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..... A Monthly Round-Up of Press Releases, Reports, Publications and Conferences

Media Releases

Australian Broadcasting Authority

Community TV on the Way for Canberra and Brisbane 9/7/93

ABA to Release Second Exposure Draft of Frequency Allotment Plans 12/7/93

ABA Announces Release Date for Planning Priorities 27/7/93

ABA Meets With News Ltd Chairman 30/7/93

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

ABC Fellowships Target Women 1/7/93

Seven Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People to Deliver the 1993 Boyer Lectures on Radio National 5/7/93
Managing Director David Hill (*denies that he may be leaving the ABC*) 8/7/93

The ABC and Radio National (*board reaffirms commitment to RN*) 14/7/93

Australian Film Commission

AFC Announces Principal Advisor (*for Development - John Maynard*) 2/7/93

Minister for the Arts and Administrative Services

Film Industry Boost as Australia Signs (*co-production*) Treaty with Italy 8/7/93

Minister for Communications (Beddall)

Untimed Local Calls - the Facts (*Telecom has no plans to introduce*) 15/7/93

Task Group to Examine Interference to Hearing Aids from GSM Mobile Phones 19/7/93

Optus

Study Finds Telecom Network Loses Optus Calls 12/7/93

Telecom

Telecom Slashes Customer Lead-Time for International Private Services 7/7/93

Customers to Get More Choice in Untimed Calls 14/7/93

Telecom and Visa Launch Global Calling Card Service 16/7/93

300,000 More Mobile Phones 22/7/93

Conferences, Seminars

August

26-27 (Melb, World Congress Centre) 30-31 (Syd, Golden Gate Hotel): TTC, *Interactive Multimedia Applications 1993*. Key local and international speakers includ-

ing David Kaiser from IBM/Apple joint venture company, demonstrations of interactive digital multimedia. Cost: \$1095, discounts for students and AIMIA members. Contact: TTC (02) 959 4229; fax (02) 954 1265.

September

6-8 Sydney, 8-10 Melbourne: IIR Conferences, *Multimedia 1993*, technology, standards, production techniques and authoring for merged sound, video and text applications, with six international speakers as well as key locals. Cost: \$1395 for three days. Contact: IIR, (02) 958 5844; fax (02) 959 4684.

9: Terry Flew, *Television Economics, Recent Cultural Theory and Broadcasting Policy: Drawing the Connections*, CIRCIT occasional seminar, 4:00pm followed by wine and cheese. CIRCIT, 1st Floor, 4 Riverside Quay, South Melbourne. Contact: Katherine Brain (03) 616 8888; fax (03) 616 8800.

13-14: AIC Conferences, *Competition and Regulation: a structural change of Australian utilities*, Radisson President Hotel Melbourne. Speakers include Alan Fels, George Gear MP, Bill Scales, David Cousins. Industry case studies include telecommunications (AUSTEL and Optus to contribute). Cost: \$1295. Contact: (02) 235 1700; fax (02) 223 8216.

14-15: IIR Conferences, *Cordless Communications*, Park Lane Hotel Sydney. Including CT2, DECT and wireless LANs. Speakers from HK, Holland, UK, Finland, USA. Optional extra day, 16 Sept, features three Australian case studies. Cost: \$1295 +795. Contact: as above.

21-23: 1993 IIC Annual Conference, *Convergence, Development and Regional Integration*, Stouffer Presidente Hotel Mexico City. Contact: IIC, Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LF 44 071 388 0671; fax 380 0623.

22-23: IBC Conferences, *Telecommunications Outsourcing and Virtual Private Networks*, Sydney Hilton. Topics include the role and future of private networks, the benefits and costs of outsourcing, and speakers are major business users, communications consultants, telecommunications service providers and specialist lawyers. Cost: \$1295. Contact: (02) 319 3755; fax (02) 6993901.

28-29: IIR Conferences, *Broadcasttech Asia '93*, Shangri-La Hotel Singapore. Covering global broadcasting technology standards, and the implications for television, radio and PayTV. Speakers from the key standards-setting bodies as well as regional broadcasters, with country-by-country case studies. Cost: \$US1295. Contact: IIR as above.

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October

26-27: Pacific Telecommunications Council, *Telecommunication Development in the Western Pacific*, Guam Hilton Hotel, Guam. Topics include various practical applications of telecom technology, technical issues, finance, and meeting Pacific needs via satellite with PanAmSat, Intelsat and AsiaSat. \$100 for non-members, less for members and students. Contact: PTC, 2454 South Beretania St Suite 302, Honolulu, Hawaii US 96826 1596 fax 1-808-941-3789.

30-1 Nov: University of Melbourne, Centre for Telecommunications Law and Policy, three seminars on successive days: *Australian Content: New Rules and Policies?*; *The Right to Investigate and Report*; and *Access to the Spectrum and the New Radiocommunications Act*. Cost: \$195 per day, time 10.00-5.00pm. Contact: Naomi Perkins (03) 344 6173; fax 347 2392.

November

11-12: IIR Conference, 1993 Australian Broadcasting Summit, Hilton Hotel Sydney. Speakers from ABC, DOTAC, ABA, Broadcom, FACTS. Topics include regulation, Oz content, satellites, convergence, planning. \$1295. Contact IIR as above.

Publications

Marcus Breen ed., *Cultural Industries: National Policies and Global Markets*, conference proceedings 10 December 1993, CIRCIT (Centre for International Research on Communication and Information Technologies) Melbourne June 1993, 88pp, \$35 or \$10 individual researchers from CIRCIT, 1st Flr, 4 Riverside Quay, S. Melb 3205; fax (03) 616 8800.

Communications Law Centre for the Office of Multicultural Affairs, *Self-Regulation and Cultural Diversity*, a one day conference held 31/5/93. Background paper and appendices, May 1993, 120pp, \$25.00. Limited copies of transcription of discussions also available, 115pp, \$12.00. Contact: CLC (02) 663 0551; fax (02) 662 6839.

Inquiries

Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, *Rights and Obligations of the Media*, inquiry into areas like the right to privacy and the right to know; protection of journalists' sources; public access to the media; journalistic ethics; courts and the media; disciplinary processes for journalists. Submissions invited by 3 September. Contact: Paul Griffiths, Committee Secretary, (06) 277 3560; fax (06) 277 5794.

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