

Philip Bryant at the Cataloguing Conference

November 4-6, 1993

Philip Bryant of the UK Office for Library and Information Networking will be a keynote speaker at the 10th National Cataloguing Conference in November. Philip was the project leader for the Bath University Comparative Catalogue Study and Director of the Centre for Bibliographic Management from 1976 to 1992. He has served on many British and European committees and advisory bodies, including the Council of Europe Working Party on Retrospective Cataloguing and the LIBER Working Group on Library Automation. He has visited Australia on two previous occasions, and delivered the 1988 Molly Thompson Lecture at the State Library of NSW.

Philip's address has been provi-

sionally entitled *Subject Wise?: On Providing Access to Information Through Interactive Catalogues*. It will consider whether the methods of providing satisfactory subject access through the catalogue have been realistic. Is the potential offered by new technology being fully exploited or are cataloguers attempting the impossible? Is all the effort justified by the results being achieved? We may need to rethink how libraries can usefully provide access to information and literary and imaginative work.

Danish Annelise Mark Pejtersen the other keynote speaker will explore *The role of domain, task and user in providing subject access to information*. She will outline the Book House's successful new approach to the provision of

subject access on online catalogues, the work involved in using empirical studies of user behaviour in the library.

The registration booklet and provisional program will soon be posted to section members and to those who have already indicated their interest in attending the Conference. "Early bird" registration has been fixed at \$190 for ALIA members and \$230 for non-members. If you have not already done so, place your name on a mailing list for conference information by sending details to Judy Clayden, Publicity Convenor, 10th National Cataloguing Conference, Department of Library and Information Science, Edith Cowan University, 2 Bradford Street, Mount Lawley 6050, tel: (09) 370 6298, fax (09) 370 2910. ■

Cornel Theunissen (1947-1993)

Cornel Theunissen, Monographs Processing Librarian at the State Library of New South Wales, died suddenly on 13 May 1993, after a short illness. Born in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1947, Cornel obtained his Bachelor of Library Science degree from the University of South Africa in 1980, having worked in public libraries in the Cape Province and Cape Town City administrations. He came to Australia in 1981, and took citizenship in 1984.

Cornel began his life in Australia in the Acquisitions Department of the UNSW Library. While there he displayed his organisational skills through his reorganisation of special account processing and his responsibility for the Library's involvement in the International Development Program of Australian Universities and Colleges. He was greatly respected for his professionalism, intellectual edge and courtesy to all.

In 1988, Cornel completed his MLib at the University of New South Wales. As part of the requirements he carried out a project on the introduction of technology to libraries with emphasis on its im-

pact on organisational structure, job redesign and the working conditions of employees. Cornel applied his studies through his contribution to the Corporate Planning and Unit Costing exercises at UNSW.

In October 1989 he joined the staff of the State Library of NSW as Monographs Processing Librarian. The Monographs Processing section had recently been formed, amalgamating acquisitions and cataloguing of monographs as part of a reorganisation of the Collection Services Division.

Cornel brought a practical and highly professional approach to this position. He renegotiated most fa-



vourably the terms with the Library's major monograph suppliers, increasing substantially the Library's purchasing power. He organised an extensive analysis of procedures and workflows achieving enormous increases in productivity and reductions in backlogs and processing times. Cornel's work was central to the successful development of the team approach to work organisation. Through his calm, firm and friendly guidance, the section won a State Library Service Award for improvements in productivity and delivery of a high quality service to clients.

In 1990 Cornel joined the ALIA NSW Acquisitions Section Committee, and from 1991 served as its Treasurer. His colleagues on the Committee will remember him for his commitment, his enthusiasm, and his gentle wit.

Earlier this year he was diagnosed as having a rare form of leukaemia. He showed great serenity and courage in coming to terms with this condition. Cornel will be sorely missed by his wife Stephanie, his children, Carla, Graham and Rhona, and his many friends and colleagues. ■