

# Put Online & On Disc on your 1995 calendar

The huge success of the 1993 Information Online & On Disc conference and exhibition has prompted a move to a bigger, better venue for the 1995 event.

The new choice is the stunning Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour, where state-of-the-art conference and exhibition facilities will be used to best advantage.

Sponsored by ALIA, it is seen as one of the most significant events in the information industry calendar.

Under the theme *The Virtual Information Experience*, Information Online & On Disc 95, which

runs from 31 January-2 February, promises an outstanding international program specifically targeting information professionals from the library, academic, business, financial, legal, medical and scientific sectors.

Among keynote speakers is president and CEO of DIALOG Information Services and Knight-Ridder Electronic Publishing Group Patrick Tierney, who will give an overview of the online industry. The DIALOG service is the world's most extensive online information retrieval system, offering 325 million documents in over 500 databases to 150 000 customers worldwide.

The three days of the conference will be packed with information, networking and social events. Concurrent sessions include presentations on search interfaces, CD-ROM, public sector databases, information delivery over networks, marketing information services, school networks, networked information on AARNet and the Internet, rethinking information management, electronic publishing and copyright, document delivery and parliamentary access.

A series of product reviews will give delegates an opportunity to learn about exhibitors' products and services.

For more information, contact the conference organisers ACMS, PO Box 468, Paddington NSW 2021, Australia. Ph (02)332 4622 fax (02) 332 4066. E-mail: whfoda@acms.auug.oz.au ■

## Guaranteed best-sellers

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Another market research experiment is being jointly funded by three major publishing firms.

The Bunuel Institute is assembling 'focus groups' of potential book purchasers, with each member being asked to take part in a discussion 'about a new book, with a group of people who have just read the book'.

But each participant will be

told only the book's title and will be instructed that he or she should 'fake the discussion the best you can because without you the group would be one person short'. A technical writer will then use the discussion transcript to write the book.

The book's sales figures should indicate whether this is an effective method for writing bestsellers! ■

## Looking for someone special

An annual award for an outstanding contribution to the library profession by a Special Librarian is being made by the WA Special Libraries Committee.

Nominees for the 1994 WA Special Librarian Award will have to show willingness to share professional expertise and to participate in formal and informal networking activities; evidence of good managerial practices; and demonstrate successful promotion of the library/information service resulting in the achievement of a high profile within the parent organisation.

Nominations close on 30 September. Forms are available from Irene Nutt ph (09) 411 1502 or Jenni Cornish ph (09) 268 7138. ■

## It's a 'first'

The first annual conference of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library Resource Network, will be held from 5-7 December, in conjunction with the University of Western Sydney. Its aim will be to focus on the issues affecting library services to and by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. ■

### In the chair

Barbara Biggins OAM is to be the new Chairperson of the Film and Literature Board of Review, replacing Evan Williams, whose term has expired.

Mrs Biggins is the Honorary Director of Young Media Australia and was appointed as a member of the Board of Review on 13 April, 1994.

Mrs Biggins has made a major contribution to the interests of children and media as president of the Australian Council for Children's Films and Television, a member of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal's advisory body on children's programming and as a member and chairperson of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's National Advisory Board.

The film and Literature

Board of Review is a part-time Board that reviews decisions made by the Film Censorship Board about the classification of films, videotapes and computer games and by Literature Classification Officers under the voluntary literature classification scheme.

### Reed this

Bower-Saur, the UK-based division of Reed Reference Publishing, has appointed Meg Paul of Freelance Library and Information Services and past president of the Victorian Branch of ALIA, to its panel of referees.

Ms Paul will be the Australian member on the panel of academics and professionals who decide which books the company will publish in the library and information field. ■