

Reinventing cataloguing

Reinventing cataloguing, the 11th National Cataloguing conference will be addressed by a range of speakers whose papers will explore the challenging environment cataloguers and all information professionals now find themselves in.

Keynote speaker Barbara Tillet from the Library of Congress will address the conference on *Cataloguing rules and conceptual models for the electronic environment*. Keynote speaker for the second day, Julia Trainor, National Library of Australia, will discuss the impact of *World 1* on cataloguing in Australia.

They will be followed by a range of leading Australian speakers, including Toby Burrows who will present a paper titled *Bibliographic*

services in the client-centred academic library. Patrick Condon and Jan Gaebler will each present *Scenarios for cataloguing*. Lesley Bezear, Jenny Todd and Philip Keane will each present papers under the theme *Challenges of new technology*. The theme *Apply the rules, or invent new ones?* will examine the adequacy of current formats with papers presented by Bob Pymm and Paul Hodgson. *Reinventing the tools of the trade* will be an opportunity to examine the way cataloguers work with papers by Clara Ichlov and Faye Pattinson, Eddie Turker, Margaret Hyland and Adrienne Kebbell. *The new cataloguing department* will be examined by Kerrie Talmacs and Reg Mu Sung, Helen Hoffmann and Bernadette Law.

The conference will be preceded by the Australian committee on cataloguing seminar titled: *Rule revisions: Who needs them?* and will include *Main entry* — a debate

between Giles Martin and Pam Dunlop.

The social program will include a cocktail reception in the Mitchell Galleries, State Library of NSW where participants will be able to view *Out of line: 25 years of women's posters* and *The work of art: Australian women writers & artists*. The conference dinner with the theme *Reinventing the tradition*, is on Thursday evening so dust off your song books, tune up your voices and be prepared for some fun!

The conference will be held from 19–20 October, with the ACOG pre-conference on Wednesday 18 October. The venue is the Sheraton on the Park, Elizabeth Street, Sydney. For more information and registration forms please contact ACMS ph (02) 332 4622, fax (02) 332 4066 or e-mail: whfoda_acms@interconnect.com.au

Cheryl Grant,
Conference Convenor

The birth of a conference

Reading the future

In 1991 the Victorian Branch decided to bid for the 1996 Biennial Conference. The committee — Max Borcharat, Sue Noble, Ruth Lawrence and Trevor Wakely — drafted a proposed plan of action that was presented to Branch Council and a formal bid committee was established, chaired by Meg Paul.

Together with the Melbourne Tourism Authority a bid campaign was prepared for the 2nd ALIA Biennial Conference in 1992. Trevor Wakely attended the ALIA General Council meeting in Albury, armed with *Meet you in Melbourne* balloons, posters and badges, and the letters of support received from all the Victorian ALIA sections and members for the Victorian based library trade.

The announcement that Melbourne had won the bid to hold the 4th Biennial Conference in 1996 came as no surprise to the committee.

With the bid out of the way, the real work was just about to begin!

Now, with just over twelve months to go before *Reading the future* there has already been a lot of preparation to ensure you have an informative and enjoyable time 6–11 October 1996 ... so come along and join in what will be the ALIA event of 1996! I know I will...

Trevor Wakely

Reengineering technical services

Cataloguers and Acquisitions sections joint event

The ALIA Acquisitions Section, NSW and the ALIA Cataloguing Section, NSW are pleased to announce that Arnold Hirshon will be their guest speaker on Tuesday, 26 September.

Mr Hirshon has been the University Librarian (Director of Libraries) at Wright State University, Ohio since 1990. He has had many years of experience in university libraries and has reengineered both reference and technical services. He will be in Australia in September to attend the RAISS conference in Adelaide, where he will be a keynote speaker.

Wright State University was one of the first libraries in Ohio to implement the state of the art OhioLINK library system. Under Mr Hirshon's leadership, Wright State also created a local common interface to the OhioLINK databases, to a local CD-ROM network, and Internet resources.

Some other efforts undertaken during his administration included radically changing the delivery of reference and research services, outsourcing cataloguing, and intro-

ducing team management to the collection and outreach operations.

Arnold Hirshon has a substantial publication record and is currently working on a book entitled *Outsourcing library technical services*, due for publication in 1996. He is a frequent lecturer in the United States on the challenges presented by electronic information and on organizational change.

Mr Hirshon will address the sections on the reengineering of libraries, and technical services in particular. He will cover the general principles and methodologies of reengineering and will explore issues such as outsourcing, team-based management and collaborative programming.

Mr Hirshon will also present an overview of current US developments in the area of technical services management structures, including the combining of technical services functions with other library functions, the flattening of the organisational hierarchy and the future of technical services.

Susan Lafferty, University of
Technology, Sydney