

INFORMATION ONLINE 88 — UPDATE

Registrations are now open for the next Information Online Conference and Exhibition, to be held from 19-21 January, 1988 at thedney Hilton.

Online 88 will prove just how rapidly the online information field is changing. It will also serve to focus attention on the achievements of the Australian online industry to date, and to identify future directions and challenges.

A significant Australian online development, for example, is the planned computerisation of Australian Stock Exchanges with the introduction of SEATS, a screen-based trading system. Mr Paul Nothman (Manager, Research Dept., Stock Exchange Research) will be presenting a timely paper in one of the Online 88 Business/Finance streams: 'The Stock Exchange's Role in the Distribution of Online Business Information.'

Other specialised streams will concentrate on the Legal/Government online information area. Mr Peter Moore, (Principal, Legal Management Consultancy Services) for example, will outline reasons why lawyers have not responded to the availability of online information as enthusiastically as

many database hosts and producers had hoped, and comment upon the need for an expert system interface.

A session of relevance to all online users, 'The Impact of New Electronic Media on Society', will be presented by Dr Masahiro Kawahata (Adjunct Professor, Uni. of Southern California and Managing Director, New Media Development Association). Dr Kawahata has had 10 years' experience in planning, designing, installing and operating various forms of new electronic media including fibre-optics based interactive TV.

The exhibition itself will again provide opportunities for valuable hands-on experience and gaining new product awareness. Insearch/Dialog, for example, will be exhibiting new products such as CD-ROMs, new capabilities such as multifile searching, and new databases such as Bellstein and Inpadoc. CLIRS, who have recently announced two new online services: Australian Taxation Office Rulings and the Australian Resources Industry Database (ARID), will also be exhibiting at Online 88. For more information contact: Kaye Paterson, ACMS (02) 332 4622.

Introducing the KOALA (Kids Own Australian Literature Award) Council

Early in 1986 representatives from associations involved with children and reading met together to establish the aims and scope of what has become the KOALA (Kids Own Australian Literature Awards) Council. The associations include the LAA School Section and Children's Section (NSW Groups), Sections of the Children's Book Council, the Australian Reading Association, the English Teachers Association, the Primary English Teaching Association, the School Library Association and the Australian Book Publishers Association. KOALA is the first children's award scheme to be instituted in NSW.

The aims of the Council are to:

involve young Australian readers in nominating and voting for books to receive the KOALA.

promote the enjoyment and critical appreciation of Australian literature by young readers.

KOALA is well and truly underway as young readers in schools and children's libraries have

filled in evaluation forms for the books they are reading on the KOALA list. The two short lists of 40 titles (one for infants/primary readers and one for secondary readers) undergoing scrutiny are titles which have been nominated by young readers. Nominations were accepted of Australian books, (including fiction, poetry, plays, picture books, or myths and legends). These may be written by an Australian or permanent resident of Australia, or published in Australia or written about Australia.

When the scores have been tallied, the KOALA Council President will contact the winning authors. Awards will be arranged, and preparations made for the presentation ceremony during Children's Week in October. Arrangements will ensure that as many representative groups of children as possible will be able to attend the presentation ceremony. Where possible the winning authors will be present at the ceremony to receive their awards.

An ongoing evaluation of the awards will be conducted by the Council. A special classic award is planned to be presented in 1988, in association with the Bicentenary celebrations. Up until 1 November 1987, the KOALA Council is accepting nominations for the 1988 KOALA.

Sheila Hawkins

OBITUARY

Joy Blanksby

Joy Blanksby, BS, MLS (Ore.), TPTC, TTLCC (Melb.), ALAA, died on 6 July, 1987, in Perth after a long illness.

A committed and active member of the LAA, Joy served both the WA Branch and the University and College Libraries Section (WA Group) as Treasurer, earning high regard for her integrity and organisational ability. But more than this, through her enthusiasm she was able to awaken in others an awareness of the need for professional commitment and involvement in the Association's work.

For the past ten years Joy worked at the Western Australian College Library and one of

its predecessors, the Nedlands CAE. There she proved herself to be that now rather rare variety of librarian: an all-rounder. She worked as a cataloguer, an audio-visual librarian, a reference librarian and most recently specialised in online information searching. In each of these roles she was well known for her unfailing professionalism, and adherence to standards of excellence.

Above all, Joy will be remembered for her friendliness, her willingness to help, the sincerity and caring concern she brought to everything she did, her practicality, and her laugh.

All who knew her now miss her.

Karen Anderson

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MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Australia Medical Libraries Section will be held on Wednesday, 16 September, 1987, at 8.30 am in the Hotel Adelaide, 62 Brougham Place, North Adelaide.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the 1986 Annual General Meeting.
3. Business arising from the minutes.
4. President's report.
5. Treasurer's report.
6. National Medical Libraries Section for 1988-89.
7. 1989 Australasian Medical Librarians' Conference.
8. Venue for the 1991 Medical Librarians' Conference.
9. Draft National Minimum Standards for Hospital Libraries.
10. Anne Harrison Award.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The President has requested that, where possible, notice of any motions to be put to the Annual General Meeting should be given in writing. Such notice should be forwarded to the National Secretary by Thursday, 3 September, 1987. This will permit finalisation of the agenda, copies of which will be distributed at the 7th Biennial Australian Medical Librarians' Conference.

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