

General Council report, cont'd from page 7

Anne Brinson, Judith Hill, Frances Thorne and Wesley Young. A report will be made to the November meeting of Council.

Divisions

Council approved the formation of a North West Regional Group to be situated in the north west of Western Australia. Due to lack of support and interest, Council disbanded with regret the Library Technicians Section, Queensland Group.

Committee reports

Brief reports on activities were received from the following committees:

- AACOBs/LAA Committee on Information Technology.
- Standing Committee on By-laws and Regulations.
- Australian Committee on Cataloguing.
- AGPS Liaison Committee.
- Sub-Committee on Systematic Copying.
- Committee on Professional Issues.

LAA/NZLA 1984 Conference

Planning for this conference to be held in Brisbane from the 27-31 August 1984 is going ahead. Council resolved that six overseas speakers be invited to attend the conference.

IFLA 1988

At its last meeting General Council approved funds for a study of the feasibility and costs of the LAA hosting the 1988 Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Ms Margreet Wijnstroom, Secretary-General of IFLA, was present for discussion on this item.

Concern was expressed at the financial implications of such an undertaking. However, many Councillors pointed out that assistance and support would be available from many sectors of the Association and that 1988 was a most suitable time to promote international co-operation and to welcome visitors to Australia. A letter of support for the Conference by the Director-General of the National Library was tabled.

Council resolved to confirm its invitation to IFLA to hold its 1988 Conference in Australia. The LAA Biennial Conference will precede the IFLA Conference.

1983 Annual General Meeting

The 1983 AGM is to be held in Melbourne on Thursday, 15 September. Notices of the meeting, including a call for motions to be considered, will appear in *InCite* No. 9 (27 May). Motions will be published in *InCite* No. 15 (26 August).

The next meeting of General Council is to be held in Melbourne on the 22 and 23 July. This will be preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee on the 21st and a seminar for Branch Treasurers and any other Division Treasurers who are able to attend on the 20 July. The agenda deadline for items for Council is the 20 June.

Susan Acutt
Executive Director

BIOSIS campaign

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY and Biosciences Information Service launched a concerted campaign in April to stimulate use of the BIOSIS Previews database on the Library's MEDLINE Network.

The main elements in the campaign are a series of BIOSIS courses and seminars for librarians and biologists which will be held in the major mainland capitals by Edith Crockett of BIOSIS and a royalty-free period during May and June 1983. During this period, the Library will not levy charges for online access and offline processing on the database by the 176 existing organisational members of its MEDLINE Network. Access to the database will also be offered at discounted rates between July and December.

The Library's Director-General, Harrison Bryan said:

The technical excellence of the BIOSIS database is recognised worldwide. At a time when biological research, particularly in biotechnology, is making unprecedented advances, we regard it as a matter of public importance that we maximise the use of this key information resource. The Library, the Department of Health and Biosciences Information Service have together made a substantial investment in the Australian BIOSIS service over many years. We have demonstrated our commitment to the service and it is very much up to the library profession to promote its use.

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