

► **SMPTE'99, 13–16 July 1999, Sydney**

This conference will showcase the latest wide-screen digital television receivers, set-top boxes, transmission and production hardware. 🏠 Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Contact: SMPTE'99 Conference Organiser. Tel: (02) 9977 0888. Fax: (02) 9977 0336. Email: exhibitions@exevents.com.au

► **ABA Children's Television Policy Forum, 22 July 1999, Sydney**

The forum is one of a number of initiatives to mark 20 years of C (children's) programs and will explore current and upcoming issues facing children's television in Australia. 🏠 Hotel Nikko Darling Harbour, Sydney. Forum: 2.00–5.30p.m., Cocktail event: 6.00–8.00p.m. Contact: Margaret Gummow, tel. 9334 7847 Email: margaret.gummow@aba.gov.au

► **Communications Research Forum 1999, 27–28 September, Canberra**

The CRF draws participants from corporate, academic and government sectors together to discuss and debate issues facing the industry. With the advent of digital television and datacasting, and the imminence of Y2K phenomenon, this year's Forum promises to be a remarkable event.

The Communication Research Forum 1999's highlights include:

- the Best Research Paper Award: the inaugural DCITA Secretary's award for the Best Research Paper presented at the Forum. The judging panel comprises leading practitioners in communications and related disciplines. The winner will receive \$2000 and a commemorative certificate. The deadline for abstracts is 14 June and the deadline for completed papers is 30 July.
- the Student Research Paper Competition: an opportunity for an honours or post-graduate communications students to submit a paper on an aspect of the industry with a prize of \$1000 being awarded to the best paper. Sponsored by the ABA and the Centre for Telecommunications Information Networking (CTIN), the competition submissions from promising young communications researchers. The deadline for submissions is 30 July;
- a keynote address by a well known member of the communications community;
- two major policy discussion panels;
- more than thirty papers given on wide spectrum of topics ranging from journalism to broadcasting; and
- three research round tables, addressing the issues surrounding broadcasting, telecommunication; and online issues.

🏠 Old Parliament House, Canberra. Email: cru.mail@dcita.gov.au.

Tel: (02) 6271 1132. Web site: <www.dcita.gov.au/crf>

► **ABA Planning Seminar: 2001 A Digital Odyssey, 8–9 November 1999, Canberra**

The annual planning seminar provides a forum for discussing various aspects of broadcasting planning, allocations, production and facilities implementation. The two day event will focus on both technical and policy issues facing the industry, including analog planning for metropolitan markets, digital radio, technical changes in the production industry and implementation planning for digital television. In mid May the ABA will issue a formal call for papers to speakers from the broadcasting industry and relevant government bodies.

🏠 Hyatt Hotel, Canberra. Contact: program inquiries: (02) 6256 2879; conference coordinators: (02) 6292 9000.



ABA publications

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Draft Digital Channel Plans (May 1999)

for the following areas:

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- Melbourne
- Brisbane and Toowoomba
- Adelaide
- Perth
- Hobart
- Darwin

Digital Terrestrial Television Planning Handbook (May 1999) second draft: issued for comment

Regulation **Impact Statement (May 1999)**

Commercial Television Conversion Scheme (March 1999)

Draft National Television Conversion Scheme (December 1998)

Programming

Guidelines for the Broadcasting of Political Matter (August 1998)

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