



— the bottom line

No — there hasn't been a palace revolution! I'm standing in for President, Ian McCallum, while he takes a well earned break.

By the time this issue is ready for mailing the Darwin Conference will be in full stride. I'll be commenting on some of the highlights of the General Council Meeting and early days of the Conference in the next issue.

Meanwhile planning is well under way for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the LAA to be held in Canberra from 2-4 September 1987.

The first report on this conference by Jenny Gleeson, President of the ACT Branch and Chairperson of the Organising committee appeared in *InCite* 7 (9) 6 June 1986. I attended

my first meeting a few weeks ago and was impressed with the great amount of hard work which has already been put into the planning of this historic event. It is hoped that the Prime Minister will open the conference and that the Governor-General will give the inaugural Harold White Oration.

The National Library will mount an exhibition for LAA:50 and a commemorative pre-stamped envelope is being issued by Australia Post. It is hoped that a temporary post office will be installed at the National Library which will create widespread philatelic interest in the event. A commemorative medal is also being struck; and a varied social programme arranged.

The Organising Committee is particularly anxious to let past and retired members of the LAA know about this event. Please pass on this information to anyone in this category you know. It is an event not to be missed by both present and past members!

Remember you can now get further information on this, or on any other Association matter, by ringing LAA Head Office *toll free* on (008) 22 1481: a recent improved service for members.

One of the pleasant responsibilities of the Vice-President is to represent the Executive at various meetings and functions. At the invitation of Irene Meeuwissen, School Librarians Section President, I recently attended part of a two day meeting of the School Libraries Section Committee. Representative from almost all States had gathered to discuss the Corporate Plan and Review, Statement of Principles of School Librarianship, Federal Funding for School Libraries, up-date of 'Books and Beyond' and National Information Policy, to name but a few.

I found that time I spent with this group of articulate and committed professionals not only rewarding but reassuring that this vital area of the Association's interests was in such capable and dedicated hands.

Until next time. *Peter Dawkins*
Vice-President

INFORMATION ONLINE 87

All booths in the exhibition are now booked, and a waiting list has been commenced for exhibitors wanting a booth.

1986 exhibitors who will also be at the 1987 Information Online exhibition are: ADDA, Enterprise Information, NZ National Library, National Library of Australia, Derwent, OTC, Information Express, I.P. Sharp, SDC, CLIRS, Dewe Rogerson, SAZTEC, Harkers, Pergamon Infoline, BRS, LEXIS, BIOSIS, CAB Abstracts, FIZ Karlsruhe, Chemical Abstracts, CSIRO-

NET, Australis, Data Star, ISI, DIALOG, ACI Computer Services, ACCIS, and TELECOM.

New exhibitors in 1987 are: CLANN, IN-SPEC, AAP, Computer ACC, British Telecom, PAIS, Australian Society of Accountants, Sociological Abstracts, Advertising Data, Telesystemes Questel, and Dun & Bradstreet.

Datatel will again be sponsoring terminals for the overseas exhibitors and in 1987 it is also expected that an appropriate prize will be offered for visitors to the exhibition.

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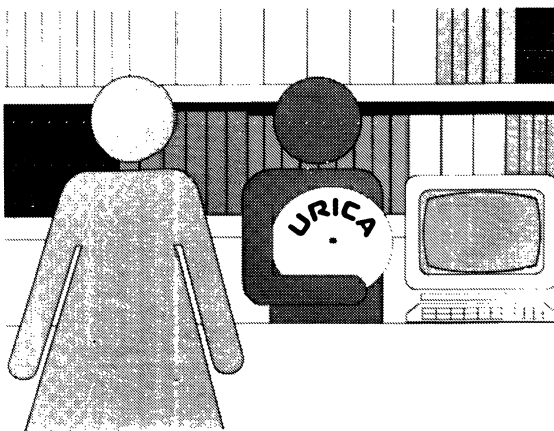
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