

Curtin signs with DRA

The Library and Information Service at Curtin University of Technology in Perth have signed with Data Research Associates (DRA), based in St Louis, Missouri, to provide integrated software 'to cater for their systems needs until the next century'. The software-only contract covers the supply of the core acquisitions, serials, cataloguing, circulation and public access modules. Further modules include materials access, MARC format for Holdings Data, Z39.50 client and server, journals citation and materials booking. Initial installation will be on Curtin's DEC VAX computer cluster using the VMS operating system. The system will soon be upgraded to state-of-the-art DEC Alpha hardware. The photograph (right) shows University Librarian, Vicki Williamson signing the contract, watched by Ed Willis, Deputy Librarian and Systems Replacement Project Manager, and Dr Andy Exon (at rear) the R & D Librarian.



Current contents on CD-ROM

The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) has announced the immediate availability of a CD-ROM version of *Current contents*. *Current contents on CD-ROM* is a cumulative one-year rolling file, updated weekly, and will use OVID software from CD PLUS Technologies, Inc.

The CD-ROM version will be delivered weekly and offers an additional benefit: libraries will be able to tag their holdings. This will enable librarians to easily identify

documents within their own library before ordering the full text.

Initially ISI will release four science editions of *Current contents on CD-ROM*: Life Sciences; Clinical Medicine; Agriculture, Biology & Environmental Sciences; and Physical, Chemical & Earth Sciences. Each edition includes complete bibliographic data for every item listed on the journal contents page. Additional information—

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Further information from Caroline Beatty, D A Electronic Media, (03) 872 3211; fax (03) 872 4814. ■



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