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

Media Releases

AUSTEL

AUSTEL Member [*Johanna Plante*] Accepts Senior Industry Post [*with Pacific Star Communications*] 1/9/93

Australian Broadcasting Authority

ABA Allocates First Cable Pay TV Licences [*to Paynet Telecommunications, to service Townsville and Cairns*] 9/9/93

ABA Refers One Pay TV Licence to TPC 13/9/93

ABA Issues Licence for Community TV In Brisbane 27/9/93

ABA Releases Priorities for Planning Services 30/9/93

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

No releases received.

Australian Film Commission

An Exciting Initiative in Documentary - the Microdocs Series 15/9/93

Minister for Communications (Beddall)

Trade Mission Opens Doors for Telecommunications 1/9/93

Start of National Roll-out for SBS Radio 2/9/93

More SBS Translators Planned for Southern Tasmania 2/9/93

New Board Members [*Neil Tuckwell and Dr Bob Horton*] Return AUSTEL to Full Strength 6/9/93

'Common sense' Changes to Telephone Price Rules 8/9/93
National Capability Statement [for telecommunications industry] Presented in Malaysia 15/9/93

Untimed Call Trial in Logan Village 21/9/93

Optus

Optus Rings Up Billion Dollar Boost to the Economy [expenditure in first year of operation tops \$0.3bn] 30/9/93
Perth and Pinjarra Can Now Choose Optus 30/9/93

Special Broadcasting Service

SBS Joins Interactive TV 6/9/93

Telecom

Telecom Signs Satellite Technology Agreement in China 8/9/93

Telecom Breaks Down the Final Barrier to Cost Effective Personal Satellite Communications 15/9/93

Telecom Takes Lead With Frame Relay Trials 20/9/93

Telecom Cuts the Price of Its Freephone International Reverse Charge Service 17/9/93

Telecom Welcomes Government Campaign to Attract Regional Headquarters 27/9/93

Conferences, Seminars

November

18-19: IIR Conferences, *Liberalisation in the Telecommunications Industry*, Le Meridien London. Speakers from BT, Mercury, Oftel as well as Europe and US. Topics include industry restructuring, case studies, regulating interconnect, local loop competition, globalisation, the future of cable telephony, the impact of mobile, convergence. Cost: £795 plus VAT. Contact: fax UK 071 412 0145 or phone 071 412 1141.

19-21: Community Broadcasting Association, *21st Annual Conference*, University of Sydney. Contact: Wilma Kippers (02) 310 2999.

24-25: AIC Conferences, *Global Networks: Internationalising Business Operations*, Sydney Renaissance. Involvement of Telstra, BT Australia, MCI International, Optus. Topics include international virtual private networks, intelligent networks, global messaging, transborder data flows. Cost \$1295. Contact: (02) 210 5700 fax (02) 221 7773.

25: Australian Centre for Independent Journalism, *Race, Ethnicity and the Media*, 9:30-5:00pm, UTS Sydney. Details: (02) 220 2488.

29-30: IIR Conferences, *Telecommunications Pricing and Cost Control*, Golden Gate Sydney. Issues include putting the consumer first (Warwick Smith), trends in pricing and tariffing, the basis for new pricing policies, analysis and comparison of providers and carrier offerings. Cost: \$1295. Contact: IIR (02) 954 5844 FAX 959 4684.

29-30, 1 Dec: IIR Conferences, *The Asia-Pacific Cable and Satellite Television Summit*, Kowloon Shangri La Hotel Hong Kong. Covering planning, policy, technology and programming opportunities. Forty participating international organisations. Cost: \$US 1895. Contact IIR as above.

December

1-3: IIR Conferences, *The Pan-Asian Personal Communications Services Summit*, Conrad Hotel Hong Kong. Major sellers and carriers to contribute, over 40 participating organisations from Canada, Norway, USA, Belgium, HK,

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Australia, Korea, Thailand. Cost: \$US 1895. Contact IIR as above.

1-3: Journalism Education Association Annual Conference, *Journalism Ethics, Technology and Culture*, Queensland Institute of Technology School of Media and Journalism. Aims to encourage debate and co-operation between journalists and researchers throughout the Asia-Pacific region in tackling significant issues that affect journalism and the media. Cost: \$220 (JEA members) \$300 non-members. Accommodation deals available. Contact: Natalie O'Sullivan 07 864 1195.

2-5: The Documentary Conference 1993, *Reflecting the Future*, Golden Gate Hotel Sydney. Strong Asian theme with Asian filmmakers and buyers attending. Oz speakers include David Marr, Jenny Brockie. Cost: \$350 indiv, \$650 companies, \$150 students. Contact: (02) 413 8777 fax (02) 426 5672.

7: Consumers' Telecommunications Network, *Competing Visions: consumers, government and corporations in Australian telecommunications*. A one day conference at the Refectory, University of Sydney, 9:00-5:00pm. Cost: \$100 (\$40 conc.) incl. lunch and teas. Contact: Trish Benson (02) 318 2026; fax (02) 3182031.

7-9: IIR Conferences, *The Pan Asian Telecommunications Summit '93*, Regent Bangkok. Speakers include Russian vice minister of Posts and telecommunications (a first), and others from the Asia Pacific Region. Cost and contact as above.

Publications

Australian Press Council, *Privacy and the Press*, Conference Papers 1993#1, APC Sydney 1993, 26pp. Conference held at Monash university 16 June 1993, with Alan Kohler (The Age) and Paul Chadwick (CLC) as the speakers. Available from the APC, Suite 303, 149 Castlereagh St, Sydney 2000, phone 008 02 5712 or fax 267 6828, \$3.50.

Centre for Independent Journalism, University of Technology Sydney, *Annual Report 1992*, 42pp. Includes reports on projects undertaken and selected highlights of the year such as Brockie's Copping It Sweet and the media coverage thereof.

NSW Law Reform Commission, *Discussion Paper #32: Defamation*, NSW LRC Sydney 1993, 210pp. Submissions and comments invited by 29 October.

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