

Roberto Busa Award for 2001

Emeritus Professor John Burrows of the Centre for Literary and Linguistic Computing at The University of Newcastle, NSW has been awarded the Roberto Busa Award for 2001.

The award is made every three years to honour outstanding achievement in the application of information technology to humanistic research. It is made jointly by the US and UK peak professional organisations for humanities computing, the Association for Computing in the Humanities and the Association for Literary and Linguistic Computing.

The award is named for Roberto Busa, SJ, regarded by many as the founder of the field of humanities computing. The first award was given to Father Busa in 1998; Professor Burrows receives the second.

The call for nominations asked those working in humanities computing to define the field by identifying "who stands at the center of it ... whose work serves as the model we name, when people ask what we hope to accomplish by the use of computers in the humanities."

Professor Burrows is to travel to New York in June to receive the award and to deliver a plenary lecture to the annual conference of the two associations.

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