

Organisation set up to aid developing countries

FOLLOWING an initiative of the Director of AUIDP, an interim committee has been set up to establish an organisation for the collection of academic books, journals and associated materials and their despatch to universities in developing countries.

The organisation will be known as ACPAD, or the Australian Centre for Publications Acquired for Development. As a first step, an Interim Council has been formed and Mr L.W. Johnson, former Administrator of Papua New Guinea and Director-General of the Australian Development Assistance Agency, was appointed as its President.

AUIDP is providing financial assistance and secretarial support in the initial stages of setting up the new organisation, which when a Constitution has been formally adopted, will be supported by ADAB through AUIDP. The following organisations are represented on the national committee: Royal Australian Chemical Institute, the Australian Council of Professions, the

Understanding micro-computers

ALL OVER the country I can hear school librarians saying 'Put away your beads, brother (or sister), our prayers have been answered!' The prayers were in despair at being unable to cope with the mountains of school library record keeping, overdue notices, bibliography updates, etc. Brisbane CAE has produced a computer software package which does this and more.

Called *Computer Awareness for Teacher Librarians*, it is really an external studies course in understanding and using micro-computers. It is structured in five units:

- Unit 1* Introduction – Starting up – Important terms – Inside the Apple
- Unit 2* Simple programs – Flow-charts – Initialising a disc
- Unit 3* Graphics – Longer programs – More terms
- Unit 4* Data management programs – Library Programs – Entering data
- Unit 5* Applications – Hardware – Software – Educational applications

Each unit clearly explains the practical steps to be undertaken in running the programs on an Apple II computer. The software package includes 3 discs – Computer Awareness, Caboolture Library Suite, and a practice disc.

Don't buy the package thinking it is the answer to all your problems, though. It will not catalogue your whole library, as it is not suitable for more than 150-200 items. It should be very useful, however, for updating all those constantly changing lists of videotapes, kits, subject bibliographies, etc.

The package comes in a ring binder and also includes 36 interesting articles relating to computers generally and to computer applications for school library use.

The course was written and compiled by Peter Pegg, a well-known Brisbane teacher-librarian. It costs \$75 (by software standards, that's cheap!) and is available from The Co-ordinator of In-service and Continuing Education, Brisbane CAE at Kelvin Grove, Victoria Park Rd, Kelvin Grove, Queensland 4059. You will need an Apple II computer to use the package, but if that can be organised, it is well worth buying.

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Australian Development Assistance Bureau, the Federation of Australian Universities' Staff Associations, the Australian Universities' Graduate Conference, the Australian Society of Agricultural Economists, the Council of Australian University Librarians, and AUIDP.

There is available in Australia, a great resource of books, journals and associated library materials which are sources of valuable and current scientific and general information that could be used by developing countries to aid their own developmental processes. ACPAD aims to provide a distribution mechanism to identify and respond to the needs of libraries in developing countries for such materials. It is hoped that many professional associations, libraries, interested groups and individuals will wish to participate in the new scheme. ACPAD is

anxious to hear from such interested groups and also from institutions in developing countries wishing to make use of the materials that will be made available through ACPAD. Further information can be obtained from the Executive Officer, P.O. Box 35, Monaro Crescent, Red Hill, ACT, 2603.

Notice to Victorian members

An insert was mailed out with *InCite* 4 about Information and Technological Development Conference. The contacts for the Seminar are Secretary, Maureen Carroll (03) 669 9833 or the Convener, Marjorie Ramsay (03) 669 9821.

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