



IFLA — a year of growth

IFLA gained members in 1986! The increase in membership was 6.4 percent. IFLA now has 177 Association Members/Bodies with Consultative Status; 859 Institutional Members/Affiliates; and 188 Personal Affiliates — a total of 1224 members in 122 countries (40 industrialised and 82 Third World). There are 53 Professional Groups, 442 Officers and Standing Committee Members, and 3079 Registrations for Sections.

Over the last nine years membership has increased by 67 percent, participation in professional groups by 59 percent and the coverage of countries by 15 percent. The LAA membership grew in 1986 too! Sue Phillips gives you the good oil on page 10

Guide to stockbroker research

In a world of finance and share markets it is hard to imagine that there could be anything new — yet MAPPMAIL Publications' *Broker Report Index* is an Australian first.

BRI lists the companies and topics that are subject to stockbroker scrutiny, and was launched on a monthly basis early in 1986. Its popularity and success gives an indication that it meets the needs of researchers, analysts, investors, banks, financiers, public and private companies.

The *Index* lists reports by title, subject and compiling stockbroker. Complete reports may be obtained from the stockbroker and are a vital tool for anyone seeking knowledge and awareness of the share market.

The first annual volume of *BRI* appeared in January 1987. The *BRI Yearbook* provides a neatly bound compilation of each year's list-

ings and is supplied to all subscribers free of charge.

BRI is designed to provide a service to large and small business alike. 'Keeping up to date on all outside factors that might affect your business is vital these days' says Sheryl Mapp, *BRI*'s Managing Editor, 'so *BRI* provides an important way of learning of stockbroker interest in you or your competitors.'

Sheryl who owns and operates MAPPMAIL is a former librarian. She trained in librarianship in New Zealand working in both public and special libraries. On moving to Australia in 1978 she also moved into the world of high finance. Her experience since 1978 in executive banking positions led to the development of *BRI*.

Further details regarding *BRI* may be obtained by contacting MAPPMAIL on (03) 615 0725.

Riches to rags

A collection of 100 watercolours by the colonial artist Samuel Thomas Gill is presently on display at the National Library.

The display was opened by the noted South Australian author, Geoffrey Dutton. Sixty-one of the works have been loaned by the Art Gallery of South Australia and the remaining 39 are from the Library's own large collection of Gill watercolours, drawings, lithographs and engravings.

Several of the artist's published books are displayed in the Gill Exhibition as well as the 100 watercolours. Included in the books are sketches, lithographs and engravings of the Victorian goldfields, diggers and scenic views.

Gill (1818-80) was born in England and migrated to South Australia in 1839 and opened a studio in 1840. He was a prolific painter of life on the goldfields and published several books of his drawings as monochrome or coloured lithographs or as steel engravings.

The charm and finesse of Gill's works belie the fact that he was a chronic alcoholic. By the 1870s he had fallen into obscurity and poverty. In 1880 he collapsed and died in Melbourne and was buried in a common grave.

Indexing Award

The Australian Society of Indexers are offering an award for an outstanding index to a book or periodical compiled and first published in Australia. The award is called The Australian Society of Indexers Medal.

To be eligible for the award, the index must be in print and first published in Australia between 1 January 1985 and 31 December 1986. It must have been compiled in Australia even though the text to which it refers may have originated outside Australia.

Indexers, librarians, authors and publishers, are invited to recommend indexes as contenders for the award. Recommendations with copies of the works indexed (or, if not feasible, essential bibliographical details) should be sent to: The Secretary, Australian Society of Indexers, GPO Box 1251L, Melbourne, Victoria 3001 by 30 April 1987.

Unexpected 'Bestseller'

The tender specification for DISNET (the name given to the new integrated library and information management system for the Defence Information Services network) has become an unexpected 'bestseller' since the calls for tender were made in the Commonwealth Gazette of 14 January 1987.

It is being generally regarded as a good example of a large integrated library and information management systems specification and is now being reprinted by the Dept of Administrative Services.

DISNET will replace a number of existing systems of various ages.

Who's Where

★ Mary Jones, School of Nursing Librarian, Royal Adelaide Hospital, is taking leave during 1987 to complete her Master of Arts thesis in History at the University of Adelaide. The topic chosen is 'Australian nursing in World War II'. As she is still collecting information, Mary would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be able to give data, reminiscences or any other helpful information. She may be contacted through the School of Nursing Library. During Mary's absence, Ruth Sladek will be Acting Librarian.

★ Ralph Reid has moved from his position of Handbooks Section Manager at AWA's North Ryde Technology Group to become Documentation Director at AWA Computers Division, North Sydney. In this new position he will be more involved with documentation for AWA's software packages, URICA and GALLERY.

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