articles that have been translated and published internationally. Furthermore, he has shared his knowledge and experience to the international community through seminars presented in over 17 countries for both English and non-English speaking audiences.

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**About the Emmett Leahy Award**

The Emmett Leahy Award is the highest award for individual accomplishment in the information and records management profession. Given in honor of Emmett Leahy, the renowned and legendary pioneer of information and records management, this award annually recognizes an individual whose contributions and outstanding accomplishments have had a major impact on the records and information management profession. Selection of the award recipient is made by the Emmett Leahy Award Committee that is composed of the last ten winners of this prestigious award. The Emmett Leahy Award is presented at the annual meeting of the Institute of Certified Records Managers that is held concurrently with the ARMA International Annual Conference. Past winners have included users, educators, archivists, records managers, and consultants - both within the United States and internationally. The expenses of the Emmett Leahy Award Committee are underwritten by the Huron Consulting Group as part of its commitment to promoting and recognizing excellence in records management.

The Emmett Leahy Award Committee is an independent entity and is not a part of the Institute of Certified Records Managers, ARMA International, or Huron Consulting Group. The selection of the annual Emmett Leahy Award recipient is the exclusive responsibility of the Emmett Leahy Award Committee.

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