

## Post Graduates-ILWS scholarships

### Anna Lukasiewicz



Anna Lukasiewicz who is also the student representative on the Institute's Advisory Board commenced her PhD in April, 2008.

A social scientist, her project is on social justice in Australian water institutions with supervisors Dr Penny Davidson, Professor Kathleen Bowmer and Dr Geoff Syme from CSIRO Land & Water who is based in Perth.

Born in Poland in the big coal producing city of Wroclaw, Anna was 10 years old when her parents migrated to Australia with her older brother and settled in Adelaide where they now run a family IT business.

Anna (who can speak Polish, English, French and Spanish) did a Bachelor of International Studies (Honours) and Diploma of Languages (Spanish) at Flinders University after she finished school as her original goal was to work with the United Nations as an aid worker "but that didn't happen."

She then began a two year Masters degree at RMIT by distance education and in the second year of that went to China where she worked as an English teacher for a year. On her return in 2006, after a few months in Adelaide, she got a job at CSIRO in Canberra. Originally a position as a part-time administrative assistant, it developed into a full-time research assistant position. Most of Anna's work was to do with water policy as she was working with economists and social scientists doing ecological economics.

"Initially I never wanted to do a PhD but once I started working at CSIRO I realised if I became a researcher on something like water policy, then I could become a consultant and go overseas and do aid work in that capacity...it's the long way round to getting to my goal," says Anna.

Anna has a top-up scholarship towards her PhD research from CSIRO Water for a Healthy Country Flagship.

She is a member of the State Emergency Services and says she has a lot of hobbies including craft making, embroidery and quilt making.

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