

**HAPPENINGS** — continued

**Queensland**

**AUGUST 7** Qld Online Users' Group Seminar 'Discover numeric databases' 9am-4.30pm **Bardon Professional Development Centre**. Speakers from DIALOG, I.P. Sharp, CSA and CSIRO. Cost: \$35 (\$25 to LAA members). Contact: Glenda Smith (07) 377 2211.

**AUGUST 9** LAA Qld Branch **Presidential briefing** 5.30 for 6pm. **Level 2 Library, QIT** Speaker: Judith Baskin (LAA President). Wine and cheese. Contact: Phil Finnimore (07) 233 2531.

**AUGUST 18** LAA Qld Branch Council **General Meeting**. 'Impact of information technology on the concept of networks' **QIT**. Speaker: Susan K. Martin (Head, Library Systems Office, Uni. of Calif/Berkley). Contact: Ann Lawson (07) 224 2433.

**AUGUST 31** LAA Special Libraries Section Qld Group **Committee Meeting**. 12.30pm **Supreme Court Library**.

**SEPTEMBER 21** Qld Online Users Group **Meeting** 'New developments in Dialog' 5.30 for 6pm **QIT Library**. Speaker: A Dialog training specialist. Contact: Glenda Smith (07) 377 2211.

**SEPTEMBER 20-24** Insearch Ltd/DIALOG **Seminars** 'DIALOG introductory, search strategy, system refresher, business, non-bibliographic information, Sci/Tech and biosciences' **Brisbane**. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (02) 264 6344.

**NOVEMBER 22-23** ACI Computer Services **Orbit New and Advanced User Training Courses**. **Brisbane**. Contact: Harold Bulmer (07) 44 5232.

**NOVEMBER 23** Qld Online Users' Group **AGM** 5.30 for 6pm **QIT Library**. Contact: Glenda Smith (07) 377 2211.

**Western Australia**

**AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 2** Insearch Ltd/DIALOG **Seminars** 'DIALOG introductory, system refresher, search strategy and scitech' **Perth**. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (02) 264 6344.

**NOVEMBER 23-24** ACI Computer Services **Orbit New and Advanced User Training Courses**. **Perth**. Contact: Bob Till (09) 321 2859.

**Overseas**

**SEPTEMBER 6-10** IBBY **18th Biennial Conference** 'Story in the child's changing world' **Churchill College, Cambridge, England**. Conference fee: A\$350 (approx, incl accom at Cambridge). Further details and booking form: IBBY Australia, PO Box 194, Edgecliff, NSW 2027.

**SEPTEMBER 6-17** Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux **International Training Course** for people involved in agricultural information work. **Oxford College**. Cost: £525 (includes all board and travel expenses during course); £300 (non-residential attendees). Closing date for applications: 1 August. Contact: The Training Officer, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL12 3BN, UK.

**SEPTEMBER 12-16** **Hong Kong, 41st FID Congress**. Research workers from all over the world will have the opportunity of sharing their ideas. Further information: Peter Ludge, c/o CSIRO, PO Box 225, Dickson ACT 2602.

**SEPTEMBER 21-24** **55th ASLIB Conference**. Contact: Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL, England.

**OCTOBER 21-29** American Association of School Librarianship. **Conference for Media Specialists, Information Scientists, Instructional Technologists and College Educators**. **Houston, Texas**. Theme 'AASL '82 A New Emphasis'. Contact: Ms Fyte, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, ILL 60611, USA.

**Award winners for 1982**

The Children's Book Council of Australia has announced the winning books in the Children's Book of the Year awards.

The Book of the Year was Colin Thiele's *The Valley Between*, published by Rigby, and the Picture Book of the Year was *Sunshine* by an Ormerod, published by Penguin.

*Rummage* by Christobel Mattingley took two awards — it won the Medal for Junior Readers as well as being commended in the Book of the Year Section.

Library Association of Australia

**Election of One member of the General Council by the membership of the Association**

**Call for nominations**

The Association's By-laws provide for a General Council consisting of the Executive Officers, the Chairman of the Board of Education, one member appointed by each Branch and two members appointed by the membership of the Association.

Nominations are now called for the one position of General Councillor appointed by the membership of the Association to hold office in 1983 and 1984.

Please note that nominations shall be

- in writing;
- signed by two financial members of the LAA;
- accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, who shall supply a curriculum vitae and a statement of professional concerns (each of no more than 100 words).

Nominees must be financial members of the LAA.

Nominations must reach the Executive Director, LAA, 473 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010, by **5 pm on Wednesday, 1 September 1982**.

Susan Acutt  
Executive Director

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**Looking ahead and assessing skills**

A REPORT ENTITLED *Towards The Year 2000* has been prepared as a voluntary activity by the National Library's Innovative Technology Group, a body which brings together several members of the Library's staff who have a particular interest in technological development.

The report suggests how the National Library could be affected by possible future changes in the methods by which information could be stored, retrieved and disseminated. The aim of the Innovative Technology Group in preparing the report was to stimulate discussion among members of the Council of the National Library and among the Library's staff, which would assist the Library in planning its future.

The Council has not adopted the report, which remains the expression of the individual opinions of a group of members of staff. However, because of the understandable interest of the Australian library community, not only in the general topic of technological change but also in the possible effect of such changes on the National Library, the Council has agreed that an edited version of the re-

port be made available.

Copies of *Towards The Year 2000* ISBN 0 642 99276 2, \$3.95 may be ordered from Sales and Subscriptions Unit, National Library of Australia, CANBERRA ACT 2600. Telephone: (062) 62 1646.

A GROUP of teacher-librarians in the Liverpool Region, calling themselves the Liverpool Desperados, have pooled their expertise to produce a booklet containing lists of skills which teacher librarians are trying to develop in their students. Designed for the abilities of the 'average' student, the booklet presents lists, for classes K to 6, of information location skills which children might be expected to have mastered at the end of each grade.

The authors regard this booklet as a first draft and invite constructive comment from other teacher-librarians. To obtain copies of the booklet contact Jo Shintah, Library Consultant for the Liverpool Region, Multi Media Centre, C/- Villawood East Primary School, Lowana Street, Villawood 2163. Phone (02) 726-4927.