

News from the Divisions

ACT BRANCH

Copyright Workshop

A one-day workshop on Copyright for Librarians will be held on Friday, 16 July at the National Library of Australia.

Organised by the ACT Branch of the LAA, it will follow last year's successful workshop on the implications of the Copyright Amendment Act. Many who attended last year's workshop have requested a follow-up workshop to look at the situation after the Act has been in force for some time.

The workshop will also look at areas not covered by the Amendment Act, notably those of Copyright and Computers and Copyright in relation to Audio-Visual Materials, in the latter case with particular reference to the issues paper currently being prepared by the Attorney-General's Department.

Keynote speaker is to be Rob Brian, Law Librarian, University of NSW and author of the Copyright Kit prepared by the LAA.

Fees: Full day, members \$25, non-members \$40. Half day, members \$10, non-members \$16. (The half day fee does not include lunch.)

More details will appear later as speakers and sessions are confirmed.

For more information, contact Andrew Bennett, ANU Library on (062) 49 3439.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Branch Council

The second meeting for 1982 was held on Wednesday 10 March 1982 in the Conference Room, Fisher Library at 6.00 pm.

The major topic of discussion was the proposal from the LAA Continuing Education Officer that the NSW Branch support the testing of proposed Continuing Education Activities in NSW before they move to other states. The Branch expressed support for the idea.

Details of the divisions of responsibility between the CE Officer and the Branch for the actual mounting of each seminar have yet to be worked out.

The Branch noted with pleasure the proposal by Head Office to hold a function in honour of John Metcalfe on Friday 16 April, when General Council is meeting in Sydney.

Future Branch Council Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every month in the Conference Room, Fisher Library, University of Sydney at 6.00 pm. Observers are welcome, but should contact the Branch Secretary, Philomena Lapsley (02) 692 1122 beforehand.
Janet Robinson

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Annual General Meeting

A well-attended AGM was held on 25 February in the State Library Theatre. Members unable to attend might be interested to know that the President's report is to be published and included as a supplement to *InCite*.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the recently appointed State Librarian Mr. Warren Horton, delivered an informative address on a number of issues including his

impressions of the profession in Victoria gained since his arrival; his pleasure at the close but informal contact between the Branch and the State Library and the impending management review of the State Library. A lively question and answer time followed.

Professor James Wilson

The Branch was fortunate in engaging Professor Wilson to give an informal talk to interested members on his role as Research Director of the Clearing House of the Co-operative Education Research Centre at the North-eastern University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Visit of Executive Director

Susan Acutt, the Executive Director, has been invited to Victoria in the first week in May to visit both Melbourne metropolitan and country centres to address existing members and hopefully to recruit new ones. Check *Happenings* for further details.

Librarians and Redundancy

The University and College Libraries Section arranged a very successful meeting which addressed the question of libraries and redundancy – a problem which for this group of librarians has been escalated by the Razor Gang's cuts in the tertiary education sector.

The guest speakers, Pam Sandon, the Industrial Officer of the Victorian Colleges Staff Association, and the LAA's Industrial Officer, Judith Hill, were both very open and honest about the problems as they saw them. One major difficulty is loss of positions when staff leave and are not replaced. Another problem was that of casual and temporary employees having no safeguards vis à vis job security.

As Judith pointed out, the LAA cannot help individuals who are made redundant – that is a union matter. Possible actions Judith suggested include the formulation of an Amalgamation Statement, and a Statement on Staffing Standards for university and college libraries and much clearer channels of communication being established with the Tertiary Education Commission and State Tertiary Education Bodies.

Continuing Education

A full and varied programme has been planned for the coming year including seminars on libraries and industrial relations, and on managing people at work. Full details will be given in *Happenings*.

School Libraries' Surveys on Staffing

The rough draft of this survey has now been completed and the final report is being prepared.

Angela Bridgland

NSW SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTIONAL GROUP

The next in a series of visits designed to provide you with the opportunity to visit those libraries you had always planned to see, will take place on Thursday 13 May 1982.

The library is at Consolidated Goldfields Australia Ltd, 24th Floor, Goldfields House, Circular Quay, and the time is from 1pm–2pm.

Further information is available from the librarian, Robyn Jenkins (02) 20 512.

If there is any particular library you would like the Group to arrange for you to see, contact the Convenor Maria Gemenis (02) 270 9443.

NSW GROUP, SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION

The Copyright meeting on February 10 at Allen, Allen & Hemsley was addressed by Rob Brien, University of NSW Law Librarian and about 80 people attended. A good question and answer session laid emphasis on the still unresolved problems of the Act and its recent amendment.

On March 3 Judith Hill, LAA Industrial Officer, spoke to about 40 people at the meeting at the Commonwealth Bank on the development of unions in libraries, the pros and cons of library unions and the possibility of amalgamation with other unions to cover librarians in private industry. The question and answer session which followed showed a lot of interest in this subject.

Congress Papers

THE Organisers of the 41st FID Congress are now calling for papers. The Congress will be held in Hong Kong from 12–16 September 1982.

The theme, 'The Challenge of Information Technology', will cover the changes in the way information will be handled in the future, ie satellite communications, videotex, telematics, computers for home use.

If you would like to give a paper at the Congress, more information can be obtained from FID General Secretariat, PO Box 30115, 2500 GC The Hague, Netherlands. All questions concerning registration, accommodation, etc should be addressed to Mr B. Burton, Hong Kong Polytechnic Library, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong.



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