

Synergy in Sydney 1995

The Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians conference at Darling Harbour in August 1995 is shaping up to be an important event with several outstanding local and overseas speakers already confirmed.

Delegates will find the major themes of management and empowerment, keys to marketing success and performance and change quite challenging, stimulating, sometimes entertaining — and of immense value to their careers.

In a time of technological change, with often severe financial pressure, more than ever librarians have to be competent managers. They also have to be intimate with marketing strategies, and be confident users of technology in order to give clients the services they need.

The program committee — led by Elizabeth Swan, Francis Bluhdorn (Health) and Colin Fong (Law) — has almost finalised the conference. The emphasis this year is for speakers to deliver shorter papers. The result: delegates will be exposed to a range of topics organised by themes. Plenary speakers will give delegates the chance to review topics and discuss issues.

Mickie Voges, director of Illinois Institute of Technology and professor of Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law has just confirmed her attendance. Mickie is the director of the first electronic library (started in 1991) and will explore how to manage an information service in an electronic environment.

Her comments on the imaging system — a major part of the information service — will be very interesting at a time when imaging is an issue in Australia.

Chris Nailer, director of *The Economist* Intelligence Unit, is the plenary speaker for the management theme. Those of you who heard Chris at the Asian business information conference will be keen to catch this inspirational and visionary speaker once more. Other international speakers are confirming their participation as we go to press.

Darling Harbour is an exciting and spacious venue. It has many luxury shops, restaurants and interesting tourist features. The venue's central location will enhance the social program and facilitate networking.

The conference dinner will be held at the AJC Racecourse, Health dinner at the Maritime Museum, and the Law



Darling Harbour Convention Centre, home to Synergy in Sydney 95

dinner at Parliament House. It is envisaged that the conference will be action-packed with post-conference tours, seminars and meetings.

An excellent trade exhibit has been developed by Karen McAdam (Specials) and her team. The trade exhibition brochure has been published, and the ninety per cent response in bookings at such an early stage is a good sign of the conference's success.

Synergy in Sydney 1995, the conference theme and logo conveys the en-

ergy of the profession and the synergy from the three strands of law, health and specials librarianship. Blue is the theme colour to reflect Sydney Harbour and the venue, Darling Harbour.

Make 27-30 August 1995 a date in your diary! For more information contact ACMS on (02) 332 4622 or fax (02) 332 4066. Watch *inCite* for more information on the *Synergy in Sydney* conference — the event not to be missed by any special, health or law librarian. ■

Queensland State ALIA conference

13-14 July 1995

Sunny Rockhampton will be location of the 1995 Queensland State ALIA conference, to be held on 13-14 July. The venue will be Central Queensland University.

The conference has been planned with the emphasis on access for staff at all levels, from all types of libraries and from all regions of Queensland. Costs to participants will be kept to a minimum, and low-cost on-campus accommodation will be available.

The conference aims to:

- benefit Queenslanders through the continuing development of their library staff;
- promote interaction amongst staff from all types of libraries;
- expand awareness of applicable knowledge, methods and technology; and
- offer development opportunities to all levels of library staff.

In the information and discussion sessions we aim to present topical issues, exciting ideas and viewpoints from all realms of library experience and at all lev-

els of operation. Papers are proposed in the following areas: statistical indicators for development of library services; digital libraries and electronic access; human resource management for the future; current copyright issues; open learning and distance education issues; library networking; services for specific groups and industrial issues.

Response from sponsors, speakers and participants has so far been very positive.

We look forward to your joining us for this exciting and stimulating new forum to discuss issues of relevance to all Queensland libraries. Then, take pleasure in exploring the Rockhampton region and the beautiful Capricorn Coast, with a weekend on Great Keppel Island planned to follow the conference.

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