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***New Zealand Society
News***

On 14 September 1989, 50 members and guests attended a drinks evening to celebrate the second anniversary of the formation of the NZ Society for Computers and Law. The occasion was sponsored by a local New Zealand software company, Inform Group Limited.

Inform has developed a number of software packages for legal office automation, litigation support, legal retrieval, trust accounting, billing and management systems. The theme for the evening was "The Legal Office in the Year 2010". The highlights included demonstrations and an exhibition of Inform's products, data base services offered by Baynet Systems and a pre-release of Data General's new Windowing/Icon software.

During the two years of its existence the NZ Society has organised a total of 20 seminars and functions. The seminar topics include computer crime, privacy issues, litigation support systems, legal retrieval systems, tax issues in computers, computer contracts, copyright issues, misleading representations/Fair Trading Act, to trade secrets and confidential information.

In November, the society will be hosting a seminar on copyright law reforms in New Zealand and the recent developments in the GATT talks on intellectual property in Geneva.

The society hopes to organise seminars on the legal problems posed by Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) during the first half of 1990. Suggestions on further topics and speakers are welcome.

For more information, readers can contact the Society's President.

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***New South Wales Society
News***

The Society held a joint seminar with the College of Law on 14 June to discuss issues arising out of Electronic Data Interchange. This seminar was well attended with the Society making a small profit.

It has been decided that this year's Gala Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 December, at 6:00 p.m. immediately following the AGM. We will advise all members of the exact details closer to the date.

On 1 November, 12:30 p.m. the Society will hold a meeting at Level 2, the Law Society, on Computer Viruses - How to Stay Healthy. For some useful hints we refer readers to the article "Viruses - How to Prevent Infection" on page 6 of this issue.

There are two international conferences scheduled for October and November of this year. For details see page 5.