

Knowing how

On the Edge, 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians' Conference, Perth, 12-16 October 1997

Sylvia Webb will be speaking at the conference on 'know-how' and knowing how: the changing context of information and the role of the professional. Sylvia has a background in special libraries in the United Kingdom and is now a private consultant and lecturer, currently working in law firm libraries. Readers may remember her lecture tour of Australia in 1987, sponsored by ALIA Special Libraries Section, when she presented seminars on management and promotion of libraries and information services as well as presentation skills and continuing professional development.

Sylvia's consultancies include training and research in both the information and management skills areas. She has set up and developed information services for several large organisations, and before that worked at Ashridge Management College as both College librarian and a lecturer. She is active in the united Kingdom professional associations and was awarded a Fellowship of the Library Association in 1987.



Sylvia's first book, *Creating an information service*, published by ASLIB, is now in its third edition. She has published several other books, as well as research reports and articles. Other activities include chair of the Information and Library Services Lead Body for National Vocational Qualifications, past-chair of the Accreditation Board of the Library Association, and former vice-president of the Institute of Information Scientists.

For information about *On the edge*, contact Motive Conventions, GPO Box Z5327, St Georges Terrace, Perth 6001. phone (09) 322 2666, fax (09) 322 1417. ■

Nominations invited

The National Library of Australia is now inviting entries for the 1997 TDK Australian Audio Book Awards.

The Awards are administered by the National Library and sponsored by TDK (Australia). They are the only independent awards for audio books in Australia and are open to both commercial and non-commercial publishers.

Awards are offered for abridged and unabridged fiction and non-fiction. The judges also have a discretion to make a special award for an outstanding entry aimed at a younger market. The Trish Trinick Prize for the best narrator will be selected from among entrants for the Audio Book Awards.

Entries close on 2 June and are assessed by a panel of three judges. The judging

criteria encompasses the quality of narration, sound quality; quality of editing and preparation of text for audio; quality of packaging; and quality of announcements.

For information and entry forms for the 1997 TDK Australian Audio Book Awards contact the co-ordinator, phone (06) 262 1289; fax (06) 273 493, or mdickens@nla.gov.au. ■



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• 3/4-11/12 ACT Special Libraries section. *Librarian's libations come along to the Hyatt*, at 5.30pm and have a noggin or two with the Specials. Every first payday of the month (3/4; 1/5; 12/6; 10/7; 7/8; 4/9; 2/10; 13/11; 11/12). Contact: Libby Coates, ph (06) 266 2346.

• 9/4 ACT Library Technicians section. *Phil Teece*, ALIA personnel and industrial services manager, talks about the new *Industrial Relations legislation and how it affects us in libraries*. An interesting evening and time for questions. Reid Campus CIT, Building D, 5.30pm. Contact: Edith Hackworthy, ph (06) 268 8120, ehackworthy@adfa.oz.au.

• 10/4 APSIG *Collaborative infrastructures for Asian studies: news from the Association of Asian Studies annual meeting*, Chicago, March 1997. Dr T Matthew Ciolek, ANU. 4.30pm, ANU, Menzies Library, McDonald Room. Contact: George Miller, ph (06) 249 4448, geomil@xinfo.anu.edu.au

• 16/4-17/12 ACT Branch meeting. 5.30pm, NLA, Mezzanine Room. (16/4; 14/5; 18/6; 16/7; 13/8; 17/9; 15/10; 12/11; 17/12). Contact: Lisa Spillers, ph (06) 249 3388, lisas@library.anu.edu.au.

• 18/4-15/8 ACT Cataloguers section. *Conference planning meeting*. All cataloguers welcome. 12.30-1.30pm, National Library of Australia, Training Room A/B (18/4; 16/5; 18/7; 15/8), Mezzanine Room A/B (20/6). Contact: Cheryl Bowman, ph (06) 252 6606, fax (06) 252 6906, cheryl.bowman@abs.gov.au

• 24/4 ACT Health Libraries section. *National health information knowledgebase seminar — presented by Nigel Mercer*. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Meeting Room 3, 6A Traeger Court, Fern Hill Park, Bruce, 12.30pm. Contact: Peter McCormack, ph (06) 281 1002, fax (06) 281 0995, petermcc@adca.org.au.

30/4 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information seminars. Introductory Dialog. Canberra contact: (02) 9212 2867, krinfo.ans@uts.edu.au.

• 27/5 ACT Specials and FLIN. *Copyright and digital libraries: issues and solutions workshop*. 9.30-10.30am Panel session — Legal issues: producers, the Commonwealth and libraries; 11-12.30pm Successful case studies. NLA, 4th floor Conference room. Contact: Roxanne Missingham, ph (06) 242 1659, fax 06 241 3491, r.missingham@dwe.csiro.au.

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