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The workshop was opened by the Director-General of the National Library of Australia (Harrison Bryan), whose address reviewed relationships between Australian and South-East Asian librarians since World War II, giving particular attention to recent developments. The rest of the first day was devoted to hearing country reports from the region, and a report of a regional bibliography of national imprints, the SEAPRINT project.

On the second day a number of talks were given on the Australian situation, Enid Roberts of the Office of Library Co-operation opening the session with an overview. She was followed by Chris Hannan on the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN); Sue Harvey on CSIRO databases, with specific reference to the Commonwealth Regional Renewable Energy Resources Information System (CRRERIS); and Katie Blake on AUSINET.

Day three covered current activities in resource sharing and proposals for the future. Helen Jarvis discussed the history of BISA, both concerning the database currently available on AUSINET and used for the production of specialised bibliographies on COM-fiche, and the training programme associated with production of the database. Since 1980 BISA has been funded by ADAB to train librarians from South-East Asia in database creation and information retrieval. The fourth group of trainees is now commencing their six-month period of secondment

to BISA. Biruta Udris discussed the NLA's international co-operation program, and Allan Horton talked on the library aspects of the Australian Universities' International Development Program (AUIDP).

The afternoon was spent discussing ways in which resource sharing and co-operation might be developed, and the following motions were passed:
1) this Workshop urges the continued development of the BISA project, including its training element, and urges BISA to explore the possibility of a more meaningful relationship with NLDC-SEA (National Libraries & Documentation Centres of South-East Asia) or other relevant bodies in the region;
2) this Workshop notes that it would be of advantage to Australian libraries, and to the region generally, if consideration could be given to bibliographic data generated in the region being made available to Australian libraries;
3) this Workshop notes the desirability of using Australian assistance to fund working visits, including staff exchanges between countries in the region to foster work experience, teaching, training and research in the library and information fields.
In addition, general support was expressed in the workshop for the recommendations made by the Australian committee for Unesco's General Information Program, namely:
• that Australia notify Unesco of its desire to participate in the CASTASIA proposal for a regional network for the dissemination and exchange of scientific and technological information and expertise in particular priority areas;

• that Australia continue and develop training programs for library and information staff in the developing countries, and specifically
• that the Australian National Commission for Unesco press its support for the continuance of the BISA project, especially its training element, with either or both Australian or Unesco support.
Days four and five were spent visiting institutions in the Sydney area illustrating different approaches to automation and co-operation. BISA, University of Sydney Library, New South Wales Institute of Technology (demonstrating CLANN), Macquarie University Library and the University of New South Wales Library were visited by the overseas participants in the workshop.

Some of the visitors then went on to Adelaide to attend LAA22, and the Conference on International Co-operation in Chinese Bibliographical Automation held in Canberra at the end of August.

For more details on the workshop, including copies of the papers delivered, please contact BISA 692 3738. We will also be happy to provide further information on the BISA database and the training program, as well as to answer any queries of a reference or bibliographic nature relating to South-East Asia. We are located on Level One, Fisher Stack at the University of Sydney.

Helen Jarvis
Director BISA

Crucial conference for Government Film Libraries

THE FUTURE of documentary film distribution in Australia in times of economic recession was the major theme of the Biennial Conference of the Australian Council of Government Film Libraries, held in Sydney from 20-22 October 1982, and attended by delegates from all States and Territories except Tasmania.

The Council's committee was responsible for Conference planning, agenda, speakers and programming of open sessions. The Conference was hosted by the State Library of New South Wales and organised by staff in the State Film Library, NSW.

The Conference brought together the heads of Australia's network of government film distribution libraries — State Film Centres, Education Department media centres and the National Film Lending Collection of the National Library of Australia. Collectively, these libraries purchase $1.5 million worth of film each year, carry a range of 35,000 titles, and conduct a total of over 500,000 loans annually. The Libraries are responsible for the lion's share of non-theatrical documentary film distribution in Australia.

Individual conference sessions included
• Technological Developments
• Copyright V Information Flow
• Sponsorship and Funding Assistance
• Bicentennial Project
Open sessions were attended by representatives of educational organisations, major borrowers and film distributors.

Conference speakers included Don McKinnon, Senior Administrative Assistant, Premier's Department, NSW who gave the keynote address on the topic 'Service Under Stress — the Eighties Equation'; Des Walsh, National Programme Coordinator, The Australian Bicentennial Authority; Robin Bell,

Principal Legal Officer, Intellectual Property Section, Attorney-General's Department, Canberra, and Ken Archer, Member of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal.

The launching of the Council's information brochure was followed by a preview screening of *The Bounty Experiment*, a one-hour television special co-produced by Film Australia and the New Zealand Film Unit.

Delegates and guests then attended a reception in the Mitchell and Dixson Galleries of the State Library of New South Wales where they were welcomed by the State Librarian, Russell Doust.

Copies of the Council's brochure are available from the National Film Lending Collection, State Film Centres and Educational Department media centres.

Janette Parkinson
Committee Member

Formation of Australian Database Development Asscn.

At a meeting of interested colleagues on Thursday, 18 November, a new 'Australian Database Development Association' was formed. The following objectives were formulated:
• Provide a forum for exchange of information
• Promote the interests of its members
• Provide a focus for communication with users
• Provide a focus for communication with government and other appropriate bodies
• Formulate policies on the development of Australian databases
Membership will be open to organisations and individuals who are directly concerned with

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Susan Acutt
Executive Director.

the development of databases.

A committee established consisted of: Margaret A. Findlay, Australian Council for Educational Research (Chairman), Gerard Peguero, Footscray Institute of Technology (Secretary), Diana Killen, Infoquest, Ian McCallum, ACI Computer Services, Sherrey Quinn, Australian Road Research Board.

Further details concerning the Association and proposed activities will be released shortly.

Early correspondence can be addressed to the Association, c/- The Chairman, PO Box 210, Hawthorn, Vic. 3122, or the Secretary, PO Box 64, Footscray, Vic. 3011.