



IN THE NEWS

IBBY and Loughborough team up

Among the special events planned for next year, which is International Youth Year, is a combined IBBY and Loughborough Conference, to be held in Perth from 1-5 September 1985.

The 'Loughborough' seminars on children's literature were initiated in the 1960s by Roy Stokes, then Head of the Department of Librarianship at the Loughborough Technical College in the United Kingdom, to bring together an international gathering of authors, artists, publishers, librarians, and others interested in children's literature to share information, ideas, and problems. Since then Loughborough conferences have been held regularly in various places in Europe and North America. During the 1983 Loughborough Conference at Aberystwyth, Wales, it was suggested that in 1985 the conference should be held in Australia.

As a result of local discussions, it was decided to combine the IBBY Australia conference with Loughborough '85 in Perth. The conference theme, 'Brave New World: International Understanding Through Books', expresses the aims and ideals of both organisations, and links them to the themes of International Youth Year — participation, development, peace. An associated Book Fair will run from 30 August to 5 September, and a pre-conference seminar on book supply in the local region will take place on 31 August and 1 September. Pre-conference and post-conference tours will be organised so that participants can see something of Perth and Western Australia.

For further information, write to the Conference Organisers, Brave New World, GPO Box T1777, Perth, WA 6000.

Exceptional people

The Queensland Chapter of the Australian Association of Special Education has recently published the proceedings from the 8th National Conference of Australian Association of Special Education, held in Brisbane in 1983.

Entitled *Exceptional People: A Lifetime Commitment*, Proceedings of the Eighth National Conference of The Australian Association of Special Education, Volumes I & II, 1983, it costs \$20 and is available from AASE/Brisbane Branch, PO Box 2070, Brisbane, 4001.

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Christine Crocker, BA, ALAA, has been awarded the James Cook Bicentenary Scholarship for 1984/85. She will be studying library services at British universities.

One of the best known families in librarianship has gained a new member. Stevan Daniel Borchart, son of Max, grandson of Dietrich, was born on June 13, 1984.

Papua New Guinea Information Network

The Library of the University of Papua New Guinea has received funding to establish a three-part project to be known as the Papua New Guinea Information Network.

The project will include the publication of a 5-volume bibliography of printed materials about New Guinea; the establishment of a database on printed items about New Guinea and a document delivery service which will involve extensive microfilming of New Guinea titles.

Funding for the project came from IDRC and its cataloguing software was donated by the British Council.

School Library Conference

The International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) which got under way in Sydney in 1970 is a member of IFLA and WCOTP and works with international bodies including a project in co-operation with UNESCO 'Books for school libraries in developing countries.'

The organisation holds annual conferences in different parts of the world. The 1985 conference is to be held in Kingston, Jamaica, July 28-August 2, 1985, the theme being 'Libraries and information; Towards a policy for schools'. Papers will be presented on the following topics: The way forward in schools; Designing a policy for school libraries; Implementing a policy for school libraries; Programming for the effective use of school libraries; Reviewing the school library policy.

For more information contact Valerie Packer, 4 Godfrey Road, Artarmon 2064. Donations for the UNESCO project mentioned above may also be sent to that address.

Order now!

The proceedings of the very successful IBBY conference held in Sydney last year have just been published. Entitled *Changing Faces: Story and Children in an Electronic Age*, copies are available at the special price of \$15.00 (plus \$2.00 postage).

Anyone fortunate enough to have attended this conference will remember the interesting range of speakers there, including the fascinating talks by Aidan Chambers. Send orders to IBBY Australia, PO Box 194, Edgecliff NSW 2027.

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OBITUARY

Professor Melvin Weinstock

Professor Melvin Weinstock died very suddenly of a heart attack in Houston, Texas on 28 October, while on study leave. He had just attended the annual meeting of the American Society for Information Science in Philadelphia and was on his way to lecture at the University of Texas School of Library Science at Austin.

Mel Weinstock was appointed Professor and Head of the School of Librarianship at the University of New South Wales in 1976. Since 1979 he had also been Warden of Philip Baxter College within the University. He was a member of the Executive Board of Shalom College and on the Advisory Committee of the Australian Ensemble, the University's chamber music group. Mel was also a member of the University Library Committee and of the University's Research and Higher Awards Committee.

Mel came to the University from the Institute for Scientific Information, where he had worked from 1969 as Director of Marketing and then as Director of New Product Planning. For five years before that he worked for Herner and Company in Washington, D.C., doing contract research on medical and scientific information systems design. Some of his papers on citation indexing and on marketing information products have become classics in the literature.

Mel's first degree was a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Research from Rutgers, and he later completed a Master of Science in Information Science at Drexel.

Some of his early life was spent in a farming community in Michigan and he spoke of those days often as evidence of the impracticality of socialist idealism. Wealth there may not have been, but there was obviously a rich intellectual life in his family, from which Mel drew his considerable knowledge of American Jewish heritage of which he was so proud. Mel also drew respect for individual freedom. His ability to trust and not to meddle was a quality much appreciated by his staff and by his students in the School and the College.

His most enduring legacy to the School of Librarianship may well be the resources of people, premises and facilities which his political skills gained for it. He also made many contributions to other facets of University life and all his activities were marked by his warmth and humour which discouraged pomposity and dismantled rule-bound rigidities.

Mel is survived by his wife, Ruth, who will continue to live and work in Sydney, and by his two sons, David and Bobby in the United States.

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