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• 31/8 PubRAISS conference scholarship competition closes *Win a free conference registration, conference dinner ticket and travel allowance!* For further information contact: PubRAISS Conference Secretariat, PO Box 1280, Milton 4064, ph (07) 3369 0477, fax (07) 3369 1512, pubr97@sunray.im.com.au. Closes 31/8.

• Sept Qld Branch. Library software packages — how to tender, select. Full day. Contact: Denis Smith, ph (07) 3844 2954, denis@thehub.com.au.

• Oct Qld Branch. Demystifying telecommunications. Half day. Contact: Jenny McCarthy, ph (07) 3864 3373, j.mccarthy@qut.edu.au.

• 12/11 Qld Branch. Evening seminar — *Kerry Smith, President ALIA.* Contact: Janice Rickards, ph (07) 3875 7134, j.rickards@ins.gu.edu.au.

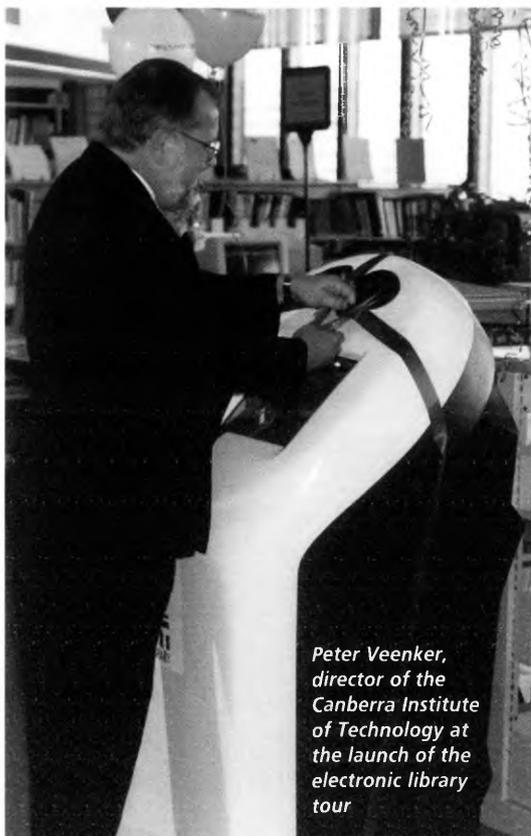
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• 3/7-4/12 SA Health Libraries section general meetings dates. (3/7; 9/9; 5/11 — conference report; 4/12 — AGM). Meetings are held at SAHC at 1pm. To add items to the agenda or for apologies contact: Juliet Marconi, secretary, ph (08) 8226 8157, or Anne Fricker, president, ph (08) 8222 3224.

• 17-18/7 ACLIS SA. Winning Package workshops, conducted by Meg Paul of FLIS. Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, Uni of Adelaide. 9.30-5pm. \$200 ACLIS members, \$250 ALIA members, \$300 non-members. For further information contact: P Hawke, Executive committee secretary, ACLIS (SA), ph (08) 8308 4064, fax (08) 8303 4369, phawke@library.adelaide.edu.au.

10/9 Blackwell's technology evening
Overview and demonstrations of new WWW systems: Electronic Journal Navigator, Serials CONNECT and Collection Manager for Monographs. Stamford Plaza, 150 North Terrace, Adelaide, 4pm. Contact: Margaret Shoebridge or Rhonda Lelliott, ph (02) 9948 7300, 1800 251 699, shoebrige@blackwell.com.au, lelliott@blackwell.com.au. RSVP 5/9.

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Peter Veenker, director of the Canberra Institute of Technology at the launch of the electronic library tour

We are very proud that TAFE is leading the way in a vital area of educational delivery.' With these sentiments Peter Veenker, new director of Canberra Institute of Technology, launched the Electronic Library Tour.

Many teachers and library staff members were there to quaff champagne and obey the instruction on the kiosk — 'touch me!' The highly-visible touch-screen kiosk shows library users the location of resources in the library, advises the cost of a photocopy, and answers questions about how to borrow.

The package was developed to overcome many problems of traditional library orientation sessions. New clients are not always interested in all the information. Some simply want to know where the videos are, how to book a seminar room or whether they can access the Internet. Staff give the same orientation session to all groups, what-

Electronic library tour at the CIT

Helena Zobec, project leader and Mary Mortimer, InfoTrain

ever their needs, and the demands on library staff can be overwhelming.

The Canberra Institute of Technology Library's business plan emphasises promotion of resources and services and development of information literacy. One goal identifies information skills as an essential component of educational delivery. The librarians responsible for that goal decided to investigate an interactive information skills package.

A partnership between the library and InfoTrain seemed best able to give high-quality results with the least stress for library staff. InfoTrain brought a set of questions about the library's objectives and users, which

focused the staff on the purpose, scope and style of the package. An outline was developed for a comprehensive package, to include an introduction to the library (the tour) and instruction in the use of resources and services (the information skills package). The library chose to first develop the electronic tour. This would be trialled and evaluated before proceeding to the broader information skills package. The tour will be evaluated by surveying users and staff, to find out whether it meets their needs. We will also interview teaching staff to assess their reaction to the tour as a learning tool. Depending on the outcome, the library may develop an information skills package. The possibilities are endless.

The authors will present a paper with more detail of the development, results of the evaluation and a demonstration at the ALIA TAFE Conference in August. ■

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the ALIA TAFE National section will be held on Monday, 25 August 1997 at 3.45pm at the Sydney Marriott Hotel, 36 College Street, Sydney.

Motions to be discussed are:

1. That the national section adopt the principle that the ALIA TAFE Library Newsletter aims to generate sufficient income from advertising to cover production costs.
2. That the prime focus for the 1998/99 TAFE national section committee be lobbying and promotion on matters of importance to libraries in the VET sector and that in 1999 no National TAFE conference be held.
3. That in 1998/99 the TAFE national section should comprise a committee with representatives from all States and

Territories with regular meetings to be conducted by teleconference.

Further motions for discussion should be submitted to the Secretary — Judy Hanlen, Secretary, ALIA TAFE National section, PO Box 1223, Wollongong NSW 2500 — no later than 25 July 1997. ■