

The forum of the internet society

The first issue of *The ISOC Forum*, the international electronic publication of the internet Society has been published. You can read it at <http://www.isoc.org> or you can arrange for it to be delivered by sending a message to editor@isoc.org with ISOC FORUM in the subject line and your name and e-mail address in the body of the message.

This issue contains a number of stories, notes on new publications, and news about the Internet Society. One story features a 'statistically defensible survey of internet users' by O'Reilly and Associates, which found that women make up a higher percentage of users (34 per cent) than has been estimated in the past and that 43 per cent of internet users work in corporations with 1 000 or more employees.

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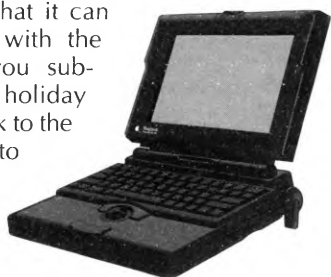
NISC

The National Information Services Council (NISC) was established by the Commonwealth Government as a result of a number of recent enquiries, particularly that of the Broadband Services Expert Group (BSEG). It is a high-level advisory body comprising leaders in Australia's information industries. Unfortunately the country's libraries are not directly represented, although we have a friend at court in Alison Crook, the former State Librarian of NSW.

The agenda papers for the first meeting of the NISC can be found at <http://www.nla.gov.au/pmc/nisc/aug95/nisc1.html>

A little note of netiquette

There are some neat e-mail facilities which enable you to reply to messages when you're going to be away from the office for a while. These will automatically send a message saying something like 'Thanks for your message, but I'm going to be on holidays for two weeks, but I'll get back to you when I return'. All very polite and friendly, except that it can play merry hell with the lists to which you subscribe. If your holiday message goes back to the list in response to every posting that you receive, it will either bounce around to all members if it's an unmoderated list, or else it will annoy the moderators.



It's far better to suspend delivery of your list mail if you are going to be gone for a prolonged period of time, by using the POSTPONE or NOMAIL command. Check with the list to see what's the correct command.

CAUL

The Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) has a Home Page at <http://www.anu.edu.au/caul/> providing information about CAUL, its membership and its activities.

Proposed global library tour

Paul Evan Peters of the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) is curating an exhibit next year for the New York Public Library in its centennial year. *The global library exhibit* will feature 'A guided tour of the world wide web of information,' with a wide-ranging, both topically and geographically, selection of information resources and services currently available on the internet and accessible through the world wide web.

Paul would appreciate any suggestions on web sites that he could feature, or technologies, resources, and services that are not ready just yet, but could form part of a preview of coming attractions. He can be reached at paul@cni.org

IFLA-L has moved

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mailing list IFLA-L, has moved to a new home, at IFLA-L@infoserv.nlc-bnc.ca If you are currently a subscriber, you don't have to resubscribe to the list. Your subscription will have been automatically transferred to the new location. It has also undergone a few changes. Its now (lightly) moderated, and some list functions (including subscription) can be accessed through the Web at <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/cgi-bin/ifla-lwgate/>

Netsurfer tools

This is a new e-zine bringing news about online technology to technical professionals and others interested in keeping current on network tools. The majority of the information is about the Web with a sprinkling of related utilities. The address is <http://www.netsurf.com/nst/> and you can get it by e-mail (in text or HTML versions) by sending a message to nstools-request@netsurf.com with subscribe nstools-text or subscribe nstools-html in the body of the message.

WWW for corporate information systems

In the last *inCite* column, we provided information that proved to be incorrect. If you want to subscribe to the list which covers the use of WWW for corporate information systems, send the following message to Majordomo@sgs-thomson.it subscribe www-cis your-email-address

Contributions and suggestions for this column are always welcome.

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