

## Professional Development



It was resolved at the Board of Education meeting on 11-12 February that the Continuing Education Committee henceforth be known as the Professional Development Committee. The committee will continue to be responsible for the promotion of continuing education, workforce statistics, monitoring trends in the profession, Fellowships and awards. More detailed terms of reference are being formulated for the Board and will be communicated to the Branches after the next Board of Education meeting.

The Professional Development Committee wishes to encourage Branch Professional Development Officers and members of the Association to begin considering professional

development activities for 1989 at the earliest possible date. In the past, Continuing Education Officers have been asked to put forward Branch requests in June. The Professional Development Committee feels that a longer lead time for thinking about Branch activities would be desirable, allowing Branches to spend more time determining which proposals should be endorsed.

In addition to more time being given to the identification of priority areas for professional development, the Committee wishes to call attention to the necessity for wide and timely publicity for activities. Past experience indicates that two of the main reasons for the failure and/or notification appearing too late for individuals to include the activity in their schedules. It is therefore recommended that attention should be paid to adequate coverage of events by announcing activities in *InCite*, Branch newsletters, fliers, posters and the like and by allowing for an adequate lead time.

Members with ideas and suggestions for professional development activities please let your Branch/Division Professional Development Officer know as soon as possible. Next month Branches and Divisions will be asked to begin formulating proposals to be forwarded on the appropriate form to the Professional Development Committee by mid-June.

The Professional Development Officers for each Branch are:

**ACT** — Ms Roberta Atwell, c/- Library, Department of Veterans Affairs, PO Box 21, Woden ACT 2606, (062) 89 6630

**NSW** — Mr Frank Willems, PO Box 79, Lawson NSW 2783, (02) 680 1977 (ext 27)

**NT** — Ms Margaret Clinch, c/- Darwin Institute of Technology, PO Box 40146, Casuarina NT 5792, (089) 20 4211

**QLD** — Mr George Eichinski, c/- Central Library, University of Queensland, St. Lucia QLD 4066, (07) 337 2420

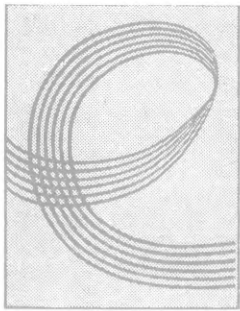
**SA** — Mrs Chris Harrison, c/- Learning Resources Branch, Department of TAFE, GPO Box 2352, Adelaide SA 5001, (08) 227 4299

**TAS** — Ms Janet Thorpe, c/- State Library of Tasmania, 91 Murray Street, Hobart TAS 7000, (002) 30 7479

**VIC** — Ms Bev Kirby, 393 Burwood Road, Hawthorn VIC 3122, (03) 819 1265.

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# INFORMATION ONLINE 89

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Expressions of interest are sought from persons wishing to present papers at **INFORMATION ONLINE 89**, the Fourth Australian Online Information Conference and Exhibition.

**INFORMATION ONLINE** has been held on an annual basis since 1986, and has proved to be a resounding success. Each conference has been fully booked, attracting delegates from Australia and overseas. The Exhibition of 52 stands displaying a wide range of online databases and services from around the world has drawn large crowds from the legal, business, scientific, medical, financial and library communities.

Participants from the UK, USA, Europe, New Zealand and Asia have praised highly the calibre of this prestigious event, which has become a respected milestone for the online information industry in Australia.

The Conference and Exhibition provide a forum for Australian information professionals to exchange information and explore new developments and major issues concerning the online information industry in Australia and overseas.

Suggested topics are: Business/finance; Commodities and Securities Trading; Education; Legal Information Services; Made in Australia; Marketing and Credit Information Systems; New Technologies; Pharmaceutical/Medical; Property/Land/Environment Information Systems; Resources Industry; Tourist Industry.

Applications close 16 May 1988

Your application, or any queries, should be directed to:

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Fourth Australian Online Information Conference and Exhibition  
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## Keeping it within the CLANN

Recently the entire CLANN online circulation system, with its 1.5 million barcoded holdings and 2.5 million loans per year, was transferred across to the new multiprocessor Geac 9000 computer. The 9000 system is capable of handling very high transaction loads; CLANN plans to move OPAC and cataloguing to the 9000 in the next phase of its expansion.

The Executive Director of CLANN, Ms Rona Wade, said the expansion into the 9000 system will ensure that the resources of the CLANN network are made available to many more people who seek library and information resources. Plans for 1988 allow for more libraries to access the system plus the provision of more PC access, building on the success of the local area network (LAN) connection to Mitchell CAE in Bathurst. The LAN system allows users with home computers to access the CLANN catalogue via a data link to Sydney. In addition, the 9000 technology supports universal computer to computer links using the Open System Interconnection (OSI) approach, a facility CLANN would wish to use in the future.

## LIBROS

This competition hopes to encourage Queensland Public Libraries to utilise staff talent to promote library resources within the community, and to create a pool of promotional material to be available to all libraries. The central theme of the competition is to create greater community awareness, and therefore increase membership.

The competition will reward innovative and original promotions which have increased usage of the library with \$1,000. Closing date for entries is 30 June and promotions must have taken place between 1 June 1987 and 31 May 1988. Further information is available from Louise Bauer, C/- Caloundra City Libraries (071) 91 1023.