

The Australian Institute of Criminology's J V Barry Library

The Australian Institute of Criminology has recently moved to a new home after more than 15 years in 'temporary' premises in Phillip, near Woden in the ACT. The Institute's J V Barry Library is now located on the ground floor of the new Criminology Building, located in Civic between Marcus Clarke Street and London Circuit, next to the Lakeside Hotel.

The new J V Barry Library is a considerable improvement on the previous accommodation. Staff and clients are offered an harmonious, comfortable work environment.

Improved provision has been made for the library's collections. The central location of the Criminology Building in Civic means that the library is now located close to a number of organisations that are closely involved in the Institute's work: Australian National University, the Supreme Court of the ACT, the Australian Federal Police, the ACT House of Assembly, the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, and the National Library.

The library is a memorial to Sir John Vincent Barry, an eminent Australian jurist, scholar and criminologist, who was a major influence in the move for establishment of the Australian Institute of Criminology.

The Institute is an independent statutory authority, funded by the Commonwealth Government. It supports an active research, conference, information and publications program. However, the work of the Institute's library extends far beyond support for the Institute's activities.

Since 1977 the Institute has hosted conferences for librarians in the Criminal Justice System. These conferences give practical support to an informal network of libraries that include police and corrections agencies, juvenile justice agencies, government law departments, academic law departments, prosecuting bodies, and investigative agencies. The eighth such conference, with more than 70 participants, was recently held at the.

The Institute is an affiliate of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in Vienna. In 1989 the Institute became a foundation member of the UN Criminal Justice Information Network (UNCJIN), a DIALCOM-based information network which brings together more than 30 members from 15 countries.

It offers both electronic mail communication between members, and also access to statistical data and other databases. Queensland's Corrective

Services Commission and the South Australian Department of Correctional Services recently became the second and third Australian members of UNCJIN.

The J V Barry Library is probably best known as the home of the CINCH Database. CINCH, the Australian Criminology Database, contains citations of Australian criminal justice subject matter. It was originally an in-house file at the Institute, and currently contains more than 20 000 records. Since 1985 it has been a publicly accessible database; initially available through AUSINET, and currently through the National Library of Australia's OZLINE Service.

Since June this year CINCH has become available on CD-ROM as part of AUSTROM. AUSTROM: Australian Social Science and Education Information on CD-ROM, is an important new development as it offers access on one disc to the full version of eleven Australian databases.

All interested visitors to Canberra are invited to see the J V Barry Library, and meet the library's staff. The Australian Institute of Criminology is located at 2 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra City. Contact: John Myrtle, Librarian (06) 274 0264. ■

Achieving excellence

4th Asian Pacific Special & Law Librarians Conference with 9th Biennial Health Librarians Conference

Call for 1991 Conference papers

In choosing as its theme *Achieving Excellence*, the Conference Committee invites participants to address issues of quality, value and innovation in library service. We seek papers which challenge the status quo, which dwell on opportunities rather than constraints, and which are a response to the need for change.

Two days of the conference will be devoted to broader themes of interest to participants from all special, law and health libraries. On the third and fourth days a number of concurrent sessions will be held that concentrate on topics of particular interest to special, law and health librarians.

You are invited to submit papers on topics related to the Conference theme, such as materials and information for the Asian Pacific region, quality service to library clients, professional skills needed in the future, sharing resources and networking, government information from Commonwealth State overseas

and international agencies, technology changes, and collection development organisation and control.

Papers can be submitted either as session papers or poster papers. The committee is keen that speakers are representative of the profession and particularly wishes to encourage younger members of the profession to participate. We hope to attract a good representation of speakers and delegates from the Asia/Pacific region.

Help us to make this a memorable conference by contributing to the program. A brochure giving details of suggested topics and information for authors is available from the Conference Secretariat at the address below.

You should meet these guidelines:

Abstract: 250 words, outlining the aim, content, conclusions and relevance to the conference theme, must be submitted by 15 November 1990 to Conference Secretariat, Capital Conferences, PO Box E345, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600, Australia.

Text: The completed text of the paper is due by 1 May 1991.

Acceptance: Papers will only be accepted if the abstract has been submitted and evaluated, and if the author plans to present the paper at the conference. Acceptance of a paper does not imply free registration to the conference. ■

