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The group decided on an early start during 1983 particularly as they are the current National Executive, through to the 1984 LAA/NZLA Conference.

As the National Executive, the committee is keen to improve communication between all states where UCLS operates. Members of the committee will act as corresponding members for a specific group. Regular reports for the *Qld. Branch Newsletter* and *InCite* are planned. The committee has also decided on separate treasurers for the National and Qld. accounts.

The program for 1983 is progressing with themes and dates established early. Library visits were popular last year and visits to TAFE, Brisbane CAE and QIT are planned. Topics for meetings include the library implications of computer-assisted learning and librarians in their institutional environments. A national mini-conference for collection development (including collection adequacy and user studies) is planned for late July.

Issues including TAFE involvement with UCLS throughout Australia, professional practice and the education of library technicians are being examined by the committee. We are keen to receive input from national and local members on these and any other issues. We are particularly interested in suggestions for UCLS involvement in the LAA/NZLA Conference in August 1984. A pre-conference seminar is anticipated. Please contact Diane Costello, Undergraduate Library, University of Qld., St. Lucia, Qld. 4067. Ph (07) 377 2215.

We look forward to an active and stimulating year for UCLS.

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INIS, which stands for International Nuclear Information System, boasts worldwide coverage of information through its fortnightly intake from 48 countries and international organisations. About one third of the references are research reports, the bulk of the database consisting of journal articles, conferences, books and patents. Computer programs, maps and films area also included.

Access to the database is by dial-up lines directly to the AAEC, or, from mid-1983, by the Australia-wide CSIRONET computer net-

work. The simple retrieval language used to select the data was designed at the AAEC and users should quickly become familiar with it.

Complete search privacy is guaranteed on the AAEC's IBM 3033s computer, and it is expected that the database will be of most use to universities, government departments and industrial research centres. At \$25 per connect hour, searches of the database can be made quite inexpensively. References may be printed offline, usually at 3 cents per reference (minimum \$3), some, longer, at 5 cents (minimum \$5).

The database is available for searching 24 hours a day. Assistance can be provided during normal working hours if required.

InCite deadline dates

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