



the front line

You will have received the brochure and enrolment form for the LAA's 50th Anniversary Celebrations with your last issue of *InCite* and you will have already noticed that the conference is featured on the front page of this issue.

Between the opening and closing social functions on the evenings of Wednesday, 2 September in the Albert Hall and Friday, 4 September in the National Library, some 25 speakers will have given fascinating insights into past events and achievements, and into future challenges and objectives.

A distinguished Australian is to give the inaugural Harold White Oration at the Jubilee Dinner at the Lakeside Hotel in the presence of Sir Harold and Lady White. The Prime Minister will open the conference, and a special display will be mounted in the exhibition area of the National Library, and Australia Post will issue a pre-stamped envelope to commemorate the event.

We are particularly anxious to identify all older (and especially foundation) members of the Association and its predecessor, the Australian Institute of Librarians. If any of these people are known to you, please let the conference organisers, or me, know.

But while older members will have an honoured place in our midst, this is a unique occasion for present members of the Association to celebrate the achievements of the past and to look forward to the next 50 years. I have already heard of a group of our regional members who are planning to hire a bus for travel to Canberra. Why not do the same?

50 years is a notable milestone in the history of any organisation. It is fitting that this celebration is being held to mark this special event in the life of our Association; it will also be fun! I hope to see you there.

Peter Dawe
President

ALIA DIRECTOR

The position of Director of the Association was advertised in *InCite* Nos 1 and 2.

I now have to tell you that because of changes in her personal circumstances our present Director, Jenny Adams, has asked that her resignation be withdrawn. The Executive Committee has been pleased to accede to this request.

Ms Adams' present contract runs until December 1987, and it has been agreed that she will retain her present position subject to discussion and review later this year.

Peter H. Dawe

Next issue: David J. Jones treats us to more 'Source'; and Karl Schmude returns with 'Conserve them all my days'.

IFLA 1988 Living Together — People, Libraries, Information

The IFLA 1988 Conference Program Committee has the responsibility for developing the conference theme, providing a focus for the conference and assisting IFLA divisions, sections and round tables in preparing their parts of the program. IFLA is made up of over 40 Sections and Round Tables (like LAA Sections and Special Interest Groups) and these are grouped into eight Divisions.

The Program Committee is a Melbourne-based group of seven people with each person acting as the liaison person for one or more of the IFLA divisions. Dr Pat Layzell-Ward from WAIT, is on IFLA's Professional Board and acts as a corresponding member of the Committee.

The Program Committee members, with their liaison responsibilities and phone contact numbers, are: General Research Libraries: Peter Dawe (03) 418 7230; Special Libraries: Elaine Alexander (03) 697 5011; Libraries Serving the General Public: Maureen Carroll (03) 651 4318 and Carol Ely (03) 669 9888; Bibliographic Control: Ian McCallum (03) 541 5600; Collection and Services: Marianne Broadbent (03) 660 2900; Management and Technology: Ian McCallum (03) 541 5600; Education and Research: Fay Nicolson (03) 341 8615; Regional Activities: Marianne Broadbent (03) 660 2900.

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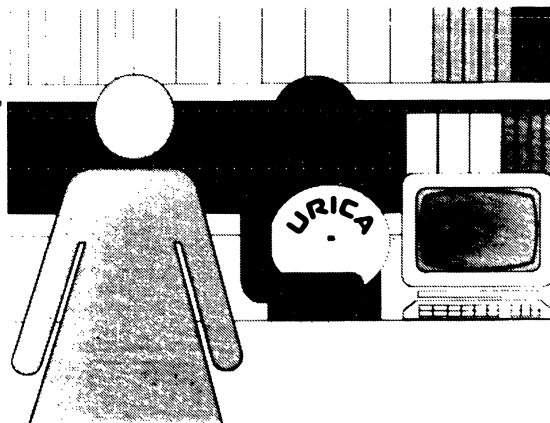
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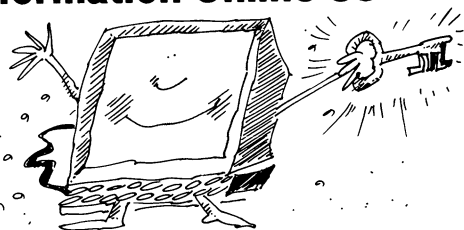
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meeting entitled 'Travellers' tales, or work experiences of librarians overseas', and deliver a paper 'Education in health sciences'. Since Ms Picken's expertise lies particularly in the areas of communication and management, her sessions are not to be missed.

Our other overseas speaker is Dr Julie Virgo (who by coincidence began her library career in Adelaide). She will present an all-day workshop - 'Strategic planning for health science librarians'. Dr Virgo is currently a consultant with and Vice President of the Carroll Group, Inc based in Chicago, and has had wide experience in medical libraries in the States. Watch *InCite* for more details!

So start planning now to join us in Adelaide in the balmy month of September for what promises to be an exciting and stimulating conference. There will also be ample opportunities to mix socially with colleagues and renew acquaintances. Registration forms for the conference will be available soon.

Information Online 88



The success of the Second Australian Online Information Conference and Exhibition, for participants and exhibitors alike, has encouraged the Information Science Section to sponsor Information Online 88, to be held again at the Sydney Hilton on 19-21 January 1988.

The theme of the next conference, 'Online Information - the Key to our Future', reflects the need to relate information to its applications, and emphasises the contribution that the online information industry can make to Australia's economic revival.

Information Online is evolving to meet the changing needs of both new and experienced online users, and to attract and raise the awareness of those in different industry groups to the benefits of online information. This will allow increased communication between information professionals and industry decision makers, and enable exhibitors to introduce a wider range of potential clients to their products and services.

Specific full-day streams will be devoted to online applications in the Business and Finance, Education, Science and Technology and Legal sectors. These will be backed up by sessions on software management, networking and applications of online information systems in the working environment, focusing particularly on Australian systems and product developments.

Conference planning is already well underway. A 'Call for Papers' appears in this issue of *InCite*, and will be placed in other news outlets. With the added incentive of a substantial Best Presenter Award, we are confident of attracting a range of forward-looking and stimulating contributions which will greatly expand our awareness and understanding of online systems and sources.

The Exhibition area will once again provide an ideal venue for hands-on sessions and demonstrations of the many new products which will emerge over the coming year.

In the year of Australia's Bicentenary, Information Online 88 will thus seek to bring together information providers, information users, and information professionals, to make the best future use of Australian and overseas online information resources.

LAA 50 - Tour the Nation's Capital

A number of optional tours have been put together by the LAA 50 conference committee for Saturday, 5 September. As well as having the option to visit Canberra's libraries or taking an 'introduction to Canberra tour' - covering Black Mountain Tower, the New Parliament House Exhibition and the Embassy areas - conference delegates will have the chance to 'tip toe' through Sir Harold and Lady White's garden or to visit historic Lanyon.

Lanyon is a 19th century pastoral property on the Murrumbidgee. The Nolan Gallery is located in the grounds. The tour also includes a visit to the Cuppacumbalong Crafts centre. Tour times and costs are detailed in the conference registration brochure.

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Please feel free to contact committee members if there are any program matters you would like to discuss or if you would like to be put in touch with relevant IFLA Sections or Round Tables.

The IFLA 1988 conference theme 'Living Together - People, Libraries, Information' provides participants with opportunities to look creatively and positively at the challenges and opportunities in bringing people, information and libraries together in many different cultural and political contexts. It will be fascinating to see how different sections and participants from different countries and milieus interpret the conference theme in shaping their sessions and presentations.

Marianne Broadbent
Chair, IFLA Program Committee



FOURTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LIBRARY TECHNICIANS

Library Technicians: Paraprofessionals in the Information Workplace



28-31 OCTOBER, 1987
Melbourne, Australia

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LIBRARIES ALONE: Rural and Isolated Libraries Conference Wagga Wagga, NSW. 21st - 23rd July, 1987

This Conference aims to gather together librarians from rural and isolated areas in Australia to discuss and disseminate ideas and practical ways of solving the problems inherent in being physically separate from the main centres of population.

In keeping with the emphasis on practical problem-solving, the Conference will include a mix of plenary and workshop sessions, covering such topics as education and professional development of librarians; networks and regional co-operation; financial and political management and the provision of library services in rural and isolated areas. Trade displays and demonstrations of communication systems such as VIATEL, MINERVA, AUSPAC, will also be featured in the Conference.

Keynote Speaker:
Prof. Bernard Vavrek,
Director, Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship,
Clarion State University, Pennsylvania, USA

The venue for the Conference is the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education which is located 8km from the city of Wagga Wagga (4th largest city in NSW). Accommodation will be available on-campus within short walking distance of all conference venues. Because of the distance of the Institute from Wagga, this option is generally preferred. However, excellent accommodation (at country rates) may be found in Wagga itself.

All delegates are invited to attend the few social functions arranged, such as the Conference Dinner on Tuesday 21st (which will include a performance by students from RMIHE's Centre for the Performing Arts), and a wine tasting featuring wines from the Institute's own teaching and commercial Winery. On Friday 24th a number of day tours, covering Wagga & district libraries, Canberra libraries, or Riverina sightseeing have been arranged and will be offered subject to demand.

The Registration Fee covers all sessions of the Conference, pre-conference papers, and all morning & afternoon teas. Those paying the fee for all 3 days will also receive a copy of the Conference Proceedings. The cost of the Conference Dinner, accommodation, and the optional tours are not included in the registration fee.

REGISTRATION FEES

LAA Members	\$110
Non-members LAA	\$140
Students	\$60

Special Rates	LAA Members	Non-members
Day rate	\$40	\$60
Day rate (student)	\$20	\$30

CONFERENCE DINNER

Included in accommodation fee if staying on-campus.
If not, the Conference dinner fee will be \$25.

REGISTER NOW!

All fees should be received by the Steering Committee no later than 29 May 1987. A discount of 15% applies until 24 April, 1987.

For further enquiries, brochures, and registration forms, please contact:

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