

On Computer Graphics (AGOCC). The printed version runs to more than 70 pages and costs £50, but it's also available on the Web in html (130Kb plus images) and postscript (1.5Mb in compressed form) formats.

You can find it at a number of sites: <http://info.mcc.ac.uk/CGU/SIMA/handbook/handbook.html>; <http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/handbook/handbook.html>; <http://www.hcc.hawaii.edu/handbook/handbook.html>; or at <http://www.arnes.si/books/www-handbook>.

It covers a good range of topics, including browsers, servers, html, graphics, and legal and ethical issues. It's worth a look.

New version of Ozlists

Ozlists is a compilation of those electronic mailing lists or discussion groups that are based in Australia and may have more relevance to the Australian scene. It is maintained by Linda Heron at Griffith University. The new version (from early January 1995) can be found at http://www.gu.edu.au/gint/ozlists/ozlists_home.html. It's a very useful resource for Australian Net users, and especially librarians.

New training list

The AVCC's National Priority (Reserve) Fund is responsible for a number of projects for the development of Library Infrastructure. One that has just started is a list called net-training, managed by the Division of Information Services, Griffith University.

The purpose of this list is to provide a forum for feedback and comments about the development of computer facilitated training packages for services available via AARNet and the Internet.

The project has three main areas of focus:

- identification and evaluation of existing computer facilitated training packages;

- analysis of the network training needs of the university community; and
- identification of appropriate learning and training models.

Further information

about this project is available at <http://www.gu.edu.au/alib/iii/iii-home.htm>. To subscribe to this list, send a message to listproc@gu.edu.au and include the following in the body of the message: subscribe net-training firstname lastname. For further information about the Network Training Materials project, please contact Sue Pace at S.Pace@gu.edu.au.



Online/CD-ROM 94 in San Francisco

It's hard to keep track of the various Online conferences — London, Sydney and this one, which rotates around the larger US cities. In 1994, it ran from 24-26 October in San Francisco, in conjunction with a conference on Multimedia in Schools, with a total of 1 500 registrants. It was the format that you'd expect, with keynote sessions, parallel sessions, industry announcements and around 120 exhibitors in the Exposition.

There were a few other signs of the times — the proceedings will come out on CD-ROM following the conference, there was an Internet room where small groups were given demonstrations of Gophers and the World Wide Web (lots of interest in the cat 'Socks' on the White House home page), and a couple of PCs were provided for those who wanted to read their e-mail (but you had to book in advance).

As for the conference itself, there were a few highlights. Walt Crawford from RLG (his column 'The trailing edge' appears in *Library hi tech*) told us that 'computers are tools, not a way of life' and then rhapsodised over his 90 MHz Pentium, which was running 15 minutes after being unpacked, but took three days to connect to his

LAN. He had plenty of good advice, though: 'As computers become cheaper, do more with them, don't spend less'. His co-presenter, Becky Lockwood Grossman of SilverPlatter provided a lot of good information on the current state of CD-ROM technology in the US (double-speed drives are standard and quad-speed drives will soon be) and what's coming down the road (three Gigabyte disks from Philips).

The most memorable session was the last. While the Australian Online conference finishes with a rousing address and an exhortation to go forth and do great things, this one was wrapped up (as usual) with an informal session chaired by Barbara Quint (editor of *Searcher* magazine), and featuring speakers who are all experts in online searching. It was a lively affair, with plenty of opinions expressed from the podium and the floor. It was clear from the speakers that the scene was changing rapidly, and that major players were seeking new services and some very aggressive pricing was imminent — especially with subscription-based charges for searching and document delivery.

Online/CD-ROM 95 will be in Chicago around the end of October. It would be worth a visit.



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