PUBLICATIONS BOARD

; its May meeting, the LAA Publications ›ard carried out its regular review of past ·rformance of LAA titles and looked for·ard to what will probably be the most am·tious ILAA publication to date — Harrison ·yan's *Encyclopaedia of Australian library id information science.* Although many ·tails of form as well as content remain to · resolved, the Publications Board agreed in inciplee to the publication of this work, and ·reed tto the editor commissioning authors r various articles.

At thiss meeting it was also announced that ·ank Tlhompson, formerly of the University Queemsland Press and now Director (Pubhing) of the Australian Government Pubhing Service, had been invited to join the ıblicatiions Board. Frank's knowledge of and ·perience in publishing would be invaluable the Association.

There was discussion of several publications progress, including *Guide to Australian ference books: social sciences* and informa›n guides on other untapped areas of Aus·alian reference work, a work on puppets, e *Directory of Australian directories,* a ·w edittion of *Ausloan,* a guide to 'going online', the proceedings of the conference of the Audiovisual Committee and a new edition of *Patterns of library services in Australia.* It was reported that work on the seventh edition of the *Directory of special libraries* was proceeding according to schedule, and that preparation of *New Classics* (to be published in conjunction with IBBY) was in hand.

A proposal to publish a bibliography of nineteenth century Australian works illustrated with original photographs was to be explored further with the compiler, in order to broaden its appeal. In the offing are a new edition of the directory of library suppliers, a guide to AV resources in Australia and a work on microcomputers in Australian libraries.

By the time of the August meeting, all these projects will be edging towards reality, under the watchful eyes of the Board. Surprisingly for this writer, and busied with projects though the Board is, it is neither besieged by hopeful authors and compilers, nor wallowing in a moraine of ready-made manuscripts. Fame, if not fortune, awaits those with timely, useful and highly competent contributions to make to the professional literature, under the imprint of Australia's premier library and information science publisher.

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