

Joint events a feature in 1999

Carol Dungey, secretary, University, College and Research Libraries Section (SA group)

The University, College and Research Libraries Section (UCRLS) South Australian group has had an active and successful year with a variety of activities aimed at different interests in university, college and research libraries. Acknowledging the size of the library community in South Australia, and the benefits to be gained from collaborating with other sections, most events have been organised jointly.

The first event for the year was an evening tour of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital/Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science (RAH/IMVS)

joint library on 24 March. The newly completed library replaces the Jespon Library and the Nursing Library at the RAH and the former library at the IMVS.

During Australian Library Week the annual UCRLS Library and Information Studies student award was presented to Mary O'Connor at the University of South Australia's Magill Campus. This event gave library studies students the opportunity to find out more about ALIA in general and the interests of the various sections.

More than sixty-five members of

the library profession attended a half-day seminar entitled 'Copyright and the internet' jointly hosted by UCRLS, Special Libraries Section, Health Libraries Section and the Australian Law Librarians Group. Speakers talked about the *Digital Agenda Copyright Bill*, potential liability under the proposed new legislation, and the University of Adelaide Law School's use of web-based tutorials.

Mary Ellen Bartholomew was the guest speaker at 'The portable cataloguing workstation', a joint UCRLS/Cataloguers function. She talked about working at home in Adelaide for the United States National Park Services System Support Office in Santa Fe, New Mexico and gave a demonstration of cataloguing using her prototype workstation.

'Weak in many aspects of librarianship' was the title of Ray Price's talk on life after working in an academic library and his current role as Intellectual Property Manager at SOLA International. A large contingent of mentees from the ALIA mentoring group (South Australian Branch) came to hear the story of Ray's career moves.

At the annual general meeting, the last event for the year, past UCRLS student prize winners recounted their experiences in the workplace as trainees, interns and employees and discussed how well the library and information studies course had prepared them for the 'real world of libraries'.

The committee has produced a new glossy brochure to promote UCRLS (SA) and its activities in order to maintain the current level of enthusiasm and interest. ■

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South Australian Library Technicians Section

1999 has been a busy year for the South Australian Library Technicians Section (SALT) committee with the successful completion of our fourth weekend workshop 'Towards new horizons' held at the Clare Country Club in February. The funds raised from these workshops have helped us fund technicians and students to attend conferences, and allowed the section to conduct basic and advanced internet training sessions for members at Adelaide TAFE.

SALT fully-funded two full registrations to the biennial conference *ALIA98: Pathways to Knowledge* in Adelaide in 1998. The registrations were shared between three technicians and four library studies students.

A grant for registration, travel and accommodation was given to a library studies student to attend the 10th National Library Technicians Conference in Fremantle this year. The package also included one years membership of ALIA, kindly donated by ALIA National Office.

SALT also funded one library technician to attend the SA State conference in Clare in October.

The SALT committee are committed to promoting professional development amongst technicians and encouraging participation and networking with library studies students.

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