

Major LAA award for Jean Conochie



Miss Jean Conochie

The LAA is to confer the H.C.L. Anderson Award upon Miss Jean Conochie, Principal Librarian, Bibliographical Services at CSIRO.

The H.C.L. Anderson Award may be conferred on a professional member of the Association who has rendered outstanding service to librarianship or to the library profession in Australia, or to the theory and practice of librarianship.

Jean Conochie entered librarianship in 1946 with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and has remained with the CSIRO throughout her working life.

Miss Conochie enjoys an international reputation as a serials cataloguer and bibliographer. She edited *Scientific Serials in Australian Libraries* (SSAL) from 1960 until December 1984 during which time the number of serial titles recorded rose from 25,000 to 60,000. The value of this publication to librarians and the users of scientific and technical literature held in Australian libraries has

been incalculable. It is conservatively estimated that SSAL has been consulted throughout Australia for not less than 2,500 records each working day, or 375,000 records each year.

Miss Conochie has been responsible for cataloguing standards across the entire CSIRO library network, and for the ongoing compilation of the CSIRO union catalogue, a tool heavily used by technical libraries. Her handbook, *You Name It! Helpful Hints for Editors and Publishers of Journals, Reports and other Serial Publications* which was published by AACOBS in 1979, has been used as a model for similar publications in Canada and South Africa.

Jean Conochie has also played an active and prominent part in the affairs of the Library Association of Australia. She was a member of its Board of Examiners from 1966-1972, holding the position of Deputy Chairman from 1970-1972. She has been a member of numerous other Association committees, including Continuing Education (1973-1974), Cataloguing (1968-1972), Editorial (1968-1970), and the Biennial Conference Committee (1974-1975). In addition, she has been a member of the Victorian Branch Council and both the Secretary (1961-1963) and President (1975-1976) of the Special Libraries Section. She has represented the Association at overseas conferences, and was accorded the distinction of Fellow of the Association in 1967.

She has also been an active member of AACOBS and was a member of its Working Party on Bibliography from its inception in 1974 until 1983.

Miss Conochie has had a lifelong interest in professional education and frequently lectures at library schools. She was awarded an MBE for services to science in 1978.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

VISIT FROM PRESIDENT JAPAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The President of the Japan Library Association, Professor Takeo Urata, visited LAA House on 7 March while passing through Sydney on his way home from New Zealand.

Professor Urata, who is the University Librarian, University of Tokyo Library System, discussed a whole range of issues relating to library associations and libraries generally. The Japan Library Association is particularly interested in establishing closer links with other library associations, and it has been agreed that a range of information should be exchanged to assist in this.

Arrangements are well underway for the 1986 IFLA Conference to be held in Tokyo and Professor Urata expressed the hope that many Australians might attend.

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Professor Urata with Jenny Adams in the foyer of LAA House

Redmond Barry Award

It is most fitting that the LAA has chosen to confer its Redmond Barry Award upon Sir John Starke.

The Redmond Barry Award is named in memory of Sir Redmond Barry, who, among other duties, was the first Chairman of the Trustees of the Melbourne Public Library (now the State Library of Victoria) from 1854 to 1880, and Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria. Sir John Starke is President of the Library Council of Victoria and Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Sir John was appointed as second President of the Library Council in 1967. He has been a forceful defender of the principle of free public library service both in the State Library and in the Victorian public library system. In February 1984 he went to Sydney to meet with the President of the Council of the State Library of New South Wales to discuss federal aid for public libraries, and he insisted that the Library Council of Victoria press for a federal inquiry into public library services.

Sir John has been the chief proponent in the fight for a Government commitment to the building of a new State Library of Victoria and it is in no small part due to his endeavours that the Government has recently appointed a State Library/Museum Buildings Advisory Committee to advise the Government and to be responsible for overseeing the building of this major cultural facility.

General Council felt that it was most appropriate to recognise Sir John Starke's 18 years of distinguished service to the Library Council of Victoria, to the wider Victorian library community and to the development of Australian libraries by conferring the Redmond Barry Award upon him.

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