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Julie B. Mackenzie
Accommodation sub-Committee.

Chinese bibliography

THERE IS TO be a Conference on International Cooperation in Chinese Bibliographical Automation at the ANU from 29 August to 1 September 1982.

The Conference is being organised by representatives of the ANU Library, the National Library of Australia and the University of Hong Kong, in recognition of the continuing need for discussion at an international level on developments in this field.

Independent research and development in Chinese bibliographic automation has been taking place in the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Japan and other countries, and it is hoped that the Conference will facilitate progress towards uniformity in character sets, MARC format and computer technology, and that some continuing mechanisms for future cooperative development will be established.

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A prisoner of conscience

A MATTER THAT has recently been brought to the attention of the LAA concerns a prisoner of conscience, Vladimir Poresh, a Russian Orthodox activist and former librarian at the Academy of Sciences Library, Leningrad. He is serving a five-year sentence for anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda.

The case of Vladimir Poresh has been taken up by Amnesty International, who have provided some background to his case. Poresh was arrested in Leningrad on 1 August 1979, after a search of his home during which some religious *samizdat* (*samizdat* - a system of clandestine printing and distribution of banned or dissident literature) was found and confiscated.

At first, Vladimir Poresh was told that he was being charged with 'circulating fabrications known to be false which defame the Soviet state and social system'. This was subsequently changed to a more severe charge relating to 'anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda', which carries a maximum of seven years imprisonment followed by five years internal exile.

Because Amnesty International believes that Mr Poresh has been imprisoned for seeking to exercise his right to freedom of expression, he has been adopted by the organisation as a prisoner of conscience.

Before his arrest, Vladimir Poresh was one of several people who campaigned for the release of members of a group of young Orthodox Christians who had been imprisoned or placed in psychiatric confinement. He was also one of the editors of a journal, *Community*, which comes into the religious *samizdat* category.

Early in 1981, Mr Poresh's bible was confiscated, and in March he began a hunger strike which continued for seventy days. His punishment was confinement in cell-like premises within the camp. This confinement continues, he is on reduced rations and has been deprived of visits until November 1982 (he is married and has two small children).

There are a number of ways in which you can take some action about Mr Poresh's plight. If you would like to send a message of greeting to Vladimir Poresh, write to USSR/SSSR, RSFSR, g. Moskva, uchr. 5110/1, Poresh V.

You may also write to the Director of the Camp, expressing your concern about Mr Poresh's health and the conditions in which he is being held. You may state your view that as a prisoner of conscience he should be released. The address for this type of communication is USSR/SSSR, RSFSR, 519910 Permskaya Oblast, Chusovskoy raion, p/o Vsesvyatskoye, uchr. VS 389/35, Nachalniku.

To express concern about visiting rights for Mr Poresh, write to the Procurator of the Perm Region, who is responsible for ensuring that the legal rights of prisoners within the region are observed. Write to USSR/SSSR, RSFSR, Permskaya Oblast, g. Perm, Oblastnaya Prokuratura, Prokuroru.

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