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International Relations Committee

The President, Judith Baskin, reported that she had been nominated as the Australian Councillor on COMLA, to meet in Nairobi in 1983. A regional training seminar is being planned to be held in conjunction with the 1984 LAA/NZLA Conference.

The second LAA China study tour has been deferred until the end of 1983. Final dates will appear in *InCite* in the near future.

The Executive Committee has nominated James Dwyer and Margaret Trask to the International Relations Committee until the end of 1983 and Council has nominated Judith Baskin until December 1985.

General Council is to meet in 1983 on 18/19 March (Sydney), 22/23 July (Melbourne) and 18/19 November (Sydney).

Susan Acutt
Executive Director.

AUSTRALIAN POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The inaugural Australian Postgraduate Research Conference will be held at the University of New South Wales on 21 and 22 February 1983. The Conference will focus on the many areas of research being performed by postgraduates in all disciplines at Australian universities. As well as the papers presented at the Conference, posters will be displayed and all submitted abstracts will be published.

Further details and information on registration can be obtained from:

**The Organising Committee,
Australian Postgraduate Research
Conference,
Box 144, University Union,
University of New South Wales,
PO Box 1,
Kensington, NSW 2033.**

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SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN'S SECTION National Committee.

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Do write to these people with any information you can provide for circulation and publication for the benefit of all.

The AGM of LAA 22 gave us a good notion of what is wanted of us. We see ourselves as a clearing house and a channel for your views, so let us have them.

Some members in Children's and in Schools Sections have no sectional representation. Can you join in Branch activities and see that some professional development is mounted for you? Write to Barbara about what you are doing.

We plan to publish an insert to *InCite* twice a year and we'd like to publicise Schools' and Children's activities. In Adelaide the final joint meeting of the year will be lively. Lyn Arnold, the new Minister for Education will, speak. Brian Bahnisch of the Queensland Department of Education Libraries Branch has kindly consented to represent us at the Steering Committee for the 1984 Conference. Please feed in your requests for topics. His address is Staff Inspector, Resource Services, Department of Education, PO Box 33, North Quay, Brisbane, Q. 4000

The committee joins me in wishing to all our members a Happy New Year.

Barbara Crompton

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DATES FOR MEETINGS 1983

The dates set for Executive Committee, General Council, Board of Education and Publications Board appear below.

Items for Agendas

The business of the Association is increasing in volume, consequently, rules for the preparation and receipt of items for General Council have to be tightened to ensure that General Councillors receive their agenda papers fourteen days prior to the meeting.

The deadline date for receipt of items appears below — anything received after this date will not be included in the Agenda. Due to persistent problems with the mail, members are advised to send material priority paid.

At its recent meeting, General Council reaffirmed By-Law 17.3 that each item on the Agenda must include:

- a) an introduction describing the item and quoting or referring to each relevant document;
- b) a statement of the financial considerations, if any;
- c) a brief statement of the objects; and
- d) the proposed resolution.

Members submitting agenda items for General Council Meetings are most welcome to seek guidance from their General Councillor, Councillors at Large or the LAA Office.

Executive		General Council		Board of Education		Publications Board
Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting
Wednesday 16/1/83 Brisbane	Wednesday 12/1/83	Fri/Sat 18, 19/3/83 Sydney	Wednesday 16/2/83	Thurs/Fri 24, 25/3/83	21 days before meeting	Friday 4/2/83
Thursday 17/3/83 Sydney	Thursday 3/3/83	Fri/Sat 22, 23/7/83 Melbourne	Monday 20/6/83	Thurs/Fri 7, 8/7/83	21 days before meeting	Friday 6/5/83
Friday 22/4/83 Canberra	Friday 8/4/83	Fri/Sat 18, 19/11/83 Sydney	Monday 17/10/83	Thurs/Fri 20, 21/10/83	21 days before meeting	Friday 5/8/83
Friday 17/6/83 Canberra	Friday 3/6/83	Annual General Meeting Thursday 15/9/83 Melbourne				Friday 4/11/83
Thursday 11/7/83 Melbourne	Thursday 7/7/83					
Friday 16/9/83 Melbourne	Friday 2/9/83					
Thursday 17/11/83 Sydney	Thursday 3/11/83					

Classification research

READERS INTERESTED in classification research may not be aware that the Newsletter of FIDs Committee on Classification Research (FID/CR) is now published as part of the journal *International classification*, which appears three times a year.

Anyone who does not have access to this journal may obtain a copy of issues number 4 to 6 of the Newsletter from me (c/- Borchardt Library, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria 3083). Issue number 6, which is most recent and the most interesting, contains the conclusions and recommendations of the 4th International Study Conference on Classification Research held at Ausburg from 28 June to 2 July 1982.

Readers may also be interested to note that the first volume of the International Classification and Indexing Bibliography (Classification systems and thesauri, 1950-1982) was published late in 1982 as a cooperative enterprise between the FID Secretariat and the INDEKS Company. (ISBN 3 88672 300 3, DM48-80).

J. McKinlay
Australian Member
of FID/CR

BISA Workshop

SOME SEVENTEEN librarians from South-East Asia attended a five-day workshop on ASEAN/Australia resource sharing in information retrieval and MARC held at the University of Sydney from 16-20 August 1982.

The workshop, organised by BISA (Bibliographic Information on South-East Asia), was funded by the Australian Development Assistance Bureau (ADAB) and the National Library of Australia (NLA). It was intended to bring senior librarians from the region to Australia to discuss developments suited to resource sharing and to explore ways in which such resource sharing might be made possible.

Those attending included the national librarians of Indonesia (Mastini Hardjo-Prakoso), and Papua-New Guinea (Sir John Yocklunn) and the deputy national librarians of Malaysia (Dr Donald Wijasuriya) Singapore (Yoke-lan Wicks) and Thailand (Suwak-hon Phadungath). The director of Indonesia's National Scientific Documentation Centre (Lumarish Pringgoadisurjo) and the chief librarians of Universit Sains Malaysia (Lim Huck Tee), University of the Philippines (Filomena Tann), National University of Singapore (Wai-chee Hochstadt) and the University of Papua-New Guinea (Alan Butler) also attended, as did computer experts from the Asian Institute of Technology (Michael Sherwood) and Universit Sains Malaysia (Lim Chee Hong). Five librarians training in Australia made up the complement of overseas participants, a number of different Australian institutions were represented by librarians.

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The workshop was opened by the Director-General of the National Library of Australia (Harrison Bryan), whose address reviewed relationships between Australian and South-East Asian librarians since World War II, giving particular attention to recent developments. The rest of the first day was devoted to hearing country reports from the region, and a report of a regional bibliography of national imprints, the SEAPRINT project.

On the second day a number of talks were given on the Australian situation, Enid Roberts of the Office of Library Co-operation opening the session with an overview. She was followed by Chris Hannan on the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN); Sue Harvey on CSIRO databases, with specific reference to the Commonwealth Regional Renewable Energy Resources Information System (CRRERIS); and Katie Blake on AUSINET.

Day three covered current activities in resource sharing and proposals for the future. Helen Jarvis discussed the history of BISA, both concerning the database currently available on AUSINET and used for the production of specialised bibliographies on COMfiche, and the training programme associated with production of the database. Since 1980 BISA has been funded by ADAB to train librarians from South-East Asia in database creation and information retrieval. The fourth group of trainees is now commencing their six-month period of secondment

to BISA. Biruta Udris discussed the NLA's international co-operation program, and Allan Horton talked on the library aspects of the Australian Universities' International Development Program (AUIDP).

The afternoon was spent discussing ways in which resource sharing and co-operation might be developed, and the following motions were passed:

- 1) this Workshop urges the continued development of the BISA project, including its training element, and urges BISA to explore the possibility of a more meaningful relationship with NLDC-SEA (National Libraries & Documentation Centres of South-East Asia) & other relevant bodies in the region;
- 2) this Workshop notes that it would be of advantage to Australian libraries, and to the region generally, if consideration could be given to bibliographic data generated in the region being made available to Australian libraries;
- 3) this Workshop notes the desirability of using Australian assistance to fund working visits, including staff exchanges between countries in the region to foster work experience, teaching, training and research in the library and information fields.

In addition, general support was expressed in the workshop for the recommendations made by the Australian committee for Unesco's General Information Program, namely:

- that Australia notify Unesco of its desire to participate in the CASTASIA proposal for a regional network for the dissemination and exchange of scientific and technological information and expertise in particular priority areas;

- that Australia continue and develop training programs for library and information staff in the developing countries, and specifically
- that the Australian National Commission for Unesco press its support for the continuance of the BISA project, especially its training element, with either or both Australian or Unesco support.

Days four and five were spent visiting institutions in the Sydney area illustrating different approaches to automation and co-operation. BISA, University of Sydney Library, New South Wales Institute of Technology (demonstrating CLANN), Macquarie University Library and the University of New South Wales Library were visited by the overseas participants in the workshop.

Some of the visitors then went on to Adelaide to attend LAA22, and the Conference on International Co-operation in Chinese Bibliographical Automation held in Canberra at the end of August.

For more details on the workshop, including copies of the papers delivered, please contact BISA 692 3738. We will also be happy to provide further information on the BISA database and the training program, as well as to answer any queries of a reference or bibliographic nature relating to South-East Asia. We are located on Level One, Fisher Stack at the University of Sydney.

Helen Jarvis
Director BISA

\$3 VOUCHER NOW AVAILABLE

LAA VOUCHERS for the purposes of inter-library copying with a face value of three dollars (\$3.00) are now available from the LAA office.

These vouchers may be purchased in batches of fifty. A handling fee of ten dollars per batch of fifty is charged. This is approximately 6.5 percent.

One dollar vouchers are also available with a handling fee of five dollars per batch of 50; that is, 10 percent.

Users of the vouchers are reminded that they may only be purchased by institutional members of the Association, and orders *must* be accompanied by payment.

Application forms for institutional membership are available from the LAA office.

Costs for vouchers are as follows:—

50 one dollar vouchers	\$ 55.00
100 one dollar vouchers	\$110.00
50 three dollar vouchers	\$160.00
100 three dollar vouchers	\$320.00

The Standing Committee of AACOBS has recommended that the standard three dollar charge be for one article or chapter up to thirty exposures. It is hoped that this be a standard charge, however supplying libraries may charge for longer items at their own discretion and utilise one dollar vouchers for this purpose.

Susan Acutt
Executive Director.

Crucial conference for Government Film Libraries

THE FUTURE of documentary film distribution in Australia in times of economic recession was the major theme of the Biennial Conference of the Australian Council of Government Film Libraries, held in Sydney from 20-22 October 1982, and attended by delegates from all States and Territories except Tasmania.

The Council's committee was responsible for Conference planning, agenda, speakers and programming of open sessions. The Conference was hosted by the State Library of New South Wales and organised by staff in the State Film Library, NSW.

The Conference brought together the heads of Australia's network of government film distribution libraries — State Film Centres, Education Department media centres and the National Film Lending Collection of the National Library of Australia. Collectively, these libraries purchase \$1.5 million worth of film each year, carry a range of 35,000 titles, and conduct a total of over 500,000 loans annually. The Libraries are responsible for the lion's share of non-theatrical documentary film distribution in Australia.

Individual conference sessions included

- Technological Developments
- Copyright & Information Flow
- Sponsorship and Funding Assistance
- Bicentennial Project

Open sessions were attended by representatives of educational organisations, major borrowers and film distributors.

Conference speakers included Don McKinnon, Senior Administrative Assistant, Premier's Department, NSW who gave the keynote address on the topic 'Service Under Stress — the Eighties Equation'; Des Walsh, National Programme Coordinator, The Australian Bicentennial Authority; Robin Bell,

Principal Legal Officer, Intellectual Property Section, Attorney-General's Department, Canberra, and Ken Archer, Member of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal.

The launching of the Council's information brochure was followed by a preview screening of *The Bounty Experiment*, a one-hour television special co-produced by Film Australia and the New Zealand Film Unit.

Delegates and guests then attended a reception in the Mitchell and Dixson Galleries of the State Library of New South Wales where they were welcomed by the State Librarian, Russell Doust.

Copies of the Council's brochure are available from the National Film Lending Collection, State Film Centres and Educational Department media centres.

Janette Parkinson
Committee Member

Formation of Australian Database Development Asscn.

At a meeting of interested colleagues on Thursday, 18 November, a new 'Australian Database Development Association' was formed. The following objectives were formulated:

- Provide a forum for exchange of information
- Promote the interests of its members
- Provide a focus for communication with users
- Provide a focus for communication with government and other appropriate bodies
- Formulate policies on the development of Australian databases

Membership will be open to organisations and individuals who are directly concerned with

the development of databases.

A committee established consisted of: Margaret A. Findlay, Australian Council for Educational Research (Chairman), Gerard Peguero, Footscray Institute of Technology (Secretary), Diana Killen, Infoquest, Ian McCallum, ACI Computer Services, Sherry Quinn, Australian Road Research Board.

Further details concerning the Association and proposed activities will be released shortly.

Early correspondence can be addressed to the Association, c/- The Chairman, PO Box 210, Hawthorn, Vic. 3122, or the Secretary, PO Box 64, Footscray, Vic. 3011.