

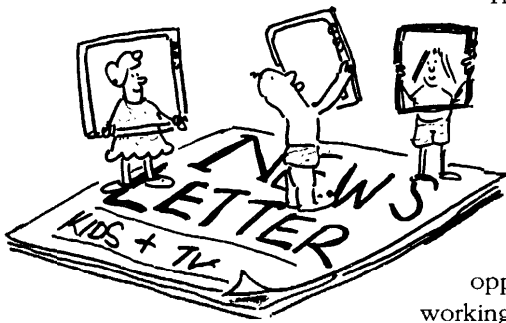


News Update

New ABA international research forum newsletter

SYDNEY: The ABA has published the first edition of the *International Research Forum for Research into Television and Children* newsletter on research being conducted into television and children.

'Research is an important aid to policy-making about children's television. The ABA is keen to share the findings of its own research and to access research being conducted worldwide,' said Ms Lesley Osborne, ABA Director Programs. 'We also aim to collaborate with other organisations to conduct joint research, particularly with overseas regulators. The newsletter will contribute to this work.'



The forum is an ABA initiative arising from the World Summit on television and Children in Melbourne earlier this year.

'The forum newsletter will be of interest to industry researchers and academics and will create opportunities for researchers working on projects related to children and the media to establish contact.

This collaboration will benefit all researchers and ultimately children,' said Ms Osborne.

Topics covered in the current newsletter include information about thirty projects, both completed and ongoing, the planning of the 1998 World Summit on television and Children, other newsletters that cover similar issues and future research projects that the ABA and Broadcasting Standards Council (BSC) in the UK will be collaborating on.

Topics to be covered in future issues include information on research methodologies, international comparative studies, requests for information on specific topics, book releases, overviews of relevant regulation, summaries of

television programs children watch, upcoming conferences, industry news and items of interest to researchers working in the industry.

The research forum, which initially is being coordinated by the ABA, already has around eighty members from a wide cross-section of the industry and the ABA hopes to expand this even further. Already there are researchers from Australia, New Zealand, USA, United Kingdom, Europe, South America, Russia and South Africa.

Objectives

To provide an international forum for:

- promoting awareness of the need for research into children and television, including developing multimedia;
- stimulating research as an aid to policy making on children and television;
- exchanging information on children's television research; and
- encouraging collaboration on research into children and television.

Participation is invited from organisations involved in the regulation of children's television; organisations and individuals involved in promoting or conducting research into children and television and children's television program makers.

Researchers interested in being part of the forum or subscribing to the newsletter should contact Ms Deborah Sims, Manager, Research Section, ABA, (02) 334 7865.

Application fee review

SYDNEY: Please note that effective from Tuesday 7 November 1995 the ABA's application fee for the provision of an opinion as to which category of broadcasting services a service falls into was increased to \$925.00.

The fee was formerly \$475.00.

This increase followed a review of the costs involved in providing opinions.

Programs granted C or P classification

Programs granted a C or P classification by the ABA between 16 October 1995 and 7 November 1995. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Liz Gilchrist on (02) 334 7840.

Title	Origin	Clas.	New/renewal	Decision date	Applicant
THE MAGIC FLUTE	UK	C	new	26.10.1995	Southern Cross Television Corporation Pty Ltd

Clas. - Classification