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• **3/10 ACT Special Libraries Section.** Librarian's libations brighten the horizon every first payday of the month. Brighten yours with Specials at the Hyatt, at 5.30pm. Contact: Libby Coates, ph (06) 266 2346.

• **16/10 ACT Library Technicians Section.** Dale Chatwin (ABS) talks about *Electronic Journals and a listserv discussion group for serials*. 12.30pm CIT, Building D, Reid. Also an update on the 1997 conference. Bring your lunch. Contact: Edith Hackworthy, ph (06) 268 8120, e-mail e-hackworthy@adfa.oz.au. Note: new time and date.

• **11/11 APSIG.** Lunchtime talks — *Great travellers' tales from around the region*. NLA, 4th floor conference room. 12.30-1.30pm. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph (06) 262 1519, e-mail msexton@nla.gov.au.

14-15/11 World 1/ABN Annual Users' meeting. Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra. Registration: \$80, optional cocktail reception \$27. For further information contact the Help desk ph (06) 262 1691, toll free 1800 026 155, fax (06) 273 1180. Please note revised date.

18-20/11 ILANET Courses — Searching Australian Databases (18/11), GUI Seminar (18/11 — FREE), Introductory Course (19/11), Internet and the World Wide Web (20/11), ILAMAIL Seminar (20/11). For course outlines and bookings ph 1800 801 659 or e-mail ilanet@ilanet.slnsw.gov.au.

• **29/11 ACT UCRLS AGM** A short meeting, relaxing lunch. Guest speaker: John Thompson, on his work with Brenda Niall in editing *The Oxford Book of Australian Letters*. Scarth Room, University House. Contact: Judy Churches, ph (06) 249 3443, fax (06) 249 4063, e-mail judy.churches@library.anu.edu.au.

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2-29/10 ILANET Courses — Introductory Course (2/10), ILAMAIL 5.2 (28/10), Searching Australian Databases (29/10), GUI Seminar (29/10 — FREE). For course outlines and bookings ph (02) 9230 1424 or e-mail ilanet@ilanet.slnsw.gov.au.

3-23/10 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Beyond the Basics (3/10), Introductory Dialog (15/10), Patents (17/10), Chemical Searching for Non-chemists (23/10). Sydney contact: ph (02) 9212 2867.

• **10/10 RAISS Section AGM**, followed by guest speaker Min Min Chang, Director, Library of Hong Kong, hosted by ISS and RAISS sections. Jean Garling Room, State Library of NSW, 6pm for 6.30pm. RSVP: Lorraine Evison, ph (02) 9772 9285, e-mail levison@uws.edu.au or Lyn McCullagh, ph (02) 9850 7555, e-mail lmcculla@library.mq.edu.au by 8/10.

10/10 USMarc/AUSMarc Comparison. Uni of NSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, e-mail M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

• **16/10-3/12 NSW School Libraries Section committee meetings.** Joint council meeting rooms, Leichhardt Public School, 7-9pm. (16/10, 4/11, 3/12 — Christmas function). Contact: Denise Hoeflake, ph (02) 9632 8759.

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1996 Maria Gemenis Award winner

Frances Bludhorn

Congratulations to the 1996 Maria Gemenis Award winner, Frances Bludhorn who received her award at a ceremony held on 17 July at the Carrington Restaurant at the All Seasons Premier Menzies Hotel in Sydney. The Maria Gemenis Award is presented to a Special librarian in New South Wales who has made a significant contribution to Special librarianship through their willingness to share their professional expertise, break down the barriers of librarians in isolation, and successfully promote the library/information service and achieve outstanding recognition from their parent organisation.

Frances has been a member of ALIA since 1975 and has held sixteen positions in various ALIA sections and committees, including president of New South Wales branch council.

Work and ALIA activities (and a life outside of them!) would be enough for most people Frances has rocketed beyond them in a demonstration of great energy and willingness to share her skills and knowledge with the publication of more than eleven articles and the presentation of sixteen papers, the subjects ranging from various aspects of medical librarianship, the impact of new technology on libraries to a creative description of a new ALIA special interest group.

Frances has lectured to undergraduates at the University of Technology, Sydney and the University of New South Wales, she has always made herself available to colleagues in need of assistance and advice and has



1995 Maria Geminis winner David Hawkins presents the 1996 Award to Frances Bludhorn

thrown herself enthusiastically into any work which would improve the conditions of librarians working on their own.

She won the Anne Harrison Award from the ALIA Health Libraries Section and gained international recognition when she was presented with the Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship from the Medical Library Association of America.

Her career and achievements inspire awe and a deep respect for what can be achieved by one very motivated and dedicated professional. She has truly deserved this year's award for outstanding contribution to special librarianship.

Moya Lum, president, ALIA Special Librarians Section (NSW group)

Libraries: a web of information

Australian Library Week 4-10 May 1997

In the June issue of *inCite* we asked members to contribute their ideas for the theme of Australian Library Week 1997.

The response this invitation generated was remarkable. The list of themes put forward was circulated to members of the Australian Week Consultative Committee for a vote. The successful theme was *Libraries: a web of information*.

Annabel Hoskins from

Gunnedah Shire Library provided this entry. Annabel saw *Libraries: a web of information* as a duel concept:

1. it promotes our latest role as access providers to the Internet and how information these days comes from lots of different sources, in many formats; and
2. it illustrates the way libraries link with other libraries all over Australia and all around the world, provid-

ing a large web of communication.

Annabel was delighted when she was advised of her winning entry and has received a parcel of books as her prize. Annabel is now hard at work planning Australian Library Week activities for her library.

Watch future issues of *inCite* for information on Australian Library Week 1997 and *Libraries: a web of information*. ■