



FEEDBACK

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION SA GROUP

Resource-based learning

On 17-18 May, over 150 teacher-librarians, teachers and principals attended a two-day Resource-based Learning Conference held at Wattle Park Teacher's Centre. Arrangements for the two days were made by the Co-ordinating Committee of three professional associations - LAA, RCTA and SASLA - and were made in response to feedback received from the other Resource-based Learning Conferences held in 1987.

Plenary speaker for the two days was Dr Roy Lundin, Co-ordinator of the Communication and Technology Group from Brisbane CAE. His information about the many technological developments that will enable schools of diminishing numbers to maintain a wide range of subject choices, consisted of examples such as electronic mail, conference telephones, video conferences, facsimile machines and electronic blackboards. Workshops on information skills, ACIN, co-operative planning, among others, were held after Roy's speech.

Plans are underway to publish the proceedings of the conference including Dr Lundin's speech and the workshop sessions. Availability of these proceedings will be advertised widely.

Trish Bickley
President

WA BRANCH

Annual General Meeting

The WA Branch AGM was held in March in the company of the President, the Director and distinguished guests Mr and Mrs Ali Sharr and Mr and Mrs Cecil Florey. A speech was given by Ali Sharr to honour the Sharr medalist. Much of this speech was reproduced in the Frontline column in the last issue of *InCite*

Cecil Florey was honoured by the Branch with a presentation of a citation for his service to librarianship in WA. The meeting and dinner were held at Technology Park, the home of the WA new local office and a merry time was had by the 75 people who attended.

On the library education front

On the 21 April, a meeting was held by the WA Post Secondary Education Commission to discuss a report prepared for it by Anne Rogers on the topic of library education and the future, and entitled 'Librarians and Information Resource Management - a Discussion Paper'. The meeting was attended by invitees from all sectors of the information market place to review the trend identified in the report.

The report has caused a great deal of discussion in WA and the meeting was lively, if somewhat short and rushed off as far as discussion was concerned. It was well represented by librarians, perhaps overly so far as some attendees were concerned. However, the information industry was represented by members of the teaching profession, the management sector, the private consulting sector, government, employers of librarians and business users of information services.

The meeting followed a public response phase to the report and we await further developments as to WAPSEC's recommendations in relation to changes in library education, distribution of schools, staffing levels, funding and curriculum changes to meet the marketplace identified at the meeting, if any.

Lynn Allen
President, WA Branch

DISTANCE EDUCATION SIG

Off-campus conference

The Off-Campus Library Services Conference, sponsored by Central Michigan University Libraries and Extended Degree Program of Central Michigan University, will be held in Charleston, South Carolina on 20-21 October 1988. Registration costs US \$175, prior to 6 October 1988.

Speakers featured will be Dr Evan Farber: 'Bibliographic Instruction beyond Campus Confines', Dr Terrence MacTaggeri 'Accreditations and the Provision of Library Services in Off-Campus Programs'; and Dr Anne Mathews 'The Adult Learner and Library Services.'

For further information and copies of conference brochures, contact Craig Grimison, C/ Dixon Library, University of New England.

External students forum

Papers presented at the Co-ordination of Library Services to External Students forum, Sydney, March 1-2, 1987 and edited by Christine Crocker are now available for sale \$15.00. Send cheques to Craig Grimison, Convenor, Distance Education Special Interest group, C/- Dixon Library, University of New England, Armidale, NSW 2351.

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