

Hitchhikers guide to a galaxy of LAA Division dinners

LAA Divisions will be competing for a chance to entertain delegates during the IFLA/LAA Conference. Read on as each tries to lure you to a particular venue. The hardest choice to be made is on Sunday, 28 August when the Cataloguers Section; Education for Librarianship/Distance Education Special Interest Group/IFLA Continuing Professional Education Round Table; Library Technicians Section; Public Libraries Section; School Libraries Section; and TAFE Libraries Section compete.

On Monday, 29 August the contenders are the Acquisitions Section, the Special Libraries Section and the University and College Libraries Section... the choice is yours. And don't forget that you can send your cheques for any one (or multiples) of these directly to the LAA, Conference Functions, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo, NSW 2007. International delegates are most welcome and can drop in at the LAA stand near the registration area and pick up a guide (we promise you won't have to hitch-hike) to help you on your way.

Cataloguers Section dinner

The tradition of this dinner being amongst the most successful of conference events will continue in 1988. The venue this year will be the Five Doors Restaurant in Surry Hills. A brief AGM will be held so come along at 7.00 pm. To make sure it's a brief AGM, a set menu of international culinary delights has been planned. Come along, \$40 per head, enquiries to Warwick Cathro (062) 62 1484. Send cheques to LAA Head Office.

Education for Librarianship Section Joint dinner

This dinner for the Education for Librarianship/Distance Education Special Interest Group/IFLA Continuing Professional Education Round Table will feature as speaker Elizabeth W. Stone, Dean Emeritus, School of Library and Information Science, at the Catholic University of America, Washington DC. Right in the heart of LAA territory, the dinner will be held at the new Lawson Hotel in Ultimo. Numbers are limited so book now. Further information is available from Craig Grimison (067) 73 2168. The cost is \$30 per head, cheques to LAA Office.

Library Technicians Section dinner

Enjoy the view... meet fellow library technicians from far and wide... This dinner presents the opportunity for sampling fine food and engage in stimulating conversation while viewing Sydney harbour by night. At a cost of \$27 (drinks extra) don't miss this chance to discuss the opportunities and problems relevant to library technicians. Send your cheque to LAA Head Office, phone Marion Morgan (02) 250 0521.

Public Libraries Section dinner

A bargain basement opportunity to dine at the Sydney Opera House in the Bennelong Restaurant and to listen to the Bennelong Players. This will be a conference highlight.

And don't forget the AGM will be held in the Reception room of the Opera House with panoramic harbour view. Cost: \$44.

School Libraries Section safari

Safari to Taronga Park Zoo. With bush and jungle sounds in the background, join in, for \$40, and feast on a gourmet smorgasbord at the new Zoo conference centre. Guests can join a bus 'safari' departing from the University of New South Wales at 7.00 pm, to ensure reaching the Zoo by 7.30 pm. Further information is available from Beth McLaren (02) 240 8711. Cheques to be sent to LAA, please.

TAFE Libraries Section dinner

Come along to Castelli's Restaurant, close to the University of New South Wales. A place has been reserved for you to spend an evening with fellow TAFE librarians to enjoy a three-course Italian meal. Even if you are not going to the Conference (tut, tut) or to the Section's AGM, at the University of New South Wales at 5.15 pm, you will be welcome. Secure your spot by sending \$20 to the LAA Head Office, or if you need further convincing, call Cathy Hall (02) 808 0279.

Acquisitions Section dinner

Come to the Waterfront Restaurant, part of the original Campbell Storehouses in the historic Rocks area and enjoy the magic night-time panorama of Sydney's Circular Quay. Excellently located for all transport. A private room has been booked. \$40 covers a great meal and wine. Bookings and enquiries to Paul Wilkins (02) 697 2633. Cheques should be made out to LAA Acquisitions Section, NSW Branch but sent to LAA Head Office.

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Do you know who can't wait for IFLA '88?

Henry Heaney
Glasgow University
Library

Christian Lupovici
BUTC, France

S. Michael Malinconico
Pratt Institute Brooklyn

Sharon Dell
Turnbull Library
National Library of
New Zealand

Richard Landon
University of Toronto

Nancy Fjallbrant
Chalmers University of
Technology
Sweden

A.L. Kapoor
Delhi University Library

Neil McLean
Polytechnic of Central
London

G. Grunberg
University of Culture,
France



These and other International Experts are welcome as Speakers at the

IFLA '88 CONFERENCE

They will certainly provide an International flavour which directly links with the Conference theme, 'Living Together — People, Libraries, Information.'

SO . . .

Do YOU know who should not miss the opportunity of hearing them speak?

Australian Library Summit cont'd from page 9

Since 1788 isolated Australians have reacted to the lack of library facilities by becoming the largest private purchasers of books in the world. The bookshop and not the library has been the significant supplier in rural Australia. With the advent of online information, it remains to be seen whether this can be reticulated through effective libraries or whether Australians will become direct users of networks on a large scale. It is possible that the new networks will not lend themselves to individual access and as a result, rural Australians will suffer a significant information shortfall. This is particularly disturbing because it could mean information-starved rural industries.

The Summit needs to address the problems of planning adequate access to online information for rural Australia so that it is available at the same level as it is to urban users, who approach it through the skilled officers of their library staff. The matter of 'user pays' is of great concern in the country where access is via very long telephone lines. Cries of cultural deprivation are not new and are unlikely to produce more than the odd regional art gallery or under strength public library which, though important, have not changed realities in the bush.

Demands for information are already being met at a superficial level by Telecom and commercial vendors but potential demand will only eventuate when rural users understand the importance of what is available. With information now being a significant slice of our gross domestic product (GDP) it is vital that one sector of the Australian community is not starved for information.

The major problem facing rural library information interests at a national summit, is who speaks for them. The New England Regional Group sees a requirement to place a rural view before the Summit.

New England Regional Group
Summit Sub-committee

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Special Libraries Section

Ahoy Specials! A dinner harbour cruise will be held after the Section's AGM on the luxurious motor vessel Matilda III. Join in for the presentation of the Maria Gemenis Award, good food, plenty of drinks warm convivial company and spectacular vistas of Sydney harbour. There will even be a troubadour guitarist to serenade you. The inclusive cost is \$40, so be at Pier One, Hickson Road, Dawes Point at 6.45 pm or catch one of the buses taking guests from the AGM at 6.15 pm. For further information contact Wendy Bartlett (02) 543 3935 or Robin Jenkins (02) 20512. Send cheques to LAA Head Office.

University and College Libraries Section dinner dance.

See you at the Summit! Dancing, dramatic views of the Sydney skyline and top quality food will be the order of the day. Come and meet distinguished guests Harrison and Florence Bryan, Prof. Jean Whyte and Miles and Briony Blackwell among others. The cost of \$50 covers a delicious meal, complementary wine and free car parking. Meet old friends and dance the night away. Contact Pat Howard (02) 697 2670. Forward cheques must be sent to LAA Head Office.

**On the Rocks with a Friend
Australiana Night
1 September 1988**

We are pleased to announce a change of venue — the historic Argyle Cellars, Courtyard and Wool Shed in Sydney's Rocks Area.

- Australian cuisine, beers, wines and juices will be served.
- The Sydney Town Crier will function as the MC, the Bushband will provide music all evening. During their breaks, the traditional Aboriginal dancers, the Awabakals, will be performing their Dreamtime dances. A narrator explains exactly how the dance developed and what it depicts.
- During all the on-stage entertainment the delegates will be able to see sheep shearing, sheep dogs in action, look at several displays of aboriginal artifacts, wool weaving, sheepskin and opals.

The Australiana Night is a highlight of our IFLA/LAA Conference — book now to avoid disappointment for yourself, partners and friends

Booking details: Conference Circular p.48

The proceedings of Online 87 are here! 410 pages of latest online information for \$45 or \$25 LAA members (plus \$3 postage and handling).

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