

Information online & on disc 1995 — bigger than ever

The state-of-the-art conference facilities of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour will provide leading-edge technological support for the largest *Information online & on disc* conference and exhibition yet staged when *Information online & on disc 1995* opens from 31 January to 2 February 1995.

Invited keynote speakers include Patrick Tierney, President and CEO of DIALOG Information Services Inc,

Dr Lee Olsen and Dr Peter Jacso with some eye-opening presentations on multimedia and Reva Basch, author of *Secrets of the supersearchers*.

With its theme of 'the virtual information experience', the conference has attracted a wealth of presentations representing the latest trends in online information. Management of electronic information, adapting to the new environments, copyright, parliamentary information, AARNet and Internet use, electronic publishing, multimedia, ac-

cess to legal materials, document delivery and search interfaces are a sample of the issues addressed throughout the comprehensive three day program.

Supported by an expanded, sell-out exhibition of information services and resources featuring Australian and international exhibitors, *Information online & on disc 95* will be a stimulating opportunity for delegates to update their online information knowledge.

An expanded program for the highly-successful *Information trails*, comprising an introduction to the online and on disc industry and a free guided tour through the sell-out exhibition, will be held at several intervals each day. The trails have been designed to help those with little or no knowledge of the online industry and will be open to the general public. Lasting one hour, they consist of an introductory briefing, followed by a guided tour of the exhibition including the CD-ROM showcase and Internet centre.

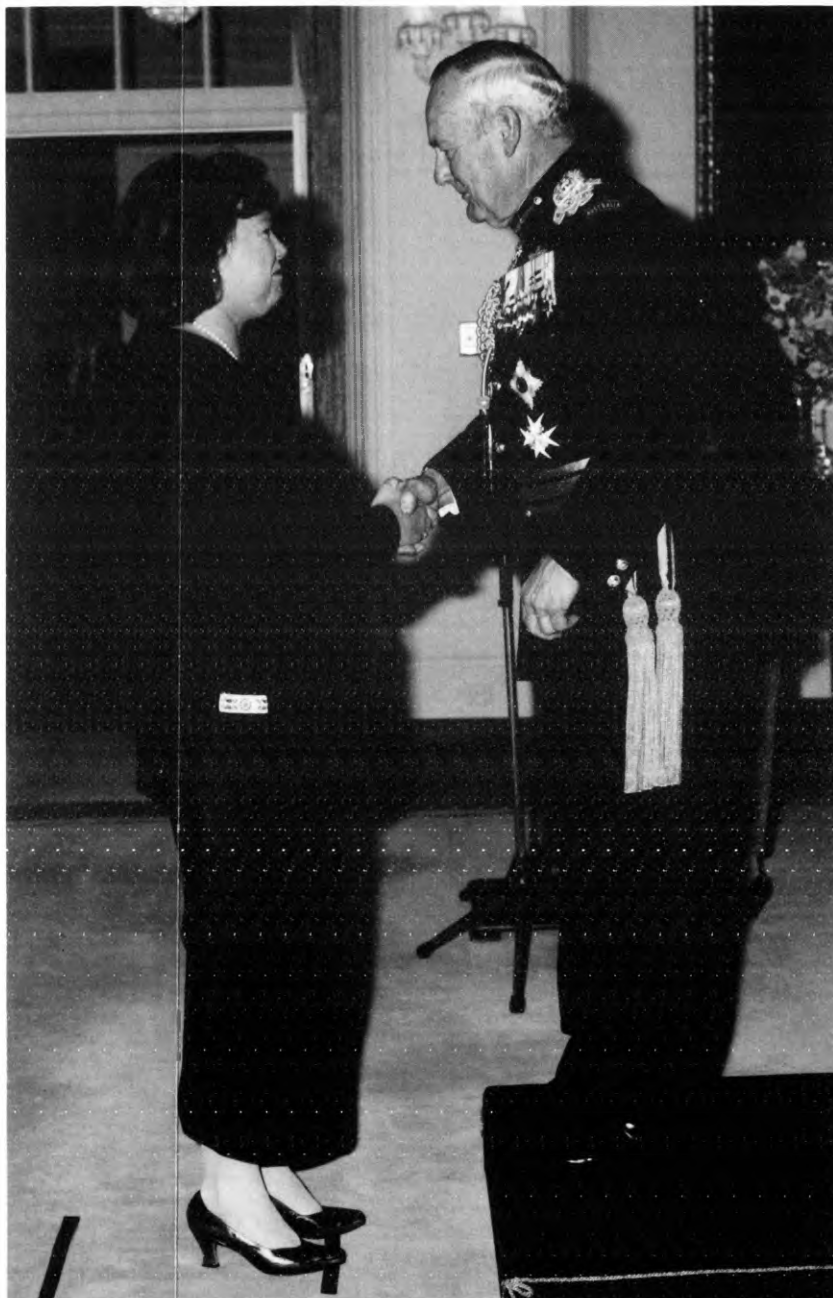
The innovative Internet centre will enable demonstrations of Internet use for conference and exhibition participants. The invaluable CD-ROM Showcase will provide a unique one-stop opportunity for hands-on experience of a substantial range of discs, together with a chance to evaluate equipment and networking facilities.

Another new feature will be time and locations facilities for 'Birds of a feather' meetings. Delegates to *Information online & on disc 95* include people with a wide range of special interests, such as document delivery, CD-ROM networks, legal information, searching techniques, Internet training and Internet resource discovery. The 'Birds of a feather' meetings have been designed to assist common interest groups to get together for personal networking and discussion.

The comprehensive program has been further enriched with a number of half-day or full-day satellite seminars and workshops on specialised topics relevant to the online community.

Detailed program and registration information is now available from the conference organisers ACMS, PO Box 468, Paddington NSW 2021. Phone (02) 332 4622, fax (02) 332 4066. Full conference registration fee for ALIA members is \$375.00 if paid by 15 November and \$435.00 after 15 November. (Non-member fees are \$100 extra).

Public Service Medal goes to senior librarian



Brenda McConchie, former senior librarian to the Department of Human Services and Health, receives her Public Service Medal at Government House on 29 September 1994, for outstanding public service in electronic data management. (Photo: Auspic)