Only fifty-two weeks to go

Conference count-down begins...

Yes, that's right, only 52 weeks before *Adelaide 98: Pathways to knowl-edge,* the big event in the library and information services sector for 1998, begins in Adelaide. Have you thought about presenting a paper at the conference? The deadline for the submission of abstracts was 3 November, but the committee may be able to consider late proposals received by mid-month.

The Call for Papers web page (http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/adelaide98/call_for_papers.html) contains the selection criteria and the process for submitting abstracts, or a copy of the Call for Papers can be obtained from the conference organiser, Hartley Management (fax 08 8363 4577, phone 08 8363 4399). Anne Hazell would also like to receive any suggestions for possible speakers (both Australian and international) who could be invited to present sessions.

A captive audience
The trade exhibition will be an integral part of the conference as the Adelaide Convention Centre will accommodate both conference sessions and the trade exhibition. The program has been designed to encourage maximum delegate awareness of sponsors and exhibitors as well as allowing time for delegates to attend the exhibition.

More than half of the trade stands have already been sold and if you wish to be part of the exhibition, it would be wise to contact the conference organiser or visit the web page for a copy of the prospectus before the end of 1997. The list of confirmed exhibitors is also on the conference web page.

Value for money
Opportunities are available for considerable exposure for companies wanting to sponsor aspects of the conference. Join the Silver sponsors IPI/UMI and EBSCO Australia in supporting the conference. The web page lists the different types of sponsorship that are available (http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/adelaide98/sponsorship.html).

Want more information?
All the information you will need about the conference can be found on AL-IAnet — http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/adelaide98/ ∎

Australian winner of major international award

Dr Harry Bruce, senior lecturer in the Department of Information Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, University of Technology, Sydney has been awarded the 1997 American Society for Information Science's 'UMI Doctoral Dissertation Award' for his thesis entitled *A user-oriented view of Internet as information infrastructure.* Dr Bruce carried out his research at the School of Information Library and Archive Studies at the University of New South Wales, Associate Professor Carmel Maguire was his supervisor. This international research award was set up by the Society to recognise outstanding doctoral research.

Dissertations are evaluated based on the criteria: importance of the topic to theory development and/or practical applications in information science; soundness of methodology; organisation and clarity of the presentation; and quality of data.

Ms M Devine, the awards co-ordinator announced on 25 September that 'after much deliberation, the award jury has just notified us that ... the one clear winner of this year's award is Harry Bruce for his research entitled *A user-oriented view of Internet as information infrastructure.'*

The Doctoral Dissertation Award was first established in 1974 and has never before been won by an Australian, and is rarely won by a single researcher but often shared by two or three. Receiving the award as 'the one clear winner' draws international attention to research in information in Australia. ∎