

Australian in Indianapolis

ACT

• **1/9 ACT Library Technicians meeting.** Group discussion on the ALIA Charter of Renewal, from a library technician's perspective. 5:30–7pm, CIT Reid, D Block (notice on main door). All welcome. Contact: Margaret Drury, mdrury@agso.gov.au; or Marion Boyd, ph 6270 6912, mboyd@hcourt.gov.au.

• **1/9 ACT Special Libraries section.** Lunch at *The Republic*, best wine list and Canberra's most popular restaurant. 2 course-meal, variety of breads and coffee, \$26. Celebrate Wattle Day in style. 20 Allara Street, Civic. Contact: Teresa Giuca, ph 02 6266 2242, Teresa.Giuca@hrm.b-m.defence.gov.au. RSVP by 28/8.

• **3/9 ACT Special Libraries section.** Librarian's Libations at 5:30pm, Hyatt Hotel. Network with colleagues. Drinks are at as reduced rate and nibbles are free. All welcome. Contact: Julie Philips, ph 02 6208 5112, fx 02 6208 5149, j.philips@nma.gov.au.

• **10/9 APSIG lunchtime talk.** Dr T M Ciolek will report the *Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative conference (ECAI)*, an international research project aimed at the creation of spatially referenced, GIS-style cultural databases accessible via the internet. NLA conference room, 4th Floor, 12:30–1:30pm, bring your lunch. All welcome. RSVP: tmciolek@coombs.anu.edu.au.

• **16/9 Canberra Online Users group (COLUG).** Chris Skene, Fairfax Business Information Solutions, on *Dow Jones Interactive* (including demonstration) and *Fairfax Desktop* (electronic press clipping delivery service). 5 for 5:30pm, Centenary House, 19 National Circuit, Barton (opposite the National Press Club). Contact: Peter Sinfield, ph 02 6203 7564, sinfip@anao.gov.au.

• **16/9–9/12 ACT Branch/ACLIS meeting dates.** Discussion on the ALIA Charter of Renewal. 5:30pm, NLA, 4th floor conference room. 16/9, 14/10, 11/11, 9/12. Contact: Libby Coates, ph 02 6246 1177, libby@elc.aiatis.gov.au.

• **24/9 APSIG lunchtime talk.** Oliver Mann (NLA regional officer, Asia) and Will Tuchrello (LC field director, SE Asia) will talk on current publishing and information trends in the SE Asian region. NLA conference room, 4th Floor, 12:30–1:30pm, bring your lunch. All welcome. RSVP: msxton@nla.gov.au.

• **1/10 Specials.** *Early warning: Librarians Libations* in October will be at The Contented Soul in Woden Town Square. All welcome. Contact: Julie Philips, ph 02 6208 5112, fx 02 6208 5149, j.philips@nma.gov.au.

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Sue Hutley, Queensland Audit Office; Catherine Wherry, KPMG Melbourne; and Alf Gans, ISA Australia; some of the Aussies having a great time at SLA98

Sue Hutley, library manager at the Queensland Audit Office recently attended the Special Libraries Association conference in Indianapolis. Sue's attendance was sponsored by the Solo Librarian's Division of the Special Libraries Association — the One Person Australian Libraries special interest group facilitated a competition where members were asked to submit an essay on why they wanted to attend the conference.

More than 5000 people attended the conference with an exhibition of 500 companies. The program contained at least 100 sessions or activities each day and parties

every night. Interesting features of the conference were the 'employment clearinghouse' and the internet room — which also featured Indy Car driving games where delegates could really get into the conference theme, *Leadership, performance, excellence: information professionals in the driver's seat.*

Sue would like to thank the OPAL and Solo Librarian's Division committee members for organising the sponsorship. The Special Libraries Association conference is held every year, with the 1999 conference being held in Minneapolis from 5–10 June 1999. To find out more, visit the Special Libraries Association website at <http://www.sla.org>. ■

inside web launched

The British Library's new current awareness and document delivery service, *inside web*, has just been launched in Australia and New Zealand.

More than 400 information managers and librarians attended the ten roadshow events in Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Rockhampton, Sydney, Auckland and Christchurch. Each received a free trial of the *inside web* service. The events were organised by DA Information Services, the British Library Document Supply

Centre's agent in Australia and New Zealand.

The *inside web* database covers science, technology, medicine, engineering, finance, law, business and humanities. It provides access to article-title level for the 20 000 most frequently consulted journal titles held in the British Library collections. Proceedings from 16 000 conferences have also been indexed to paper-title level and included.

Currently the *inside web* database holds over ten million citations with 8000 ad-

ditions daily. Naturally the British Library Document Supply Centre can provide copies of every item in the database.

In addition the database provides title-level information on the 260 000 journals held by the British Library Document Supply Centre, together with a direct ordering facility.

For further information on *inside web* contact DA Information Services, telephone 03 9210 7777, fax 03 9210 7788, or e-mail emedi@dadirect.com.au. ■