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1-2/10 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Chemical Searching for Non-chemists (1/10), Introductory Dialog (2/10). Brisbane contact: ph (02) 9212 2867, e-mail krinfo.ans@uts.edu.au.

• **10/10 Qld Cataloguers Section.** *Transforming technical services.* 2-4pm. Audiographic teleconference linking Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns. For information contact: Roger Jeffries, ph (07) 3892 1954.

• **16/10 Qld Specials Section.** *Monthly meeting.* Australian Institute of Management, Corner Boundary and Rosa Streets, Spring Hill. 5.30pm. Contact: Beth Mayo, ph (07) 3877 8662. All welcome.

• **16/10 Qld Public Libraries Section.** *Library users with special needs.* 6.00pm for 6.30pm, \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Central City Library Theatre, City Plaza, Corner Ann, George and Adelaide Streets, Brisbane. Contact: Del Simpson, ph (07) 3403 9511 (b/h), e-mail simpson@qil.com.au.

• **16/10-18/12 Qld Public Library Section committee meetings.** Committee will meet on the third Wednesday in each month, with a section activity held on alternate months. Full details will be revealed in Quill and through mail-outs. Meeting dates: 16/10, 18/12(AGM). Contact: Brenda Simpson, ph: 07 3403 8621.

• **18/10 Qld TAFE Section.** *Innovations in TAFE User Education.* Brisbane Institute of TAFE, Lecture Theatre 1, Block B, Ithaca Campus. 9-12pm. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. RSVP and payment to Paul Genat, Treasurer, ph (07) 3144 6197, fax (07) 3244 6181.

• **22/10 Qld Specials Section.** *Tour of Coopers and Lybrand Library.* 17th floor, Waterfront Place, 12.30-1pm. Host: Beth Mayo. Free. RSVP to Meg Jones, ph (07) 3269 7457 (Mon and Wed) by 16/10.

• **30/10 Qld Public Libraries Section.** *Competencies Seminar.* 9-1pm, \$40 members, \$50 non-members. The Public Libraries Division, 299 Montague Road, West End. RSVP to Jane Lord, GPO Box 134, Brisbane 4001, ph (07) 3864 2719 by 25/10.

• **31/10 Qld Specials Section.** *The Future... Beyond 2000 — the impact of communication technology in the next decade.* 1.30-5pm. Qld Academy of Sport, South Brisbane. Free includes afternoon tea. Contact: Sue Hutley, ph (07) 3405 1124. RSVP essential by 28/10.

• **Nov Darling Downs Regional Group AGM.** Date/time/venue: TBA. For further details contact: Ms Taisoo Kim Watson, ph (076) 312 466, fax (076) 312 920, e-mail watsontk@usq.edu.au.

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On the edge

7th Asian Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians' conference and exhibition*

It is more than a year now since a group of enthusiastic librarians got together to decide to apply to have the 7th Asian Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians' conference and Exhibition held in Perth in 1997. We looked at the work that would need to be done, the time line proposed by ALIA Executive, and quaked. However, we took the initiative and won the opportunity to hold the conference here.

One of the key goals for the Convening Committee was to create a progressive and supportive team without divisions between the various sections. Our thoughts were that we are all librarians, and as such we are all 'special'. So far, the results have been very positive. We have a strong coordinating committee, with very energetic and active subcommittees.

The conference is being held at the new Duxton Hotel, right in the heart of Perth. In fact, it is so new, we are still waiting for it to be completed. We have chosen to have the conference from 12-16 October 1997 so that we can be confident of good weather, and if you would like to bring the family there are plenty of beautiful places to go, both to the north and south of Perth at that time of year.

Our theme, *On the edge*, allows us to look at the vision of tomorrow, while integrating it with the activities of today. The subcommittees have kept that in mind in their quest for speakers and exhibitors, and as they plan the social side of the conference, along with using the latest technol-

ogy for publicising the event.

We hope to make this one of the most memorable conferences you ever attend. You will remember it for its excellent speakers and workshops, for the open and friendly social events, and for all the little things that make a conference great.

Publicising the conference

The significant achievements of the publicity committee to date include the creation of an enthusiastic, responsible, hard working tri-representative subcommittee.

Cliché but true, many hands have made light work. Responsibilities have been divided up and each member has produced the advertising material needed, and contributed very useful ideas to the group. Relationships between Specials Health and Law representatives and with members of the central organising committee have been both cordial and very productive.

In liaison especially with Anne Greenshields, we have created and published a conference home page <http://www.lib.murdoch.edu.au/edge/edge.html> and e-mail address (edge97@portia.murdoch.edu.au) The home page is being added to regularly and will play a major part in conference advertising and information dissemination.

So far we have produced the call for papers brochure; had articles and notices appear in events columns in all relevant journals and newsletters; posted notices to Internet discussion lists; had the conference information added to ALIANet's confer-

ence page and to an Internet listing of Australian health conferences.

Our plans for the next twelve months include preparing the provisional and final programs; updating the conference home page; continuing to publicise the conference through newsletters, journals, and Internet discussion groups; and selecting a range of quality Western Australian merchandise for sale as conference souvenirs.

A home for the exhibition

The exhibitions and sponsorship committee established a list of all exhibitors from the past VALA, Asia Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians, Online OnDisc and ALIA conferences. This list was culled down to about 200 possible exhibitors and the list will be used for the mail out of the Exhibitions Prospectus and for follow up calls.

The efforts of the past few months have been on designing the Exhibitions and Sponsorship Prospectus. A quote has been accepted from Delta Print to print up 600 copies of the Prospectus, and they should be ready for distribution very soon. A copy of the Prospectus will be sent to all Health, Specials and Law librarians with a covering letter asking them to approach their own organisations for sponsorship.

After a few false starts we have finally decided on a home for the Exhibition — the Perth Concert Hall. We are offering thirty-one booths (3m x 3m). This is a smaller number than Sydney, so we will plan and promote other sponsorship

options to encourage the trade to attend.

A number of items were identified from the conference budget as possible areas where we could seek sponsorship. The main ones include the conference dinner, the law dinner, the welcome reception, the proceedings, conference handbook and farewell drinks. This is an ongoing project which should gain impetus once the Prospectus has been sent out.

Jenni Dyer, the conference secretariat, sought quotes from a number of vendors to erect and remove the exhibition area. Galaxy was approved by the committee as the official contractors for the exhibition. Galaxy have provided floor plans for the exhibition and will design the exhibition area in consultation with the exhibitions committee and the exhibitors.

Diverse and stimulating speakers

During this first year the program committee has held regular monthly meetings to set objectives and plan the conference program. The

committee is resolved to represent sectional interests and integrate them in the program which will take participants to the dynamic and stimulating edge of professional interests.

We believe the theme of the conference, *On the edge*, allows development of several significant themes which will form a focus for diverse and stimulating speakers.

Our initial strategy was to draft a four-day program incorporating keynote addresses, break-out sessions, workshops and library visits. Our first priority was to select the keynote speaker who will form the basis of each day's program. So far, three speakers have accepted invitations to be keynote speakers.

The program committee has also asked the local Specials, Health and Law Librarians' Groups to partici-

pate in the planning of a half-day specialist sessions that will be incorporated into the program.

Social events

The Social subcommittee has met nine times to plan all the social events to take place at the 1997 conference.

The following events have been planned: afternoon tea meeting of speakers and conference committee; opening cocktail party; opening of Trade Exhibition morning tea; new conference attendees meeting/lunch; Monday evening options; Specials, Law and Health Breakfast annual general meetings; conference dinner; closing function; post conference tours; post-conference committee recap.

Planning for the social functions will be an ongoing process right up to and during the 1997 conference. ■

***Contributors from the organising committee include Irene Nutt, conference chair; Cheryl Hamill, publicity; Lorna Mathie, exhibitions; Anne Greenshields, program; Diane Cooper, social events**

Seminar (11/11), Introductory Course (12/11), Internet and the World Wide Web (13/11), ILAMAIL Seminar (13/11). For course outlines and bookings ph 1800 801 659 or e-mail ilanet@ilanet.slnsw.gov.au.

• **18/11 Qld Cataloguers Section.** *Dewey Decimal Classification: the new 21st edition*, presentation by Giles Martin. Metway Theatre, State Library of Qld. 1.30-4.30pm. Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non-members. Contact: Peggy Hebblethwaite, ph (07) 3235 4233.

• **20/11 Qld Specials Section.** *Annual General Meeting.* COTAH Skyline Restaurant, South Brisbane. Time/cost: 6pm, \$15. Contact: Helen Laurelin, Secretary, ph (07) 3878 5940. RSVP by 1/11 to confirm numbers for catering. Join the Specials Committee for 1997.

• **27/11 ALIA Qld Branch.** *How to Get That Job: promotions, changes and new careers.* Windmill Room, Metro Inn Tower Mill, 239 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane. \$10 members, \$15 non-members. RSVP to Carolyn Young, ph (07) 3864 3357, e-mail c.young@qut.edu.au by 22/11.

• **Late Nov and early Feb 97 ALIA Qld Branch.** *Creating World Wide Web Documents using HTML.* Gold Coast, \$150 members, \$170 non-members. Contact: Wendy Abbott, ph (07) 3875 7111 ext 8987 — Brisbane or (07) 5594 8987 — Gold Coast, e-mail w.abbott@ins.gu.edu.au. Limit 10 per course.

• **9/12 ALIA Qld Branch.** *AGM and Christmas breakfast.* Telopia Room, Gazebo Hotel, 345 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane. Breakfast \$7.50. Guest Speaker: Colin Mercer — Vision 2020. Contact: Wendy Abbott, ph (07) 3875 7111 ext 8987 — Brisbane or (07) 5594 8987 — Gold Coast, e-mail w.abbott@ins.gu.edu.au.

• **18/12 Qld Public Libraries Section.** *The great debate: censorship on the net.* 6.00pm for 6.30pm, \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Central City Library Theatre, City Plaza, Corner Ann, George and Adelaide Streets, Brisbane. Contact: Del Simpson, ph (07) 3403 9511 (b/h), e-mail simpson@gil.com.au.

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• **11-13/10 Rural and Isolated Libraries' SIG calendar for 1996:** ALIARILSIG Forum 1996, Ballarat Vic, after biennial conference in Melbourne. Theme: *Networks: Communication highway or communication bypass?* For library professionals in small isolated and/or rural libraries or information services, including specials isolated by subject or posi-

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