

# 'Team leader' to address conference

Health librarians in particular are looking forward to the plenary address to be given by Beatrice Doran at the forthcoming



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6th Asia Pacific Specials Law and Health Librarians conference. Ms Doran is currently librarian of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. She is well known as a speaker and writer on various aspects of librarianship and a national and international library consultant in relation to medical libraries.

Beatrice describes herself as 'a team leader in a changing world of libraries and information technology'. A quick glance at her curriculum vitae certainly reflects a commitment to this challenging arena.

Beatrice has listed *planning and design of new libraries* as one of her many professional interests. Key achievements for Beatrice in the area include planning the new library for the Royal College of Surgeons; creating a new clinical medical library at Beaumont Hospital; and creating and establishing a new medical library at Cork Regional Hospital. As a consultant in medical libraries, her skills have been utilised in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Iraq, Saudi-Arabia and the Sudan.

Implementing new information technology has been an area of special interest for Beatrice for some time. Her notable achievement in this area is the implementation of the first site for CD-ROM technology in Ireland. An extensive list of presentations and publications represents Beatrice's active participation and interest in the field.

The same list reveals numerous references to marketing library services.

Ms Doran has held her current position at the Royal College of Surgeons since 1986 and during that time has raised almost £60 000 through a variety of initiatives — we look forward to hearing more about them during her address!

Beatrice is particularly interested in raising the profile of the librarian nationally and internationally. She holds several offices with a variety of professional bodies, elected Senior Vice-President (1995) for the European Association for Health Information and Libraries; Re-elected President (1994-1995) of the Library Association of Ireland; Editorial Board Member (1994-date) *Health libraries review*; External examiner, University of Wales, Aberystwyth. Such appointments indeed provide Ms Doran many opportunities to do some excellent profile-raising for the profession!

Ms Doran's address will most certainly be of interest and relevance to a wide audience. ■

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people archives collections

A report from Frances Awcock, Director, State Library of SA

The first roundtable on library and archives collections and services of relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people took place on 4 May in Adelaide. Held at and hosted by the State Library of South Australia in a building which is itself historic — the Institute Building of 1858 — the Roundtable drew participants from every Australian State and Territory. Under the aegis of the *Towards Federation 2001: documenting Australia's heritage* (TF2000) national agenda, 30 staff (including 10 Aboriginal staff) from state and territory archival and library organisations considered issues relating to service provision (including staff training and recruitment and cross cultural awareness training), access with a focus on accessing archives, terminology and protocols for libraries, archives and information services.



Participants at the recent Roundtable on library and archives collections for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

The Roundtable resolved:

1. That this Roundtable endorses the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander protocols for libraries, archives and information services* and asks each participant to recommend consideration of them for adoption in their own organisation.
2. That each organisation represented at the Roundtable should report annually on the implementation of the *Protocols*.
3. That this Roundtable seeks financial support, through the TF2000 mechanisms, for the completion of the *Aboriginal thesaurus* for publication in 1996. ■