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to Fremantle. Venue: Notre Dame Uni Library. Contact Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 481 0129 for details.

• **16/11 WA Specials Section committee meeting** Time: 5-7pm. Contact Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 481 0129 for details.

• **26/11 WA Library Technician Section: AGM end of year dinner.** Alexander Library Building. Contact: Carey Benier, ph (09) 429 7536.

• **28/11 ALIA National Special Libraries Section committee meeting.** 5.30pm, Alexander Library Building, Room G2. Contact: Deanne Barrett, ph (09) 222 7904.

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29/9-4/10 Learning Environment Technology Association (LETA) '96 will explore the role technology is playing, and will play in the future, in the global learning environment. Contact: LETA 96, SAPMEA Conventions, ph (08) 229 6060, fax (08) 239 1566, toll-free 1800 674 688, e-mail conv@sapmea.asn.au. Website: <http://www.leta.edu.au>.

30/9-3/10 Information at work — Te Mahi Panui. Keynote speakers: Dale Spender, Cliff Bunning and Cheryl Metoyer-Duran. Lakeland Hotel, Queenstown. Contact co-convenors for registration brochures: Penny Carnaby, ph 64 3 3649089, fax 64 3 3745346, e-mail carnaby@lib.chchp.ac.nz or Philip Casey, ph 64 3 2088898, fax 64 3 2081210. Late registration fees apply after 31/7/96.

4-6/10 ARLIS/ANZ (Art Libraries Society, Australian and New Zealand) conference Fin-de-Siecle. *Art Libraries: dynamic or decadent?* Venue: La Trobe Uni and National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. Cost: \$110. Contact: Jennifer Durran, ph (03) 9905 4219, e-mail jennifer.durran@arts.monash.edu.au.

30/10 National Conservation and Preservation Strategy — FREE Public Forum — Sydney The Heritage Collections Committee's Conservation Working Party is holding a public forum to develop a national strategy for the conservation and preservation of Australia's moveable cultural history. Contact: Deirdre Brocklebank, ph (06) 279 1679 by 11/10.

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 RFK Library, Uni of Guam Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923 USA; fax 671 734 6882 or e-mail a.cohen@uog.edu.

• **21-23/1/1997 Information Online & On Disc conference.** ALIA information science section. Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Contact: Wael Foda, ACMS, ph (02) 9332 4622, fax (02) 9332 4066.

13-16/3/97 The 1997 Somerset celebration of literature. This nationally recognised festival, which features childrens authors, will be held for the fourth year at Somerset College, Mugeeraba. Confirmed au-

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New CD to make internet searching easier

Novus Australia in conjunction with the Department of Information Management at RMIT are moving to introduce a new CD-ROM which will catalogue Internet addresses in the same way books are catalogued in libraries, saving time and money for Internet surfers.

The advantages to searching via CD-ROM include the speed, plus a more sophisticated, precise searching capability, like a library system. The advantages for libraries and library users are that when a library user searches the library sys-

tem under a specific subject, they will not only get the library resources they are looking for but also the addresses of related Internet material.

Cataloguing and referencing has already begun on the project, and the expected release date for the CD-ROM is about six months.



(L-R) Professor Bill Martin, head of RMIT Information Management Department with David Malpas, managing director, Novus Australia

New LASIE awards

Jennifer Peasley, State Library of New South Wales

Library Automated Systems Information Exchange (LASIE), a journal published by the State Library of New South Wales has just announced two new awards for new librarians and students of librarianship.

The Maguire medal

The Maguire Medal is named in honour of Carmel Maguire, former Associate Professor of the School of Information, Library and Archive Studies at the University of New South Wales. Miss Maguire was a founder and long-time editor of *Library Automated Systems Information Exchange*.

The medal and a prize of \$250 will be awarded to a student of librarianship or archives undertaking their first professional qualification at an Australian school of librarianship for an outstanding paper on information technology in theory or practice in a library of archives environment.

The Peake Prize

The Peake Prize is named in honour of Dorothy Peake, former librarian of the University of Technology, Sydney, and founding editor of *Library Automated Systems Information Exchange*.

The prize is intended to encourage librarians and archivists who are new to the profession to share their ideas and observations on the challenges of information technology. The prize of \$250 will be awarded for an outstanding article on practical applications of information technology in libraries and kindred institutions.

Entry forms and full conditions of entry are available from Dr David J Jones, editor, LASIE, State Library of New South Wales, Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000, telephone (02) 9230 1572, facsimile (02) 9233 2003, or e-mail djones@ilanet.slnsw.gov.au. Closing date for awards is 30 September 1996.