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2-8/11 PIALA 96 Conference (5-8/11), *Pre-conference on Cataloguing* (2-4/11). Marshall Islands New Outrigger Hotel, Majuro, Marshall Islands. For further information: Arlene Cohen, PIALA, c/- Uni of Guam RFL Library, Uni of Guam Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923 USA, fax 671 734 6882 e-mail a.cohen@uog.edu

13-16/3/97 The 1997 Somerset celebration of literature. This nationally recognised festival, which features children's authors, will be held for the fourth year at Somerset College, Mugeeraba. Confirmed authors to date include Colleen McCullough. Contact: Graeme Gardiner at Somerset College, Somerset Drive, Mugeeraba 4213.

• 21-23/1/97 Information Online and On Disc conference. *Online, On Disc, On the Net.* Venue: Darling Harbour Convention Centre, Sydney. Contact: Mr Wael Foda, ACMS, ph, (02) 332 4622, fax (02) 332 4066.

• 24-26/9/97 Library technicians conference. *InterACTION.* Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra. Convenor: Marion Boyd, High Court of Australia Library, PO Box E435, QVT ACT 2600; fax (06) 273 210.

• 12-16/10/1997 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians' Conference and Exhibition — Perth. *On The Edge.* Venue: Duxton Hotel, Perth. Motive Conventions, GPO Box M973, Perth 6001. ph (09) 322 2666, fax (09) 322 1417, e-mail edge1997@portia.murdoch.edu.au.

• 10-12/11/97 PubRAISS Conference. *Creating tomorrow today: can you imagine...* Venue: Brisbane Convention Centre, Brisbane. Contact: Brenda Simpson.

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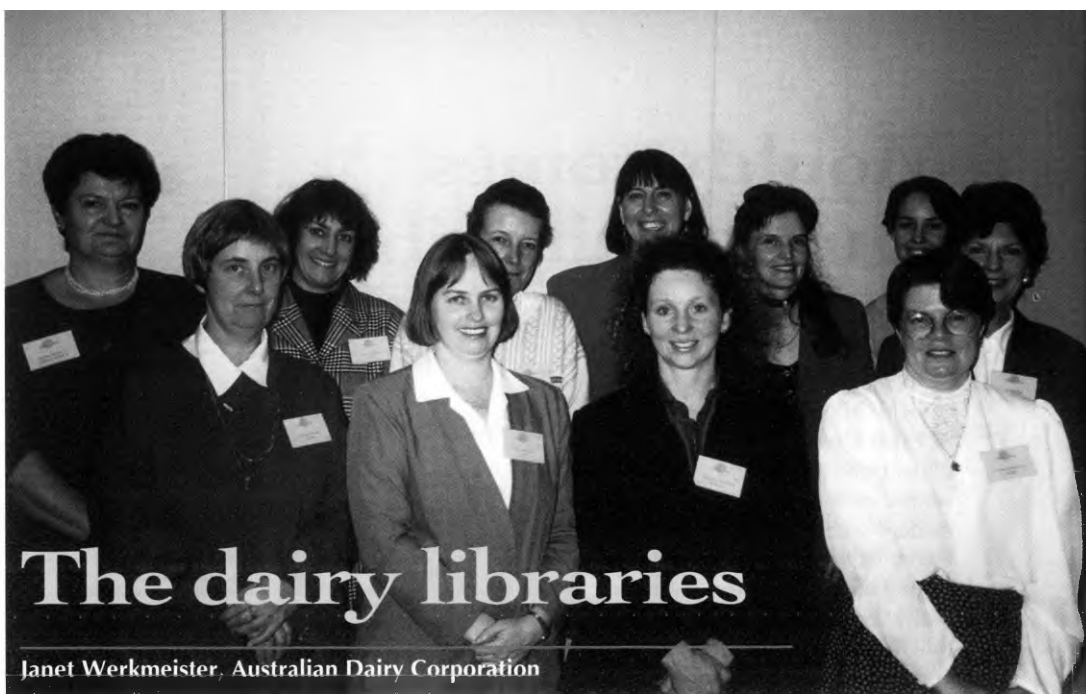
• 6-11/10 ALIA 4th Biennial Conference World Congress Centre *Reading the future.* Convenor, Helen Tait. Convention Network, ph (03) 646 4122, fax (03) 646 7737.

• 7/10 Disabilities Interest Group and State Advisory Committee on library and information services for people with disabilities joint breakfast meeting — speaker to be announced. Atlantic Restaurant, 54 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda. For further information contact: Jillian Morley (03) 9521 3400.

• 7/10 ALIA acquisitions national section: *Accessing information 2001 — the role of acquisitions librarians in the new millennium seminar and workshop.* 9.30-4pm, Bridge Room 2, Centra on the Yarra. \$50 (section members), \$70 (others). Program and booking details to be announced in *inCite* events and mailed to members.

• 7/10 ALIA Vic school section. *Pre-conference day for teacher librarians.* Sessions on Networking Technology in schools, Outcomes education and an address on Collection management in school libraries. Monsanto Lounge, Victorian Arts Centre. 9-3pm, \$25.00 includes morning tea and lunch. Contact: Kris

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The dairy libraries

Janet Werkmeister, Australian Dairy Corporation

Librarians from Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and New Zealand met in Melbourne from 30-31 May for the inaugural Dairy Library Network conference. Delegates took part in a lively two days of talks and discussion sessions, covering topics such as document delivery, current-awareness services, copyright, charging policies and services to remote users.

Guest speaker Meg Paul, best selling author of *Strategies for special libraries*, gave a sobering view of some of the problems currently encountered by special libraries. She also provided useful guidelines for delivery of a high quality, client-driven service.

Conference delegate Penny Tinsley, from Peters and Brownes Group, Western Australia — and national president of the ALIA special libraries section — said the conference contained a practical and varied program with topics of interest to all delegates and which generated lively debate.

Conference delegates (back row, l-r): Penny Tinsley, Lesley Speer, Chris Cannon, Karin Basile, Janet Werkmeister, Katharine Ward, Liz Wilson, (front row, l-r): Carolyn Ward, Lisa Dorney, Michelle Gummer, Chris Margetts.

The Australian Dairy Corporation co-ordinates the Network, using funds provided by the Dairy Research and Development Corporation. The overall aim of the Network is to make information more widely and rapidly accessible to the Australian Dairy Industry. Other members of the Network include QUF Industries (Queensland), the Centre for Food Technology (Queensland), CSIRO Dairy Research (Victoria), Kraft Foods (Victoria), Ellinbank Dairy Research Institute (Victoria) and the New Zealand Dairy Board.

If you are interested in joining the Dairy Library Network, please call me on telephone (03) 9805 3832. I am particularly keen to hear from a New South Wales-based dairy library, as New South Wales is a 'geographic gap' in the current Network. ■

Outstanding student

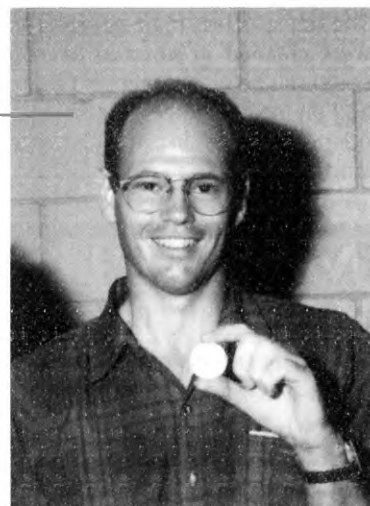
Kathy Stapleton, NT Branch secretary

The Northern Territory Branch for many years has sponsored an award for the most outstanding graduate student in the Associate Diploma of Library Practice offered by the Northern Territory University.

At this year's Faculty of Business prize-giving ceremony, Vincett Nott was presented his award by Northern Territory branch president, Lorraine Vass. The award comprised of a handsome silver medallion,

a certificate, a year's membership of ALIA and a \$100 book voucher sponsored by Bookworld bookshop.

Vincett is currently employed by the Northern Territory Library in the Electronic Information Access Branch as the LINNET (Libraries in the Northern Territory Network) support officer. Branch members hope that his is the start of a long and rewarding career. ■



Vincett Nott holding his medallion after the award ceremony