

Achieving excellence

4th Asian Pacific Special and Law Librarians' Conference with the 9th Biennial Health Librarians' Conference

This challenging theme, selected for the 4th Asian Pacific Special and Law Librarians' Conference with the 9th Biennial Health Librarians' Conference, will be explored in Canberra at the National Convention Centre on 1-5 September 1991.

Librarians are in the business of helping people, and producing the best results they can for their clients. In the same way, the Conference Committee is striving to achieve an excellent conference! The program covers an exciting range of issues, presented by a diversity of speakers from Australia and overseas.

The first 2 days of the conference will cover broad issues of common interest to all types of special libraries. The keynote speakers are Delia Torrijos, UNESCO Regional Advisor for Asia and the Pacific, and Ian McCallum, that well-known Australian.

On the final 2 days, the program is split into three streams: Specials, Law and Health. The Specials' Program focuses on four inter-related topics — collection development, access to government information, professional roles in difficult times and standards. Averill Edwards from the NLA will set the scene by giving an update on conspectus. Other speakers include John Thawley from CSIRO, Margaret Henty from the NLA and Judith Miller from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The Thursday morning program will concentrate on Professional Development with Margaret Trask, followed by a workshop on salary negotiation by the Professional Development Officer of ALIA, Carol Kenchington. The afternoon program will look at issues affecting small libraries before joining the Law and Health librarians for the closing plenary session.

The Law Program will include two eminent law librarians from the United States as keynote speakers: Kathleen Price, Law Librarian of Congress, and Professor Harry Martin III, Harvard Law Librarian. In addition, Elizabeth Moys, doyenne of law library classification schemes, has agreed to give a paper, as has William Caunt, well-known law book supplier from Florida. The general papers will include several sessions on legal research in law firm and university law libraries, and there will be panel discussions on administrative law and Closer Economic Relations (CER). The program will focus on the Pacific region in a panel discussion on legal resources for the Pacific. Finally, there will be several poster papers on topics ranging from classification to issues of management and computerisation in law libraries.

The Health Program focuses first on small libraries, with a keynote address by Buy St Clair, President of OPL Resources Ltd who has wide experience library management. The next day the keynote address will be given by Dr Marjorie Pawsey, Quality Assurance Coordinator, RGH Concord. Dr Pawsey has been involved in quality assurance education for both local and overseas health workers. Dr Patricia Layzell Ward, Head of the Library and Information Department, Curtin University of Technology will address education issues. Poster papers each day cover a variety of topics. The program concludes with a miscellany designed to inform, stimulate and amuse.

A comprehensive trade exhibition, featuring the latest products and services for the information and library sector, will be held in the Exhibition Hall of the Convention Centre. It will be officially opened on Sunday, 1 September and will

remain open until 2.30 pm on Thursday, 5 September.

The Registration Brochure is in the mail to all members of Special and Health Sections of ALIA and members of the Australian Law Librarians' Group. It contains details of venue, topics and speakers, social events, registration fees and accommodation rates in selected hotels. For further information about the conference and for copies of the Registration Brochure, contact: Capital Conferences, PO Box E345, Queen Victoria Terrace, Canberra, ACT 2600. Telephone (06) 285 2048, fax (06) 285 2334.

Who's Where

Lyn Bosanquet BA, GradDipLibSc, MA, has joined Baker & Taylor as Library Services Manager for Australia, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea.

Lyn previously worked as Manager of the Library Division of Amarc Data International Pty Ltd.

Herb White will be known to many Australian librarians as the Professor of Library and Information Science at Indiana University and a prolific author on topics of library administration, supervision and special library management. He has just been elected by his peers to the appointment of 'Distinguished Professor', the most prestigious academic honour the University can offer. Congratulations, Herb!

Literary conquistadors

Mexico and US West Coast Tour

A specialised tour for librarians, booksellers and publishers, featuring the International Book Fair in Guadalajara, Mexico, is scheduled for 23 November to 11 December 1991. The tour will be led by Nancy Lane, formerly of the University of Canberra and now with the Australian Academy of Science. Travel arrangements are through the David Syme Management Education Centre, Canberra, which is affiliated with Monash University.

Book Fair speakers and exhibitors are expected from Mexico, the United States, the Caribbean, Central and South

America. Special programs are planned for librarians, publishers and retailers, and simultaneous Spanish-English translation is provided. Related events include a music festival, art exhibitions, numerous book launches, a video festival and a special children's fair.

The tour will also take in major libraries, book retailers, and tourist attractions in San Francisco, California; Portland, Oregon; and Seattle, Washington. For the tentative itinerary and costs, please contact Patricia McNamara on (06) 253 2099.



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