

PUBLICATIONS BOARD

At its May meeting, the LAA Publications Board carried out its regular review of past performance of LAA titles and looked forward to what will probably be the most ambitious ILAA publication to date — Harrison Frank's *Encyclopaedia of Australian library and information science*. Although many details of form as well as content remain to be resolved, the Publications Board agreed in principle to the publication of this work, and agreed to the editor commissioning authors for various articles.

At this meeting it was also announced that Frank Thompson, formerly of the University of Queensland Press and now Director (Publishing) of the Australian Government Publishing Service, had been invited to join the Publications Board. Frank's knowledge of and experience in publishing would be invaluable to the Association.

There was discussion of several publications in progress, including *Guide to Australian reference books: social sciences* and information guides on other untapped areas of Australian reference work, a work on puppets, the *Directory of Australian directories*, a new edition of *Ausloan*, a guide to 'going on-

line', 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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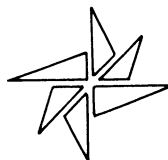
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