

Blackwell's CONNECT to be launched at ALIA '92

THE AUSTRALIAN LAUNCH of Blackwell's CONNECT, the on-line service for serials, will take place at the ALIA '92 Conference.

Introduced during 1991 in the United Kingdom, CONNECT is already used in over 90 libraries. The new service, developed in Oxford, allows any library with a PC and appropriate modem or network connections to access Blackwell's database of over 200 000 serial titles. The system is available to Australian customers through AARNET via the INTERNET and JANET (UK academic network) or through commercial networks such as AUSTPAC.

In addition, from September, libraries using CONNECT will have similar access to the Blackwell's Monographs Title file of over one million bibliographic records.

CONNECT is simpler to use than other comparable systems because it is menu driven and uses function keys and multiple search methods. Its wide range of facilities,

developed by working closely with serials librarians, will allow you to:

- access current information about serials (including full bibliographic data for individual monographic items published in series);
- add order numbers and fund codes, add or modify ship-to addresses;
- communicate quickly with your customer service manager;
- examine publisher's responses to your claims;
- use the file transfer facility to download your holdings to your local PC then organise them to best suit your needs.

The system has been tested in four libraries across Australia to ensure that it meets the special needs of Blackwell's Australian customers.

If CONNECT is of interest to you and you are at the ALIA Conference in September, Blackwell's hope you visit their stand to see them demonstrate the new service. For further information, contact Philip Bull on (02) 948 7300. ■

Awards

AT ITS JULY meeting, General Council approved the conferring of a Letter of Recognition on Patricia Stewart and on Irene Meeuwissen. The ALIA Library Manager of the Year Award for 1992 was awarded to Jenny McCarthy from the Queensland TAFE Library Network. More information on these awards will be published as soon as it becomes available. ■



Irene Meeuwissen (above) and Jenny McCarthy (right)



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