

Information consultant's visit

Elizabeth Orna the English information consultant and author will be in Melbourne in October. She will present a seminar in the Department of Museum Studies at Victoria College, Rusden Campus with the theme Information Policy and Management Policy for Museums, to be held on 28 and 29 October.

Information system design and presentation for use are her areas of specialisation. In 1980, with Charles Pettitt as co-author, her *Information handling in museums* was published by Clive Bingley. Her latest work *The presentation of information* is published by ASLIB (1985).

Further information can be obtained from Dr W. Orchiston at the Department of Museum Studies, Rusden Campus; phone (03) 542 7353.

Engineering Database

Engine: Australian Engineering Database has now been available on Ausinet for two years, providing access to Institution of Engineers, Australia, material published from 1980 onwards in all areas of engineering. There are now over 6000 records available for searching.

Expansion to cover non-IEAust publications has been planned since the beginning, and material from the Australian Institute of Refrigeration Air Conditioning and Heating (AIRAH) is the first available. It includes conference papers and journal articles from 1984 and some monographs, including design data manuals published earlier than 1984.

The first hardcopy output, covering 1982 publications, is now available from EA Books, Box 299 P.O., St Leonards 2065 NSW at a cost of \$25 plus postage and packing.

For information about contributing data to Engn, or for general information, please contact Rosemary Lohmann, Librarian, The Institution of Engineers, Australia, 11 National Circuit, Barton 2600 ACT. (062–733633)

American exchange

I would like to arrange an exchange with an Australian librarian for your 1987 academic year.

I am co-ordinator of collection development in the humanities at Arizona State University Libraries, a collection of 2.5 million volumes. My interest in an exchange is two-fold: firstly, in collection development organisation and management; and secondly, in the international book trade and especially in acquisitions in Southeast Asia. On both of these counts I feel a study of Australian practice would be beneficial. Thus, I am specifically interested in an exchange with someone in collection management or acquisitions with responsibilities in these areas.

In return I am able to offer a position in one of the larger American libraries, with an aggressive collecting program in engineering and business as well as the humanities. The library possesses an on-line catalogue and circulation system and has begun automation of acquisitions and serials control. Collection development at ASU is a research and policy unit distinct from acquisitions utilizing an innovative management and budgetary structure and forty autonomous subject specialists.

What I am proposing is the usual academic exchange of professional duties, house, and so forth, with salaries continuing to be paid by the home institutions.

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FID/CAO Congress

The International Federation for Documentation (FID) advise that they have published the Proceedings of the 8th General Assembly and Congress of the Commission for Asia and Oceania of the International Federation for Documentation (FID/CAO).

FID say that this meeting, which was held in Melbourne, Australia, in November 1984, was one of the most successful Congresses yet organized by FID/CAO. It brought together delegates from 14 countries and three international organizations in the Asia and Pacific region. The Congress theme: 'Delivering information to users; products, packages and promotion' was reflected in most of the papers presented.

A Public Forum conducted as part of the Congress brought together speakers with successful experience in the marketing and promotion of information services. Case studies presented at the Public Forum threw new light on the problems and possibilities of adopting promotional methods used in other areas of information delivery. The Proceedings include the full text of all Public Forum presentations.

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FID recommend the book to anyone involved in the marketing and promotion of library and information services and to students of international librarianship, particularly in developing countries.

Copies are available at \$20 Australian (post free) from the Secretary of the Organizing Committee, 8th FID/CAO Congress at 10 Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell, Vic 3124.

Local history titles available

A few copies of two LAA local history titles listed as out of print have been located. *Local History Resources*, the proceedings of a workshop held in Cheltenham, LAA Branch Occasional Paper No 2, is available at \$3.00 (\$2.50 to LAA members), postage 80c.

The other title is Local history conservation and restoration procedures for public libraries, the proceedings of a workshop held at the Archives Office of NSW. This one costs \$5.00 (\$4.00 to LAA and ASA Members), postage 80c. Send orders with payment to LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo or ring Jenny Angus (02) 692 9233 for more information.

In Brief

Dr Chris Henderson left her position as Chief Librarian and Information Co-ordinator of the Lane Cove Municipal Council on September 27 to take up the position of Lending Services Librarian at Fisher Library, University of Sydney.

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