

EVENTS

If space is restricted, notices may be deleted in some subsequent issues, but will reappear as the date of the event draws closer.

ACT

- 3 DECEMBER.** Online Users Group. Inmagic update — 7.2 plus products from Triad Data Magic. Speaker: Norma Tovey. Dundas Court, Phillip. 2-4 pm. Bookings contact: Jean Geue or Elizabeth Estbergs (06) 283 2303.
- 6 DECEMBER. UCRLS (ACT Group). AGM followed by lunch.** Speaker: Professor Bill Mandle. Scarth Room, University House. 12.15 pm. Cost: TBA. Contact: J Churches (06) 249 3443.
- 13 DECEMBER.** Online Users Group. AGM and Christmas message. What language does your Systems Manager speak? CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products Theatre, Building 1, Banks Street, Yarralumla. 5.15 for 5.30-7 pm. Contact: Margaret Saville (06) 281 8355.

NEW SOUTH WALES

- 28 NOVEMBER.** Insearch/DIALOG Seminars. Patents, Sydney. Contact: (02) 212 2867.
- 26 NOVEMBER.** Freelance Library and Information Services Pty Ltd. Library and Information Industry: Training Needs Analysis Workshop in light of the Training Guarantee Act, at the University of Sydney. 1-4.45 pm. \$45. Contact: Meg Paul (03) 813 1925.
- 5 DECEMBER. Special Libraries Section. AGM/Christmas Party.** Department of Lands, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney (entrance is at Loftus Street, ring bell). 5.30 pm; door closes 6 pm sharp. Bookings essential. RSVP: 3 December. Contact: Angela Dunstan (02) 228 1066.
- 5 DECEMBER.** Conservation Access Hands-on Workshop. First Aid for Books part 1. Vincent Fairfax Family Conservation Laboratories, State Library of NSW. Contact: Marion Roubos-Bennett, Coordinator (02) 230 1676, fax (02) 232 4816.
- 6 DECEMBER.** Insearch/DIALOG Introductory System Seminar. Contact: (02) 212 2867.
- 12 DECEMBER. LOSS (Libraries of the Social Sciences) meeting.** Anti-Discrimination Board, Level 4, 181 Lawson Street, Redfern. 2 pm. RSVP: Kate Burnham (02) 318 5400.
- 13 DECEMBER. NSW Branch. Council Meeting.** Library Council Room, Mitchell Wing, State Library of NSW (up the marble staircase). 6 pm start. Contact: Julie Young (02) 230 1448.
- 14 DECEMBER. Health Libraries Section. Christmas Party.** Harpoon

Harry's. 7.30 pm. \$10 deposit required by 21 November. Contact: L Mulheron (02) 633 6260.

29 JANUARY 1991. DIALOG UPDATE for Dialog users. Hilton International, Sydney. Contact Insearch/DIALOG, PO Box 123,

NORTHERN TERRITORY

- 4 DECEMBER. Special Libraries Section. Christmas Meeting.** Swiss Cafe, Harry Chan Arcade. 7.30 pm. Approx. \$26. Contact: Di Sinclair (089) 22 8482.

QUEENSLAND

- 4 DECEMBER.** Special Libraries Section. Committee Meeting. DCSH Library, 14th Level, 100 Edward Street, Brisbane. Contact: Caroline Fewtrell (07) 221 5300.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- 26 NOVEMBER. Health Libraries Section. AGM and Dinner.** College Arms Hotel (Restaurant Training Room), 114 Currie Street, Adelaide. AGM 6.30 pm, dinner from 7.30 pm. \$26.90 per head: four courses plus coffee. Contact: Nereda Wilkinson (08) 267 7263.
- 2 DECEMBER. Public Libraries Section. Barbecue/AGM.** Margaret Dunstone's, 69 Waterfall Gully Road, Burnside. 4.30 pm. Contact: Jenni Burgess (08) 243 5692.
- 3 DECEMBER. Library Technician Section. End of Year Dinner.** Buckingham Arms Hotel, 1 Walkerville Tce, Gilberton. 7 pm. \$13.50 plus drinks. Contact: Alison Potts (08) 372 5100.

TASMANIA

- 26 NOVEMBER. Northern Areas Regional Group. AGM and End-of-Year Dinner.** Guest Speaker: Tom Dunning. Topic: American convicts in Tasmania, sources and anecdotes. Raffertys, York Street, Launceston. 7 pm. \$17.50 members, \$20 non-members. Deadline for expressions of interest: early November.
- 4 DECEMBER. Tasmanian Branch. AGM.** State Library Staff Lounge, Murray Street, Hobart. 5.15 pm. Contact: Andy Smithies (002) 30 0812.
- 13 DECEMBER. Tasmanian Branch and TLA. Christmas Dinner.** CSIRO Marine Labs. 7.30 pm. \$28 members, \$25 northern members and students, \$35 non-members — all inclusive. RSVP with payment before 5 December to PO Box 765, Sandy Bay, Tas 7005. Contact: Linda Forbes (003) 26 0363, Chris Goodacre (002) 20 2784, Rhoda Bennet (002) 30 7964 or Janet Waters (002) 25 1626.

VICTORIA

26 NOVEMBER. Freelance Library and Information Services Pty Ltd. Library and Information Industry: Training needs analysis workshop in light of the Training

Guarantee Act. University of Sydney. 1-4.45 pm. \$45. Contact: Meg Paul (03) 813 1925.

26 NOVEMBER. AUSTROM demonstration. Australian social science and education databases on CD-ROM. RMIT Central Library Conference Room, Swanston Street, Melbourne. 4-6 pm. Contact: Jan Swinburne (03) 660 2062 or Sandra Oxley (03) 660 3062.

27 NOVEMBER. AUSTROM demonstration. Australian social science and education databases on CD-ROM. RMIT Central Library Conference Room, Swanston Street, Melbourne. 3-5 pm. Contact: Jan Swinburne (03) 660 2062 or Sandra Oxley (03) 660 3062.

27 NOVEMBER. Victorian InMagic Users Group meeting. Venue: TBA. 4.30 pm. Contact: Kerrie Scholes (03) 341 9416 or Fiona Finlayson (03) 654 1411.

- 30 NOVEMBER. Health Libraries Section. AGM & Christmas Party.** Walter & Eliza Hall Institute. 6-8 pm. \$12. Contact: Enid Meldrum, Alfred Hospital.

- 3 DECEMBER. Special Libraries Section. AGM and Christmas Party.** Final meeting for the year. The hall in the grounds of Burnley Gardens, Victorian College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Swan Street, Burnley. 5 pm. \$12 ALIA members, \$25 non-members. Contact: Trevor Wakely (03) 669 4471.

- 7 DECEMBER. Victorian Branch. Christmas Party.** Domed Reading Room, State Library of Victoria. 6.30-9.30 pm. ALIA members \$16, non-members \$25. RSVP, with payment, by 30 November to: ALIA Victorian Branch, 123 Dover Street, Richmond, Vic 3121. Contact: Jan Wright (03) 628 2460, fax (03) 614 5068.

11-13 DECEMBER. Insearch/DIALOG Seminars. Agriculture and Environment (11 December, pm), Introductory System (12 December), Medline (13 December), Melbourne. Contact (02) 212 2867.

- 12 DECEMBER. Victorian Branch Council Meeting.** 123 Dover Street, Richmond. 5.30 pm. Contact: Victorian Branch.

19 DECEMBER. Introduction to InMagic: training courses in Melbourne. Contact: Triad Data Magic P/L (03) 696 4866.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- 30 NOVEMBER. Special Libraries Section. Sundowner.** Lobby Bar, Orchard Hotel. 5.30 pm. Contact: Marie Luffman (09) 220 0444.

- 1 DECEMBER. Library Technicians Section. Job applications workshop** (repeat of earlier workshop). Room G3, Alexander Library Building. 2-5.30 pm. Afternoon tea provided. \$12 members and students, \$15 non-members. Contact: Linley Thornber 387 0720 (w).

4-6 DECEMBER. Insearch/DIALOG Seminars. Introductory System (4 December), Beyond the Basics (5 December), Legal Applications (6 December), Perth. Contact: (02) 212 2867.

- 5 DECEMBER. Library Technicians Section. Christmas Meeting/social.** Cue Club, 90 Williams Street. 7 pm. \$15-\$20. Contact: Linley Thornber 387 0720 (w) or Sandra Sullivan 389 2913 (w).

- 7 DECEMBER. Special Libraries Section. AGM Breakfast.** Tracks (Perth Railway Station). Contact: Ann Yorke (09) 426 3427.

NATIONAL

- 29 JANUARY 1991.** DIALOG UPDATE for Dialog users. Hilton International Sydney. Contact: Insearch/DIALOG, PO Box 123, Broadway, NSW 2007 (02) 212 2867.
- **30 JANUARY-1 FEBRUARY 1991.** Information Science Section. 'Information online and on disc 91': 5th Australasian Conference and Exhibition. Hilton International, Sydney. Contact: Wael Foda, Australian Convention Management Services, (02) 332 4622, fax (02) 332 4066.
- **9-12 JULY 1991.** 6th National Library Technicians Conference. 'Bringing the pieces together: communication, change and consolidation'. Manly Pacific, Sydney. Contact: Jean Bailey (02) 692 4691.
- **1-5 SEPTEMBER 1991.** Achieving Excellence. 4th Asian-Pacific Special and Law Librarians Conference with 9th Biennial Health Librarians' Conference. National Convention Centre, Canberra. Contact: Conference Organiser, Gail Hawke, Capital Conference Pty Ltd, PO Box E345, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600, (06) 285 2048, fax (06) 285 2334.
- 29 SEPTEMBER-3 OCTOBER 1991.** Australian School Library Association Conference. 'Treat yourself: professionally — the Future, Technology, Literature and Education'. Leura, NSW. ASLA XII. Contact: June Wall, Box 89, Wimallee, NSW 2777, (047) 51 5137, fax (047) 54 3562.
- **29-30 NOVEMBER 1991.** Cataloguers' Section. 9th National Cataloguing Conference: Cataloguing for Online Access. Keynote speaker: Michael Gorman, Ormond College, University of Melbourne. Cost: TBA. Contact: Margaret Waller (03) 669 9049 or Stephen Gillespie (03) 660 3108, fax (03) 663 3047.

INTERNATIONAL

- 8-11 JANUARY 1991.** Association for Library and Information Science Education Annual Conference. 'Exploring Elements for Education Excellence: experience, expectations, enhancements, evaluation.' Contact: Daniel Callison, ALISE Publications Officer, School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.
- 15-18 JULY 1991.** The Second International Information Research Conference, Churchill College, Cambridge. Contact: Karen Merry, Multi-Media Information Conference, The British Library R & D Department, 2 Sheraton Street, London, W1V 4BH, United Kingdom. 071 323 7050, fax 071 323 7251.
- 23-27 JULY 1991.** IASL Conference. Everett, Washington. Tours to follow (including Alaska). Contact: Lalita Brond, IASL Director, Australasia, 5/16 Tennyson Street, St. Kilda, VIC 3182, (03) 534 1582.

• Activities organised by ALIA Divisions

Fryer Library, University of Queensland

5 November-16 November 1990: manuscripts will be unavailable. No evening openings. Service otherwise as usual.

19 November 1990 - 2 January 1991: the library will be closed. Enquiries: (07) 377 2329 ■

WHO'S WHERE

Conspectus officer appointed

Margaret Henty has been appointed to the newly created position of Conspectus Officer at the National Library of Australia. This position is being funded jointly by ACLIS and the NLA for an initial period of 15 months, after which the NLA will take full funding responsibility for the position.

Prior to taking up this appointment, Margaret was Research Officer at the ANU library. Earlier this year, she was Executive Secretary to the Working Party on Library Provision in Higher Education Institutions (the NBEET Review).

Margaret is already planning a series of meetings with ACLIS State and Territory based Conspectus Committees, and developing an Australian version of Conspectus. She can be contacted at the NLA on (06) 262 1157. ■

...a late item...

Dear Editor,

In your editorial comments on the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Long Term Strategies for Australia as an Information Society (*inCite* 29 October) I noted that you claim that ALIC failed.

I do not remember that you, Peter Judge, as a member of ALIC, ever suggested that we were proceeding in the wrong direction, or proposed a different approach to the problems we were attempting to address.

There is such a thing as collective responsibility. As a former chairman I do not wish to be defensive about ALIC, but you might, at least, have given it some credit for moving the

Melbourne University's management school attracts Marianne Broadbent

Marianne

Broadbent is leaving RMIT at the end of 1990 to take up a new position at Melbourne University's Graduate School of Management. In January 1991, Marianne commences as Program Manager for the Graduate School's Key Centre for Strategic Management.

Marianne has been Head of the Department of Information Services since July 1987, after commencing at RMIT in January 1982 as a Lecturer and being appointed Senior Lecturer in May 1983. In October 1990, Marianne submitted her doctoral thesis, titled *The Alignment of Business and Information Strategies*, to Melbourne's Graduate School of Management.

The position of Head of the Department of Information Services is expected to be advertised late in 1990 or early in 1991. In the interregnum, Barry McIntyre will act as Head of the Department. ■

debate forward and for preparing the ground for what has followed.

Laurie Brown

Peter Judge replies: I actually wrote (*inCite* 17, p 4) that ALIC 'failed to give much practical advice to governments and was considered by the profession to be incapable of dealing with the burning issues of the day'. I stand by this, but I would not duck my share of any collective responsibility.

However, I also chaired two ALIC working parties seeking new directions for its activities, introduced as an agenda item at each of its later meetings the identification of issues then facing the profession, and wrote ALIC Working Paper No. 1 (and only) on *Public Sector/Private Sector Interaction in Australian Information Policy*. ■

What on earth is GNAB?