

## IFLA UPDATE

Following on from my recent *InCite* article, IFLA planning is now well under way with the formation of subcommittees as mentioned in the previous IFLA report. Terms of reference have been drafted, based largely on our own conference experience and are currently being considered and convenors selected. It is necessary to establish some committees earlier than others and one of these is the Programme subcommittee. It is expected that this subcommittee can refine our theme and put some initial shape to the programme for discussion with IFLA in August. Other subcommittees will include:

- Publications
- Publicity & Public Relations
- Venues and Facilities
- Hospitality and Entertainment
- Trade Exhibits
- Tours and Transport
- Finance and Sponsorship
- Accommodation

### Conference Organiser

The Steering Committee has some concern over the availability of conference organisers for 1988 given the range of activities in the Bicentennial Year, including a large number of conferences. Work has therefore started on a tender proposal to elicit expressions of interest from organisers who would wish to tender for the professional organisation of both IFLA and LAA 25.

### Sponsorship

Sponsorship is an issue of critical importance to the successful running of IFLA 1988. Noting with some concern the doubtful future of UNESCO, efforts are being planned to seek both corporate and government funding. Discussions are already being held in both areas.

### Translation services

IFLA Conferences are traditionally held in four languages; English, German, French and Russian. As the costs of simultaneous translation are considerable the Steering Committee has been reviewing this for possible discussion with IFLA. Available evidence suggests

however that translation facilities are important for such conferences especially where government support is concerned.

### Conference format

Planning is continuing on proposals to put to IFLA on the format and structure of the Conference. As mentioned previously, IFLA recognise the difficulties of hosting major conferences and are receptive to change. This flexibility in their attitude is encouraging in terms of a "joint" conference as well as variations to the normal conference format. We shall know more about this after discussions take place in August.

### Budget

Original draft budgets for the IFLA Conference were prepared for General Council in 1982. Any realistic updating of the proposed budget is as yet inappropriate given the state of programme development. However, specific items within that draft are being reviewed to ascertain any variation to initial costings. It should be stressed, however, that this is a planning exercise, as the eventual budget may be quite different in structure and content.

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### THE FUNDING OF WISDOM by K.A. Lodewycks

This book has been described by reviewers as "fascinating reading"; as "important for the questions it raises", and as "excellent and could be given to any library school student". It is unique in recording the experiences of an Australian librarian. Remaining copies are now available to libraries and students of librarianship at \$5.00 plus packing and postage. Orders should be addressed to Spectrum Publications Pty Ltd, PO Box 75, Richmond, Victoria 3121. Tel: (03) 429 1404

## Repetition Strain Injuries — A Select Bibliography National Library of Australia, User Services Section, 1985

This new bibliography, which is available free of charge from the National Library, lists books, articles and reports about RSI which have been selected from nine data bases and also films and video cassettes which are available on free loan from the National Library's film lending service.

Most items in the bibliography have been published since 1980, although it also includes earlier references which make significant contributions to the study.

The material is arranged in 5 sections:

- General
- Working conditions and prevention
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Films and video cassettes

and covers the legislative, legal, economic and medical aspects of RSI.

The emphasis of the bibliography is on working conditions and the prevention of RSI, however it also provides a comprehensive general introduction to the subject.

## Reforms to Victorian Occupational Health and Safety Legislation

The Victorian Government is to implement major new policies in the area of occupational health and safety from July 1 1985.

These include:

- the establishment of an Occupational Health and Safety Commission;
- provision of appropriate training in occupational health and safety for employees, supervisory management and health and safety practitioners;
- increased resources and support for research into the causes of occupational hazards;
- the establishment of a Victorian Accident Rehabilitation Council to co-ordinate the development of Statewide occupational rehabilitation facilities.

The Victorian Government is adopting a preventative approach to occupational health and safety, concentrating on factors such as the identification and removal of hazards and the provision of adequate training in occupational health and safety for both employees and employers.

### Unemployed library staff and the CES

A reminder to unemployed library staff to register with the CES (or Professional Employment Service in those states where the PES is now taking in librarians) even if they are registered with other employment agencies. Recently the LAA has heard of cases where employers looking for staff to fill temporary vacancies have found that the CES has had few, if any, library staff registered on their books.

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## TEACHING AND TECHNOLOGY

Proceedings of a conference organised by the Education for Librarianship Section, held at Kuring-gai CAE on 23-24 September, 1983.

Edited by Judy Crewe, Noelene Hall and Hilary Yerbury.

Sydney: Education for Librarianship Section, LAA. 1984. 117pp.

LAA members price \$12; non members \$15 plus \$1.50 for postage.

## COLLECTION MANAGEMENT IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Papers delivered at a national seminar Surfers Paradise, on 16-17 February, 1984.

Edited by Kathryn Crowe, Philip Kent and Barbara Paton.

Brisbane: University and College Libraries Section, LAA. 1984. 88pp.

LAA members price \$12; non members \$18 plus \$1.50 for postage.

**Both these publications are available from the LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 or through the library suppliers Bennetts or Mannings.**

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