



Information Management and Consulting Association —IMCA Directory

IMCA is now calling for registration of interest from those wanting to place an entry in the next edition of the *IMCA Information consultants, freelancers and brokers directory*. We anticipate the directory to be published in October 1990.

Eligible for directory entry are information professionals who are available for work on a consulting or contract basis. This is a national directory and entries from all states and territories are, of course, welcomed.

Could you please register your interest by sending: your trading name (be it personal name, registered trading name, or company name), contact name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and a 2-line description of services offered, by 13 July 1990. We will forward cost details and a full registration form.

Address: The Convener, IMCA, PO Box C297, Clarence Street Post Office, Sydney, NSW 2000 or fax (02) 997 5430.

Ruth Ward
Convener

Public Libraries Section Queensland Branch

The Public Libraries Section (Qld Branch), recently held a CD-ROM information night targeting those librarians who needed general basic information on CD-ROMs in preparation for introducing this format into the library. It was encouraging to see such a large number of members attending the session on new technology. Brian Sanborn, from the State Library of Queensland, discussed hardware requirements and developments, information sources for CD-ROM managers and users, and the CD-ROM services provided by the State Library.

Geraldine Massey, teacher-librarian from St Paul's School, Bald Hills, described her experiences with CD-ROM, and in particular her management of the format for school users. Particular programs such as Groliers,

McGraw-Hill, and Supermap were discussed with reference to their user-friendliness and usage.

Kathy Grgic from QUT Kedron Park Campus Resource Centre, demonstrated BIP and PC-SIG as two examples of technical services and public access CD-ROMs. The evening was a success, particularly as librarians, technicians and students from State, local, tertiary and school libraries all attended and had valuable input to the discussion.

Fiona Gleadow
President

Victorian Branch

People on Branch Council

Ray Price was to be the 1990 Victorian Branch President but he was offered and accepted, a job in South Australia. As no one could be convinced at this late date to nominate for President, it was decided that Bev Kirby, 1989 President, and Margaret Smith 1991 President Elect, would share the position. Bev will be President until June 1990 and Margaret will take over from July to December.

Two other important positions to note are that of Continuing Education Officer, Jan Wright, and the Convener of the Working Party on Award Restructuring, Leigh Oldmeadow.

Events

Branch Council was happy to host the March General Council meeting and meet both state representatives and head office personnel. A 'Meet the General Councillors' function was held on Friday, 23 March in conjunction with the launch of *Towards a quality service: Goals, objectives and standards for public libraries in Australia*, which 70 people attended.

The 1990 AGM was held on Wednesday, 28 March at the Queen's Hall, State Library of Victoria and the speaker was Susan Kemp, now Executive Manager of CIRCIT (Centre for International Research on Communication and Information Technologies). Susan spoke on the genesis of CIRCIT and the research program of this unique centre.

The Literacy Conference, run by the National Public Libraries Section and the National Literacy Section, was a great success. Over 100 people attended and their positive comments indicated the content was very stimulating.

Issues

Award restructuring continues to be a focus for 1990 and currently the Working Party on Award Restructuring is attempting to gather information about

which unions cover librarians and other library employees across Victoria.

The resource implications of the VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) on libraries in all sectors is a cause for some concern with students turning to a wide range of information providers to meet their resource needs. Branch Council will continue to provide information to appropriate bodies and to keep open channels of communication for our members and their libraries.

Eva Fisch
Secretary



ALIA Study Grant Awards for 1991

Applications for the ALIA Study Grant Awards for 1991 should reach the Division Support Officer, ALIA, PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600 by 1 September 1990. Application forms are available from the ALIA National Office, telephone (06) 285 1877 or (008) 02 0071.

Cataloguers' Section (National Group) Call for Nominations

Nominations are now called for the following position: ALIA Member of the Australian Committee on Cataloguing (1991-1993).

The Australian Committee on Cataloguing is composed of representatives of ALIA, ACLIS and the National Library. It is the primary Australian forum for discussion of cataloguing issues and for representation of Australian views on cataloguing matters to international bodies. Each ALIA representative on the Committee is elected for a 3-year term by members of the Cataloguers' Section.

All personal financial members of the Section are entitled to nominate candidates for the above position, or to nominate themselves. Nominations can be made by sending a brief letter (signed by the nominator and the nominee) to: Helen Hoffmann, President, Cataloguers Section, c/- Borchardt Library, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic 3083.

A seconder is not required. Nominations should reach the above address by **31 August 1990**.