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DARWIN'S EXHIBITION

Professional librarians who are going to the LAA conference in Darwin this June won't be disappointed when they see the incredible range of products that will be on display at the Exhibition.

It is our responsibility to keep abreast of changes in product and information technoogy and the suppliers taking part are giving as the opportunity to do just that from Monday to Thursday of the conference. Fifty-five suppliers will be taking part, coming from every state and territory of Australia, as well as New Zealand, Italy, the USA, the Netherands, West Germany and the United Kingdom.

We all like to feel that we are 'up with it' when it comes to computers and information processing systems, but systems are being improved all the time and suppliers to our industry have been specialising in developing library packages that are easy to use, easy to install and economical to run.

Exciting new hardware will also be on display. The MINX workstation from Datapoint is a video telephone that can be integrated with a computer to provide the most dynamic form of executive communication available. A nands on demonstration has been set up at the exhibit where we can explore the possibilities of face-to-face decision support with our peers.

Developments in other areas are just as exciting, including office landscaping, efficient storage systems and the latest in office furniture. Publishers and subscription agents have new products to present. They will also have important executives to meet. Executives who can listen to your suggestions and requests and take action to make those ideas take shape.

Over the next two years we are all going to have to make important purchasing decisions for our libraries. We will not find a better forum to look at the available alternatives than this outstanding exhibition.

Don't be left behind! See you in Darwin in une.

Tom Williams

Conference fees

Cheques and any other monies should be made payable to:

Convention Catalysts GPO Box 4352 DARWIN NT 5794

Public librarians

The Public Librarians Section dinner will be neld from 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm in Darwin's Civic Centre under the Tree of Knowledge. This buffet dinner will be held at the base of the Tree, with dinner music being provided by the Silver Strings (a string quartet). Cost is \$30 per person which includes dinner and drinks.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 July from 2 pm to 3.30 pm in the Ambassador Room of the Sheraton Hotel, Mitchell Street, Darwin.

Bronwyn Ash Publicity Committee

INFORMATION ONLINE 86

Hurry, hurry! Orders have been pouring in for Information Online 86, the proceedings of the First Australian Online Information Conference and Exhibition, held at the Sydney Hilton from 20-22 January.

This edition contains *all* the papers given at this highly successful conference and is essential reading in order to keep abreast of what's happening in the world of information and communication.

The cost is \$35 to LAA members and \$50 to non-members and there's an order form with this issue of *InCite*.

Don't delay because stocks are moving fast!

