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Herbert S. and Virginia White Professional Development Award Committee
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The Herbert S. and Virginia White Professional Development Award Committee had a tough task in choosing the recipient of the 2007 award. We reviewed 5 applications. All the applications were strong and unique in content, but the committee ultimately voted to fully fund the proposal submitted jointly by Emily Dill (Columbus) and Kristi Palmer (IUPUI). In 2006, the two conducted a nationwide survey of academic librarians to examine their opinions about academic library involvement in open access. This survey explored four major components: 1. What are librarians' opinions regarding the theory or concepts of open access; 2. What are librarians' opinions regarding actions taken related to open access; 3. What actions are the librarians actually taking in regards to open access; and finally, 4. Demographic information about the librarians and their institutions. The \$2,446 the committee voted to award Emily and Kristi will provide them with the opportunity to present their results to an international audience at the Public Knowledge Project (PKP) Scholarly Publishing Conference in Vancouver later this year. In addition, their research will result in a final product of a scholarly article.

Respectfully submitted,
Dina Kellams, Chair