

POSITIONS VACANT



Victoria College is a multi-campus college of advanced education created by the combination of the former Burwood, Rusden and Toorak SCV Colleges and the Prahran CAE. The following course is offered on the Rusden Campus.

COMMUNICATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION

In 1984 Victoria College will offer (subject to accreditation) a three-year Applied Science degree in Scientific Information Services. It will enable its graduates to provide, interpret and communicate scientific data and concepts to a variety of clients.

The Bachelor of Applied Science includes:

- study of the methods of presenting scientific information and concepts through various media;
- basic training in biological, earth and numerical sciences;
- skills in handling data, particularly using computers;
- skills in written, video and graphic communication.

The graduate will be an effective communicator capable of interpreting scientific and technological information for a variety of clients ranging from the general public to senior management.

The course will be offered both part-time and full-time. A special mature-age entry scheme will be available.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Course details and application forms are available from the Admissions Officer, Victoria College, Rusden Campus, 662 Blackburn Road, Clayton, 3168. Telephone: 542 7444.

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During 1984 CAVAL will be launching a number of new co-operative projects in the areas of collection development and research for improved library efficiency. It will also be consolidating and building on its existing programmes, ie reciprocal borrowing, co-operative storage and various aspects of library automation and will be expanding its consultancy role.

To this end it is now seeking the services of a

LIBRARY CO-ORDINATOR

whose duties will be to assist the Executive Director in the planning, implementation and ongoing support of these and other co-operative projects.

The applicant should have a university degree and approved professional qualifications in librarianship with at least 10 years experience in academic and/or research libraries. Salary is negotiable in the range \$30,096 to \$35,077.

For further details contact **Executive Director, CAVAL, 792 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne Vic 3000**. Closing date for applications 16 December 1983.

Libraries: After 1984

Come to Brisbane for the combined
LAA/NZLA Conference
27-31 August 1984.

No library is an island

IFLA's Standing Committee on Information Technology met in Munich last August. Circumstances conspired to prevent the LAA's representative from attending, but a summary of the meeting, derived from the minutes and papers, may be of interest to members.

The Standing Committee's brief is "to study the development, management, operation and economic viability of modern data-handling systems for libraries and information services, including networks of same, and summarise the state of the art through verbal and written presentations." Through IFLA, the LAA plugs into the world scene.

The Committee considered a wide range of issues related to the creation, dissemination and regulation of information in electronic form. This is how the implications of "information technology" are tackled at international level.

Image storage (videodisc), transborder dataflow (communicating information beyond national borders), microprocessing (library and domestic use of personal computers), Universal Availability of Publications (access to electronic information), electronic publishing (publishing without paper), MARC (multifarious activities related to cataloguing), and national standards for information technology in general, and videotex, were all analysed and reported on over the two days of the meeting.

Hardly surprising then that the main official outcome of the meeting will be commissioning and analysing further studies and reports. Increased awareness of the characteristics of electronic information was the reason for the meeting and is the point of this report.

For those interested, this reporter has a set of the meeting papers, plus further abstracts and papers from an IFLA-sponsored two day seminar on the impact of technology on libraries. No tyranny of distance here. All the IFLA material is relevant to the LAA's introspection on the one hand, and to our own uncertainty about our future work on the other. No wonder that IFLA's 1984 Nairobi conference will take as its theme the indispensability of library and information services in national development, and their consequent claims to financial recognition.

Ian McCallum
ACI Computer Services

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Executive Director

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INCITE EDITORIAL POLICY

InCite has now almost completed its fourth successful year of operation. The birth of *InCite* followed a survey of readers of *ALJ* and the subsequent presentation of a report to Council by the *ALJ* Editorial Board on the issue of the format of the *Journal*. The recommendations were:

- (1) four issues of *ALJ* per year
- (2) fortnightly newsletter (later named *InCite*).

The *ALJ* Editorial Board is responsible for the content of the *Journal* and the Publications Officer and Executive Director for the newsletter, incorporating announcements, reports, job advertisements, *The Source*, resident's column, news.

InCite is the basic communication medium for informing members of the activities of the Association, with short news items on developments in librarianship. Members and divisions of the Association are encouraged to submit items for inclusion in *InCite*; however it is not always possible to include all items due to size and other priorities. Reports of the major committees of the Association (General Council, Board of Education, Executive Committee) may take priority over other items.

From time to time some criticisms are made because some items have not been included in *InCite*; there has been some discussion over procedures concerning letters to the editor, and factual errors. At the July meeting of General Council an *InCite* editorial policy was passed; this consists mainly of procedures and is reprinted for the information of members. The terms of reference for the Publications Board include: 'Formulate for approval and oversee the general policy of the Association's newsletter *InCite* and liaise with the Executive Director or make recommendations to the Executive Committee of General Council or to General Council itself as appropriate.'

- (1) Size of *InCite* – determined by budget allocation.

Frequency – set by General Council, publishing dates determined by Publications Officer in accordance with postal regulations.

- (2) Annual budget – determined by Gen-