

OZLINE and AUSTRALIS merge

Australia's two major online information services, the National Library's OZLINE and CSIRO's AUSTRALIS, will merge from July 1994

OZLINE, which has operated since 1987, currently provides access to fifteen databases covering the social sciences and humanities. AUSTRALIS which has operated since 1986, specialises in science, technology and the environment and includes a number of CSIRO databases. Customers will now benefit from a single service, OZLINE, which will provide a comprehensive range of information.

CSIRO Information Services believes that the merger will strengthen OZLINE as a national provider of Australian information and offer more cost effective use of public resources. CSIRO will continue to produce databases and develop new services to support Australian research and development.

The merger will be managed jointly by the National Library and CSIRO Information Services. The National Library has already moved to acquire additional disk capacity and other resources to support the extended service. The new service will be operated by the National Library from 1 July 1994.

Something new for nothing

From June to November 1994, the National Library's OZLINE will offer free access to one of its databases each month. This is an ideal opportunity for clients to explore the full range of OZLINE databases. The offer applies to access via STAIRS or the user friendly SOFI interface but doesn't include off-line prints.

CINCH (Australian Criminology Database) is the 'free database' for June, AGIS (Attorney-General's Information Service) in July, FAMILY (Australian Family and Society Abstracts) in August, DRUG (ACADA database) in September, AUSPORT (Australian Sport Index) in October, and HERA (Heritage Australia Information Service) in November.

If you are already an OZLINE customer you will find this offer useful and educational. For new customers, this is an excellent time to join. Don't forget, all ABN customers can have access to OZLINE without paying a jointing fee or any additional service charges.

For information on OZLINE's 'free database for a month' offer contact the National Library's Network Services Help Desk on 008 026155 or (06) 262 1531.

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