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NEW DIRECTIONS

CONFERENCE UPDATE

With only a few weeks to go now, the Conference Committee is busy putting the final touches (the icing and frilly bits) to the delicious Conference cake we have prepared for you. This will be my last pre-Conference message, but before I say "Enjoy!" I must share some good news with you, and sound a note of warning -- warning first...

Accommodation

The motels will not hold our block booking any longer, so those who have not yet registered, or who have not sent their accommodation deposit, will have to pay the full rate at Gateway, i.e. \$74.00 a night. November is the start of the tourist season, and of course they rely on a full house during this period.

Social Events

Likewise, we have had to close off most social events that involve bus transport, as all calculations are based on having a 28, 40, or 10 seater bus. There are still a couple of opportunities for late bookings, but that is all.

On the positive side, the programme is as meaty as I promised you, with a wide range of interesting papers. I have refrained from peeking, though it was hard to resist! Our keynote speakers have written saying how much they are looking forward to meeting us. They are all coming a few days early, to recover from jetlag, so any of the participants who are also coming early, may be able to meet them ahead of time.

The Consumer Health Information Seminar is a sell-out! Alan Rees' course materials, which we are just getting copied, are a bargain in themselves, and so are Bonnie Snow's -- there are still a few places available for her Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Information Resources Workshop, and Sandra Henderson's Medline Refresher.

Dr Deborah Avriel, the new WHO Librarian, writes that she hopes to come on to the Conference after the WHO Western Pacific Region Meeting in Manila the previous week, if her travel budget allows. If any of you are going to Manila, please reiterate my warm welcome. She has been working on a proposal to establish regional collections on environmental safety, funded by WHO and housed in medical libraries. There is no need to stress the advantages to us of such collections. The Conference would provide an excellent forum for discussing the nuts and bolts.

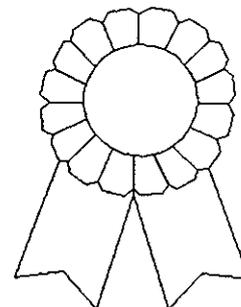
In the next few weeks the strawberry flowers become fruit, and the rosebushes will present themselves in full bloom -- I promised you in Adelaide a Conference in a city of strawberries and roses, remember?

See you soon.

Margaret Gibson-Smith
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Anne Harrison Award Update

Linda Mulheron, the first recipient of the Anne Harrison Award reports that she has completed her survey/questionnaire which forms the first major component of her thesis and the major criterion upon which the Award was granted. Surveys were sent to about 340 libraries, including hospitals, universities, colleges, drug companies and health related institutions. The response to date has been heartening. Over 175 replies have been received so far, of which 140 are usable.



She is presently writing a preliminary paper based on the results for the New Zealand Conference, and will be embarking shortly on the case study component (comprising interviewing of staff and viewing of classes) of her thesis to determine why and how bibliographic instruction programs in health related libraries can be developed.

Linda is happy to report that she receives very good support and assistance in her workplace and is grateful for this.

The Anne Harrison Award Committee wishes Linda continuing progress and success in her valuable project and looks forward to the presentation of the second Anne Harrison Award during the Conference.

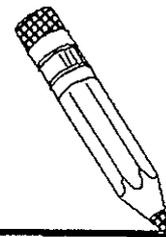
Maree Millard
Secretary,
Anne Harrison Award Administrators

Hospital & Health Services Yearbook

This time last year Cheryl Hamill, Librarian at the Fremantle Hospital, wrote to the publishers of the Hospital and Health Services Yearbook to point out that hospital/medical libraries are not represented in the categories of facilities, staff or training, touching on their importance in the supply of health care and emphasising the difference between a collection of books and a library service provided by professionally qualified librarians.

Cheryl recently received a response to her letter informing her that the inclusion of a category for medical libraries with qualified staff will be included in the 1991 edition of the Yearbook.

We would like to congratulate Cheryl on her part in raising the awareness of health libraries in the health care community and look forward to seeing this inclusion in the near future.



The Accreditation Guide

The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards, Surveys and Standards Co-ordinator recently contacted the Section regarding the revision of the Library Services Chapter for the 9th edition of the Accreditation Guide. They requested that if we were interested in participating in this working party that we nominate a representative to attend a Working Party which would consider the standards and make recommendations to the ACHS Standards Committee.

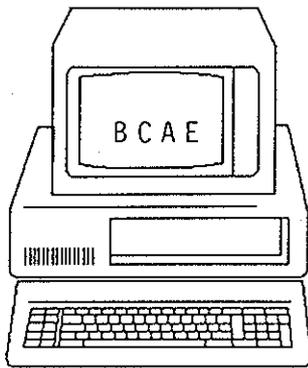
The Working Party was held in Sydney and therefore, due to the current transportation difficulties, it was agreed that our nominated representative be resident in Sydney. Monica Davis, Biomedical Librarian at the University of New South Wales, attended the Working Party on the Section's behalf.

The ACHS agreed to take the National Minimum Hospital Library Standards which our Section prepared and ratified in 1987 into consideration during the review.

When this newsletter went to print the editor had not as yet heard the outcome of the Working Party. However, full details will be published as they become available.

A NEW FACE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Robert Boot, formerly the Chief Librarian at the Royal Darwin Hospital, has accepted the position of Principal Librarian, Health Sciences at the University of Queensland. Robert's base is at Herston Medical Library, Royal Brisbane Hospital and he is responsible for this as well as the three other health sciences libraries which form part of the University of Queensland's library system.



"Dial in to the Resource Centre"

The Brisbane College of Advanced Education's OPAC is available for use by other institutions. The BCAE does not charge for use of its OPAC, but you will have to pay Telecom charges. For those outside Brisbane, this may involve STD rates. The system requires the following hardware, software and telecommunications specifications. Parity: none. Bit setting: 8 data -- 1 stop bit. Any standard communications package can be used, terminal emulation is required (ADDS emulation is

best). Virtually all modems on the market are acceptable running either 300, 1200, 1200/75 or 2400 baud.

A complete guide to searching OPAC is available on request. Contact: External Student Services Librarian (07) 352 8238.

Think on it!

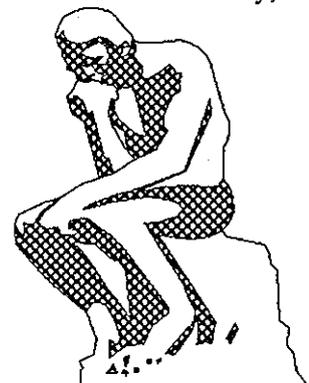
Light is the task where many share the toil.

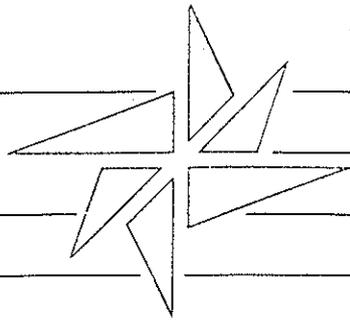
Homer

The Editor of this little publication still requires some assistance. This newsletter can only be as good as the sources of information it has to spread news items around the country, reaching colleagues that may not otherwise hear what is going on in other states. Have you recently held a discussion, had a speaker on a topic of interest, a farewell for a colleague??? If you have, then take a few minutes to write a brief summary and send it to me or phone me directly to let me know -- so I am able to include as much of what's going on as I can.

Send your news, views and photos to

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association Health Libraries Section will be held on Thursday 16th November, in the Auckland Airport Travelodge, Mangere, New Zealand.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 1988 Annual General Meeting
3. Business arising from the Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Other business

Any member of group that wishes to move a motion at the Annual General Meeting is requested to forward said motion, in writing, to the National Secretary, Health Libraries Section, c/- Library, The Prince Charles Hospital, Rode Road, CHERMSIDE QLD 4032.