

Acquisitions Section (Vic)

A one day seminar in May on *Outsourcing libraries* looked at the issues and processes involved in tendering out technical services — a topic relevant to all libraries in the 1990s, and of particular relevance to Victoria's public libraries. Speakers from academic, special and public libraries addressed the topic from their sector's point of view and a panel representing library suppliers and other agencies discussed the ideal tender document and other aspects of the tendering process from the tenderer's point of view.

How much did you say? A descriptive survey of library buying in Australia was published in September. This publication, sponsored by the Acquisitions Section (Victorian Group) and ACLIS is published by the Centre for Information Studies and is N° 4 in their *CIS research reports* series. The survey conducted by CIS was based on questionnaires sent to Australian academic, special and public libraries' sources of supply and reveals some surprising statistics about Australian suppliers' sources of supply. (Available from: Centre for

Information Studies, Locked Bag 660, Wagga Wagga 2678. \$30.00; \$22.00 to Acquisitions Section members quoting membership number) The Section also published the proceedings of the seminar *News ways of managing new resources* in the latest issue of *Acquisitions*.

Major activities for 1995 closed with another co-operative venture and two celebrations. The celebrations marked the presentations, in two separate ceremonies, of ALIA Fellowships to two long-standing members of the Section: Derek Whitehead and John Horacek. The co-operative venture was a one day seminar organised by Victorian Acquisitions, Cataloguers and College and Research Libraries Sections on *Re-engineering technical services*. Speakers from Australian and overseas academic and special libraries looked at the issues and techniques involved in providing client centred technical services. The seminar presented a range of practical solutions and posed some challenging questions.

Kay Cole, Secretary

Health Libraries Section (Tas)

While the group has met only once in 1995, members have been professionally active through other forums. Good support from our organisations and the Sir John Morris Trust enabled us to field a sizeable team at the Sydney conference where Kathy Saurine and Karen Carson presented a paper.

We were delighted when Kathy Saurine won the Anne Harrison Award for 1995. The issue of the implications of privatisation for health libraries has been very much in our thoughts this year with the sale of the Mersey hospital at Latrobe to the private sector.

The group remains a valuable forum for meeting with health librarians from public, private and academic sectors. In 1996 we plan to develop these links through a more active program, including a jointly funded meeting or workshop with Specials Tasmanian branch.

Karen Carson, President

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