

## Health Libraries Section (Vic)

1995 has been a successful year for the Health Libraries Section in Victoria. The Executive Committee met twelve times during the year and organised three general meetings for its members.

Dr Michael Walsh from the Department of Health and Community Services spoke on case-mix and the future of the Victorian health system and its services.

The Royal Children's Hospital played host to the second event for the year, a show and tell evening. Health librarians displayed their inhouse publications, and heard presentations from Jenni Rusciano on HealthNet Australia; Stephen Due on his library's user education program; and to Helen Newton on user education. The final meeting was the Country Libraries/VICGRATIS seminar held at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. Derek Whitehead chaired a session on the likely developments in librarianship in the future and Norma Tovey from INMAGIC demonstrated new software.

A survey of our health library section members highlighted a strong interest in the Internet and in new technologies as well as document delivery. As a result two WWW training courses were held. DA hosted an evening where they exhibited their products and services. This was organised by DA Information Services in collaboration with the Health, Specials and Law Librarians sections. The committee also collaborated with ACLIS/ALIA on the *Document delivery* seminar held in September. An annual survey of health libraries was redesigned and distributed to members.

Finally the committees' newsletter *Health Inform* is now available on the Internet through VicNet WWW site and it is also to be indexed by ALISA.

*Karen Tempest and Peter Nunn,  
HLS Executive Committee*

## Library Technicians Section (ACT)

The ACT Group had a very successful and busy year with our schedule including professional and social functions.

Our guest speakers for the professional meetings included Donna Reid who talked about the history, structure, philosophies and objectives of the National Library and Information Studies Curriculum Project; Dr Peter Clayton from the University of Canberra spoke on credit transfer arrangements for library technicians wishing to study the Bachelor of Arts in Library and Information Studies degree; Stephen Hill from Hills Research Services gave a very interesting presentation on the Internet; and Mary Mortimer from the Reid CIT who spoke of her involvement in the Diploma in Library and Information Studies and the proposed transfer arrangements for 1995.

The group in conjunction with ACT Branch, held a 'Welcoming of new students' lunch at the Reid CIT.

Eight members of the Technicians Group were involved in Curriculum Discussion Groups. More than 40 ACT Technicians attended the *Techs at the top* conference held in Darwin in July.

We also have a graduate student representative (Glenis Matheson) on the Library and Information Studies Disciplinary Advisory Group.

The ACT Group is now facing the challenge of organising the 9th national library technicians conference to be held in September 1997. Both national and international interest has already been shown and we are hoping for a very large turnout.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank all the committee members for their time and commitment.

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