

Library Technicians Section (NSW Group)

Vice-President **Margaret Daly** describes an enjoyable visit to the NSW Parliamentary Library

1992 HAS SEEN the Library Technicians Section (NSW Group) vary the location of their monthly meeting to reach as wide a group of technicians as possible. In August we were invited to hold our meeting at the New South Wales Parliamentary Library, a special library used only by Members of Parliament when Parliament is in session. Out of session, research visits may be arranged by request.

Theresa Papadopoulos escorted us through Security and into the Library, where we were welcomed by the Parliamentary Librarian Rob Brian and the Deputy Librarian Richard Baker. We were then shown the various information services provided to Members of Parliament by the library staff, being met in each section by a staff member who explained

their activities. The library has recently been automated using the APLIS Databases, which include such items as Government publications, Hansard and Parliamentary Bills.

After our tour, the Committee worked through a condensed agenda to allow the Parliamentary Library technicians to discuss their involvement in Award Restructuring which now faces them, as it does many other library staff

in NSW. We were most grateful to the Parliamentary Librarian and all the staff for welcoming us to their library and making our August meeting so enjoyable.

Don't forget the AGM on Friday 16 October. The topic is 'Award Restructuring'—further details from Isis Bibaoui on (02) 692 2551. And watch those Events notices in inCite for our future meetings! ■

Another sell-out event!

Pamela Lloyd updates the 6th Australasian Information Online & On Disc Conference

THE EXHIBITION is already fully booked and a substantial program has been finalised that features the best of national and international speakers. The 1993 6th Australasian Information Online & On Disc Conference and Exhibition, 19-21 January, 1993 at the Hilton International, Sydney, looks set to challenge the success of the 1991 capacity conference.

The theme is *Making the Connection: The Electronic Frontier* and the emphasis will be on the globalisation of information and networking, and the role of the information professional in this context.

Keynote speakers include Dr Clifford Lynch, Director, Library Automation, University of California, who speaks on global networking and the networked information explosion; Dr Donald Hawkins of AT&T Bell Laboratories, New Jersey, who traces the technological developments that have affected information professionals and Harry Collier, Managing Director, Infonortics Ltd, UK who explores the premise that, just as technical options are changing rapidly, information professionals will have to undergo rapid and radical modifications.

Over 70 presentations, ranging from the price of information to a panel on 'dirty data', reinforce the

scope and depth of the program. The 1993 Conference will emphasise the ways in which technological advances, emerging standards and sophisticated interfaces are opening up new opportunities and sweeping aside preconceived behaviours and attitudes amongst information professionals.

Many exhibitors will be presenting Product Review sessions and a special 'Showcase' of CD-ROMs and magnetic discs will enable both products and equipment to be used and evaluated.

In addition, several satellite events have been organised before and after the Conference in conjunction with visiting speakers and exhibitions. These include Dialog Update, Open Systems Update, European Business Information and International Food Information Service. The satellite event *How to Run an Information Business* will be of special interest to information brokers and consultants and all librarians interested in charging on a fee for service basis.

The Conference and Exhibition are sponsored by ALIA's Information Science Section. Inquiries to Australian Convention Management Services, PO Box 468, Paddington NSW 2021. Tel: (02) 332 4622. Fax: (02) 332 4066. ■



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