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possibilities for automation within their own libraries. An added advantage of the course was the contact made between participants and the sharing of experiences and problems. It was also very valuable in making us aware of the help available to us from the staff of the Institute, and the facilities which were available at the Institute.

I would like to thank Harry Singh, and congratulate him for putting together a course which so perfectly met the needs of librarians wishing to catch up with the explosion of systems and jargon which are the automated library.

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**INFORMATION ONLINE 88  
— UPDATE**

Preparations for Information Online 88 are well under way by all of the various organising committees. To keep LAA members in touch with the planning, we remind you that the theme will be 'The Key to Our Future'. Special subject streams will include: 'Made in Australia' (an update on the state-of-the-art of various technologies in Australia); business/finance; user/system interface; legal/government; the sciences; communications/ networking; database production: and education. There is a good balance of local and overseas speakers in most areas.

One of the key speakers will be Mr George Maltby, Managing Director, Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia). Mr Maltby has long had contact with information professionals in Australia, particularly over the last two decades which have seen the advent and expansion of database searching as an integral working tool for research, business and education. The role of OTC has been vital in this process, enabling Australian information workers to gain access at reasonable rates and in increasing numbers to the world's online resources.

Another key speaker will be Mr Charles Hildreth, Chief Consulting Scientist, Read Ltd (Worthington, Ohio). Many LAA members will recognise Mr Hildreth as the author of *Online Public Access Catalogs: The User Interface* (OCLC Library, Information, and Computer Science Monograph Series, 1982). He also authored the chapter entitled 'Online Public Access Catalogs' in the 1985 *Annual Review of Information Science and Technology* (Knowledge Industry Publications). Mr Hildreth is currently serving as Chairman of the US National Information Standards Organization and has just issued a draft standard for the development of a common command language for interactive information retrieval. For conference information contact: ACMS (02) 332-4622.

**Conservation is Moving**

You've read about the early March workshop at St Mary's arranged by Penrith City Library in *InCite* 8 May. Kathy Husselbee took a series of photographs and sat in on the action for much of the day. The next event in mid-March was in conjunction with the Royal Australian Historical Society and John Daley of Orange City Library in a one-day workshop concerned with the use and care of historical records. This event preceded a library visit tour following a route through Cowra, Young, Cootamundra, Temora, West Wyalong, Forbes and Parkes culminating in another combined workshop organised by the Museums Association of Australia in Walgett. After such a marathon one would excuse a



**LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF  
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**DIRECTOR**

The Association's present Director has announced that she will be stepping down at the end of September and we are therefore seeking a professionally qualified librarian or information specialist for the challenging task of leading a restructured Association into the 1990s.

The Association represents and promotes the interests of library and information personnel throughout Australia, and the position of Director is one that affords the opportunity to play a major role in the development of the profession.

The Association now wishes to appoint a person with a strong background in librarianship or information science, a national perspective on library and information issues, and with proven leadership and management ability.

This appointment is initially for three years, with options for renewal. Applicants should note that the Association is currently discussing the question of moving its Directorate and/or Head Office to Canberra. Salary is commensurate with responsibilities.

The Director reports to the Association's General Council, holds overall responsibility for the Association's affairs and office, including a budget in excess of \$1,000,000, and has special responsibility for the formulation and implementation of policy. Public relations, including lobbying and liaison with members, governments and other agencies and associations, is an increasingly important component of the Director's duties.

The Association has recently undergone a major internal review, and has made significant changes, including a name change, revision of the objects to reflect a wider role in the information arena, and a comprehensive Head Office restructure.

The successful candidate will have the authority and the responsibility for directing the activities of a large professional organisation with substantial voluntary assistance at an exciting time in the development of information services. The position is demanding in terms of the wide sphere of influence of the Director, and most rewarding in terms of opportunities for personal contacts with library practitioners.

Applications should be marked 'Confidential' and addressed to reach Mr P.H. Dawe, President, Library Association of Australia, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 by 24 July 1987. Further details are available from the current Director, Jenny Adams, on (02) 692 9233 or (008)22 1481.



period of low profile, but no. A two-day seminar/workshop organised by Wollongong City Library took place at Dapto during 31 March - 1 April. In Heritage Week a one-day workshop at Kur-ing-gai was inserted before Easter. The LAA Riverina Regional Group ran a successful two-day event in Wagga Wagga on 15-16 May. It was Albury's turn on 28-29 June and Goulburn is on the list for 18-19 September.

All these workshops have been extremely well attended, with people travelling long distances to take part. Several centres have been visited in conjunction with the itinerary of the 'Conservation on the Move' mobile conservation laboratory which services regional galleries but that will not always be the case because I am more mobile and can jump on a plane if necessary. Meantime back at the University of NSW the 'at home' workshops have continued on a monthly basis as well as my teaching commitment to student librarians and archivists.

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