

Planning your budget



**On the edge, 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians' conference
Perth, 12-16 October 1997**

If you have been waiting for prices to apply for funding or calculate your personal finances to attend this very important conference, the conference committee has just announced registration fees.

Conference registration will be \$525 for ALIA and ALLG members (\$595 after 1 September), \$640 for non-members (\$710 after 1 September) and \$120 for students. Day registrations are available for \$200 (\$270) and half day registration on the Wednesday is \$80 (\$115).

Full registration includes, as well as attendance at all sessions, the conference dinner and opening cocktail reception, morning and afternoon coffees, lunches and a confer-

ence folder containing the final program, delegate listing and a copy of the printed and electronic proceedings. For accompanying persons, students and day registrants, the price of the dinner will be \$80 and the cocktail Reception \$45.

The official airline is Ansett and a range of accommodation choices is being arranged. Full details will soon appear in the Conference brochure, but if you have further queries before then, contact Motive Conventions, GPO Box Z5237 Perth WA 6831, ph: (09) 322 2666 fax: (09) 322 1417, e-mail edge97@portia.murdoch.edu.au and check the conference home page at <http://www.lib.murdoch.edu.au:80/edge/edge.html> for new developments. ■

Busy section in 1996

Robert Elson, 1996 president, Acquisitions section (SA)

The 1996 program began early in the year with the ASSIG national road show seminar *The future of serials* in Adelaide on 28 February which was organised and promoted by the SA Acquisitions Section. The seminar was a great success with over sixty people attending and a range of papers presented by internationally recognised serials professionals from the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia. The topics covered included pricing, e-journals and co-operation.

On 30 July we held a half-day seminar at the Barr Smith Library on the subject

of government publications hosted by South Australian parliamentary librarian, Howard Coxon, which attracted about fifty people. The seminar provided information about the latest developments in government electronic and hard-copy services from a variety of government and other agencies.

Our next event was a tour of PLAIN Central Service on 25 September including a presentation about the role and function of PLAIN for public libraries. The presentation included a detailed description of the highly automated selection and ordering procedures. The tour

also included the vast film and video ending library which is housed and administered at PLAIN.

The last event of the year was the annual general meeting at the Supreme Court Library on 3 December during which there was a demonstration of the URICA 2000 Serials Module.

After a busy year, the Acquisitions Section committee has already planned events for 1997 aimed at addressing the most important issues facing South Australian acquisitions professionals. Details will be announced during the year. ■

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• **24/2 Vic UCRLS Section.** *Customer user interfaces on electronic workstations.* Speakers: David Cunnington and Deidre Lowe. State Library of Victoria, Roadshow Theatre: 5.30 for 6pm, RSVP to Deidre Lowe, ph (03) 9669 9808, e-mail dlowe@slv.vic.gov.au.

• **25-26/2 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars.** *Introductory Dialog (25/2), DataStar/ProBase Workshop (26/2).* Melbourne contact: ph (02) 9212 2867, e-mail krinfo.uts.edu.au.

• **5/3 FLIS Training Pty Ltd** *Supervision skills for team leaders.* Monash Uni Conference Centre, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. 9.30-5pm. Cost \$170. For a training brochure contact: Elizabeth Yates, ph (03) 9813 1925, fax (03) 9882 4274, e-mail libflis@vicnet.net.au.

• **17/3 Vic CYSS.** *Books illustrated and the world of children's book illustration.* Speakers: Anne Haddon and Ann James. Venue: Books Illustrated, 15 Graham Street, Albert Park. Time: 6.30pm. Cost: ALIA members \$2, non-members \$3. Contact: Helen Taylor, ph (03) 9262 6537.

• **19-20/3 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars.** *Introductory Dialog (19/3), Pharmaceutical (20/3).* Melbourne contact: ph (02) 9212 2867, e-mail krinfo.uts.edu.au.

• **3/4 FLIS Training Pty Ltd** *Career options for library staff.* Monash Uni Conference Centre, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. 6-9pm. Cost \$60. For a training brochure contact: Elizabeth Yates, ph (03) 9813 1925, fax (03) 9882 4274, e-mail libflis@vicnet.net.au.

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• **5/2 WA Special Libraries Section.** *Icebreaker for 1997.* Venue: CSIRO Library, Floreat Park. Time: 5.30pm. Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 366 4737.

• **24/2 WA Special Libraries Section Committee meeting.** Time: 5pm. Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 366 4737.

• **5-7/3 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars.** *Introductory Dialog (5/3), Beyond the Basics (6/3), Hot Business Topics (7/3).* Perth contact: ph (02) 9212 2867, e-mail krinfo.uts.edu.au.

• **7/3 WA Special Libraries Section.** *Bi-monthly breakfast.* Venue: Mooring Cafe, Barrack Street Jetty. Time: 7.30am. Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 366 4737.

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Asian Resources: A directory of databases on Asia accessible in Australia

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Asian Resources: A directory of databases on Asia accessible in Australia is the printed version of the CD-ROM produced by Informit in Melbourne, and the web pages which are publicly available over the Internet at: <http://www.alia.org.au/~apsig/directory.html>

Entries in the *Directory* include databases that are primarily about Asian countries or with a considerable Asian content. Entries are also provided for search services or database hosts who offer a range of databases with Asian content.

Copies are now available for \$12 ALIA members, \$15 Non-members, including postage and handling from Australian Library and Information Association, PO Box E441 Kingston ACT 2604. Telephone (06) 285 1877, Members line 1 800 02 0071, fax (06) 282 2249, or e-mail enquiry@alia.org.au