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The Presentation night is geared to the young people who participate in the Book Award programme and two schools presented dramatisations from the winning books. The primary dramatisation was performed by students from the Helena School and Forrestfield Senior High School students presented excerpts from *The secret diary of Adrian Mole*. Sue Townsend sent a cabled response and it is interesting to note that she originally wrote the Adrian Mole books for adults. Keith Leopold's written message read by Lena Piano, who accepted his award, was very well received by the audience and his expressed sentiment, that 'the first essential of all fiction is to tell a good story well' is worthy of comment.

Finally, 1985 saw a dramatic increase in participation with a total of 48,458 valid rankings being recorded compared with 28,243 in 1984. Hopefully, this upward trend will continue.

Audrey Foley

Directory launched

The 3rd edition of the *Information Consultants Freelancers and Brokers Directory* was launched by Professor Blaise Cronin at the VALA Third National Conference on Library Automation in Melbourne on 25 November, 1985.

Professor Cronin praised the concept and the professionalism of the publication and expressed the need for a similar publication in the United Kingdom.

The Directory lists firms and individuals who are able to provide information services tailored to their clients requirements. Services included some traditional library services such as organising document collections; some associated activities such as locum and

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personnel services, and people who will search data bases, perform systems analysis and advise on library automation.

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