

ALIA 1990 — Perth Conference Update

ORGANIZATION for our first ALIA Biennial Conference is well underway. Many thanks to all who took the time to complete the 1990 Conference questionnaire or to write to the Programme Chair with their suggestions for 1990.

contributed papers. We hope that younger members of the profession will offer papers, either as joint authors with their more experienced colleagues, or as sole authors. Contributed papers will be reviewed.

If you would like to have your say on what should (or should not) be in the 1990 Conference programme, it's not too late. Please write to Jane Klobas, Chair, Programme Sub-Committee, ALIA 1990 Conference, c/- PO Box 777, Subiaco WA 6008.

Publicity for the Conference officially got underway at the IFLA/LAA Conference in Sydney last August, when the Conference Poster and First Circular were made available. We have been mailing these to colleagues within and outside Australia since then. If you have been missed, please let the Conference Organiser know. The Conference Second Circular is in preparation and will be available shortly. A most attractive Conference stickpin is now on sale at \$4; ALIA Sydney office and our Conference Organisers have some.

All Conference committees and interested ALIA WA members gathered recently for a 'walk through' of the Conference. This was a great success and gave all present a knowledge of progress so far. It was also a valuable brainstorming session with committee chairs finding themselves with even more to do.

Please contact our Conference Organiser: Promaco Conventions Pty Ltd, Unit 9A, Canning Bridge Commercial Centre, 890-892 Canning Highway, Applecross, WA 6153 [Phone: (09) 364 8311; Fax (09) 316 1453 (Principal Don Pearce)] for any further information.

See you in Perth in 1990!

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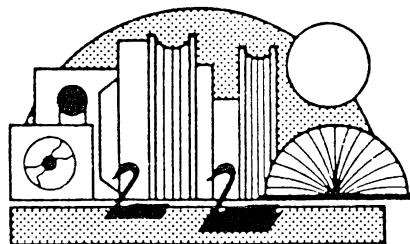
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At last count we had received from individual members and Sections of the Association, 80 suggestions for topics and almost 100 for speakers. Some patterns have emerged. There is a strong thread of 'evaluation' running through the suggestions. Consideration of 'the library in society' and a questioning of the 'real value of technology' are recurring themes.

The most frequently suggested topics for discussion are:

- funding and resource allocation
- the role of the library and information professional
- 'library advocacy' and related marketing and political issues
- conservation, preservation and disaster planning
- computer networks
- industrial relations, quality of working life, job design, etc.

We are now in the process of selecting and inviting keynote speakers to address some of these themes and topics. We plan to announce the names of the keynote and plenary speakers during April, at which time we will be calling for

Conditions for Associateship

AT ITS FEBRUARY MEETING, the Board of Education discussed a report prepared by the former Assistant Executive Director concerning the first year of operation of the Association's revised conditions for admission to Associateship.

Fifteen applications were considered by the Board in the twelve months since the revised conditions for admission to Associateship were introduced in late 1987. Eleven of these were successful and four unsuccessful. Ten of the eleven successful applicants held overseas qualifications in library and information science.

Of the three unsuccessful applicants, two held formal tertiary qualifications in library and information science gained overseas, one held a short overseas qualification and one held an Australian postgraduate award in ancient documents. None had sufficient coverage of the core areas in library and information science or broad professional competence and understanding.

Louise Lansley
Secretary, Board of Education