LEO AWARDS and PRIZES

← The AIS LEO Award for Exceptional Lifetime Achievement in Information Systems

The Association for Information Systems (AIS) is the institution linking academics in the discipline of Information Systems world-wide and has a membership in excess of 3000. It selects members who have made outstanding contributions to the study and teaching of Information Systems for the LEO Award (its highest honour), named in remembrance of LEO the First Business Computer. The award was inaugurated in 1999. See https://aisnet.org/page/LeoAward

← The LEO Award Advisory Board

The LEO's are named after the world's first business computer. Created by the Lyons Company of the UK in 1951 and with installations in Australia by Tubemakers, Shell and Colonial Mutual. LEO was the first computer in the world to be used to solve complex analytic problems including (but not limited to) calculating disease among miners, ballistic problems of missiles, mortality rates for insurance companies, "flutter" in new aircraft, how to make rain by seeding clouds and even calculating tax tables. The awards celebrate outstanding achievements in the full range of Business Intelligence and Information Management activities:

· Data modelling, integration, quality, warehousing and mining

· Analytics, reporting, dashboarding and scorecarding

· Business Process Management

· Search

· Performance management

· Knowledge management and strategy

to name a few. The awards are given to commercial organisations, government, and education initiatives as well as individuals who have excelled in the end-use of analytics and information management.

Governance of the LEO Awards is conducted by an Advisory Board consisting of seasoned members of the Australasian commercial, government and academic knowledge economy. The Board represent many industries and aspects of hands-on experience from the end-user community.

The awards were launched in 2010. See http://www.tbig.com.au/advisors/

❖ *Middlesex University: David Tresman Caminer Postgraduate Scholarship in Business Computing*

The scholarship was set up to honour the achievements if David Caminer under the aegis of The LEO Computers Society . The Scholarship is funded through the generosity of the Association for Information Technology (AIT) and its Trustees, and is valued at £5000 per annum. The scholarships will be available to students who have demonstrated excellent academic potential. Applications are welcome from students who have fulfilled the admission criteria and been offered a place to study for a postgraduate degree based in the School of Engineering and Information Science. A student will only be entitled to one award during his/her period of study with Middlesex University. The first students were selected in 2011. See http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk/grants/the-david-tresman-caminer-postgraduate-scholarship-in-business-computing-supported-by-the-leo-foundation-and-ait-trust-at-middlesex-university/hc_edufin.page_pls_user_sch_dets/16180339/220707/sch_id/58303/page.htm

The 2014 award winner Tope Ashiru writes:

> "Receiving the Scholarship is mind blowing! It has restored me back on track and reinvigorated my career aspirations. My academic progression almost took a dark turn in the light of my father's prolonged illness which eventually took his life. I had thought it was all coming to a dramatic halt for me but the Scholarship came to the rescue! Now I can focus on finishing with a first class."

· **2016 Middlesex University David Tresman Caminer PhD Scholarship.**
The research leading to a PhD will investigate the role of LEO in the evolution of business computing with special emphasis on the philosophy which motivated a company in the food industry to build the world's first business computer. The project supervisor is Dr Giuseppe Primiero of the Computer Science Department. The scholarship is funded by a grant from the AIT. See http://www.mdx.ac.uk/news/2016/03/first-ever-business-computer-to-be-researched-at-middlesex-university and http://www.mdx.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-research-degrees/research-studentships/david-tresman-caminer-studentship-for-the-history-of-computing and tinyurl.com/j3oh6ow.