

IN THE NEWS

The other Expo

The Victorian Public Library Expo, held on 15 October as part of Library Week proved to be an interesting and successful day for all those involved.

The Expo held at City Square, Melbourne was organised by the Victorian public libraries in order to promote their services. The program included a poster competition and a library technology display. Jane La Scala launched *A Step by Step Guide to tracing your family history*. And, the Minister for Science, Mr Barry Jones, launched the Library Logo adopted by the Australian Library Promotion Council and the LAA, for use throughout Australia.

The program finale included a bush band performance and free Jolly Jumbuck mobiles for the younger audience.

Multicultural database

An important new database devoted to multicultural issues will be launched in November by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Multicultural Australia Information System (MAIS) will provide summaries and references to over 7,000 reports, journals, articles, books, conference papers and government documents on multicultural and ethnic affairs.

The database will be available through the

OZLINE network of the National Library of Australia. The national network can be accessed by individuals or organisations using personal computers or through one of the 300 libraries and institutions linked to OZLINE.

Should you want to know more about MAIS, or produce material which should be included in MAIS, contact Lynn Farkas, MAIS project manager, GPO Box 1870, Canberra ACT 2601, (062) 49 7113 or Dr Thu Nguyen-Hoan, Office of Multicultural Affairs, (062) 71 5658.

The Noma Award

Working Life. Factories, Townships, and Popular Culture on the Rand, 1886-1940, by Luli Callinicos has been named winner of the annual Noma Award for Publishing in Africa.

Established in 1979, the Noma Award is open to African writers whose work is published in Africa. The Award's founder, the late Chiechi Noma, devoted his life to making books more readily available to developing countries.

The \$3,000 prize will be presented to the author on the opening of the 13th Ife Book Fair, to be held in Ile-Ife, Nigeria, on 17-20 January 1989.

Onward and upward

TAFE technician graduates are now eligible to start at second-year level in the Bachelor's degree course in Library and Information Studies at Canberra CAE. A special progression program for full-time and part-time students will be available from Semester 1, 1989.

Dr Nancy D. Lane, head of the Centre for Library and Information Studies at the College, and Ms Helen O'Brien, head of the School of Information Studies at the Canberra College of TAFE, received a grant from the TAFE National Centre for Research and Development to establish the progression program.

For further information about the progression program or an application for admission, contact Dr Nancy Lane, Centre for Library and Information Studies, Canberra CAE, PO

Box 1, Belconnen, ACT 2616 or phone (062) 52 2312.

Launch of Kiwinet

Kiwinet, the first New Zealand online database hosting service specialising in information about New Zealand was recently launched by New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister.

Kiwinet operates from the National Library of New Zealand's computer system and provides information on all aspects of New Zealand, including business, commerce, law, arts, humanities and the social sciences. It also comprises legislative databases, and data relating to legislation in the New Zealand Parliament, Parliamentary Questions, Hansard and judgements of the Court of Appeal.

For information on how to join Kiwinet or obtain your password, phone 0011 64 (04) 74 3000 or fax 0011 64 (04) 74 3035.

Industrial Forum 88 — last chance!

This is your last chance to register for Industrial Forum '88 which is to be held at Queens College, Melbourne University, on 17 and 18 November 1988.

Jenny Doran, ACTU industrial officer will give the introductory address on current trends in Australian industrial relations. This will be followed by speakers from a variety of unions representing library staff, who will discuss the major industrial issues facing library staff now and in the future.

Deborah McCulloch will speak on the image of the profession, Mark Dawe from the National Library on broadbanding and Anne Doherty from the State Library of NSW on industrial issues facing library technicians. Other issues addressed will include salary levels and coping with cutbacks and shortages.

The afternoon of the second day will be devoted to small workshop discussions on specific industrial issues.

The cost of the two-day seminar is \$75. Registration forms are available from Louise Lansley at LAA Head Office (02) 692 9233 or (008) 221 481.

Louise Lansley

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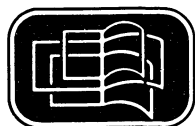
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