

The future of the book

Cairns, Australia 22–24 April 2003

In April 2003 RMIT University and Common Ground Publishing will host the International Conference on the Future of the Book. This unique conference will showcase a range of well-known international and local industry professionals speaking on topics as varied as the effects of print on demand and ebooks, the future of the book from a library perspective, new ways to translate text, emerging standards for electronic and printed books, learning in the electronic age, trends in reading and literacy and how to improve the bottom line in the book industry.

Speakers already committed to attending the conference include: Jason Epstein, creator of Anchor Books, founding editor of the *New York Review of Books* and the author *Book Business*; Jan Fullerton, director general, National Library of Australia; John Man, author of *Gutenberg*, UK; Greg Bain, University of Queensland Press; Patrick Callioni, National Office of the Information Economy; Ricard Cassals, Consultant to the Information Industries, Spain; Göran Roos, Intellectual Capital Services, UK; Renato Iannella, Intellectual

Property Rights Systems; Laurie Gerber, Systrans, USA; and Michael Fraser, Copyright Agency Limited.

The *Book Conference 2003* will address the provocative suggestion that, far from being eclipsed by the new media, the book will thrive as a cultural and commercial artefact. More than this, the information architecture of the book, embodying as it does thousands of years' experience with recorded knowledge, may well prove critical to the success of the new media.

The *Book Conference 2003* will provide participants with an opportunity to share their own work with a broad range of researchers and recognised leaders in the fields of writing, IT, business management, librarianship, publishing, printing, educational materials production, as well as with university teachers and researchers in areas related to writing, publishing, books and literacy.

As well, participants in the groundbreaking research carried out by RMIT University and Common Ground under the C-2-C: Creator to Consumer in a Digital Age project (<http://www.C-2-Cproject.com>)

will report on their work and on new technologies, new markets and training for knowledge workers. They will provide up-to-date insights into the future of the print and publishing industries worldwide. The conference is supported by the Australian Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources as part of the C-2-C research and development project.

The venue for the conference is the Cairns Convention Centre. Cairns is the gateway to Australia's tropical north, where two world heritage listed areas meet: the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and the Wet Tropics Rainforest. It is also a centre for Australia's vibrant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Check for updated information, to register and book accommodation using the online registration form at <http://www.Book-Conference.com>. At this site there is an opportunity to submit a paper or workshop presentation proposal. Enquiries: Conference secretariat, telephone 02 9519 0303; facsimile 02 9519 2203; e-mail despina.scarano@commongroundconferences.com. ■

JEAN ARNOT MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP 2003

The Jean Arnot Memorial Fellowship honours Jean Fleming Arnot (1903-1995) MBE, FLAA, who had a distinguished career of 47 years in librarianship and was a pioneer of equal pay and women's rights.

The Fellowship is funded by a generous donation from the National Council of Women in New South Wales Incorporated and the Australian Federation of Business and Professional Womens' Associations Incorporated.

The Fellowship is awarded to a woman librarian or female student of librarianship for an outstanding paper of no more than 5000 words on any aspect of librarianship. An award of \$1000 will be made to the winner at the annual Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon, Sydney, 2 May 2003.

Entries for the Fellowship close on 1 April 2003 and should be submitted to Elizabeth Ellis, Mitchell Librarian & Director, Collection Management, State Library of New South Wales, Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000. Please telephone (02) 9273 1467 or email eellis@sl.nsw.gov.au or consult the Library's website at www.sl.nsw.gov.au/awards/ for conditions of entry and entry forms.

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