

## IN THE NEWS

### Australian Book Fair

As part of its campaign to promote writing and publishing the Fellowship of Australian Writers is conducting a short story competition for children in New South Wales.

Announcing the competition the President Hilarie Lindsay, a writer of children's stories, said that the aim was to encourage children to become more aware that display and publishing are an essential part of writing. The Fellowship has invited writers and publishers to participate in a Seminar and Australian Book Fair at Legacy House from Tuesday 12 October to Thursday 20 October.

'Legacy, because of its own involvement with children, is an organisation worthy of support,' said Ms Lindsay, who indicated that a large percentage of the proceeds would be given to Legacy.

For bookings or information contact Box 448 GPO, Sydney 2001.

### Keeping genealogists on the right track

In the July 8 issue of *InCite*, there was an item about a microfiche copy of the Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages pre-1900, which is now available at the Lane Cove Public Library.

We have been asked by the Registrar-General's Office to make it clear that people wishing to obtain copies of birth, death and marriage certificates should contact the registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, MP Centre, 50 Bridge Street, Sydney 2000 NOT the Registrar-General's Office.

### International Exhibition of Children's Book Illustrations

The 9th Biennale of Illustrators Bratislava (IBIB) will take place from September 1-October 30, 1983. This international exhibition of illustrations for children's books has been held for 20 years and has become an important way of bringing together the creative arts of people from all parts of the world.

Its success depends on the co-operation of organisations of publishers, the national committees of IBBY and the National Committee for Co-operation with UNESCO.

The exhibition will be held at the House of Culture in Bratislava and will include additional displays, including exhibitions by Boald Als of Denmark, the holder of the BIB Grand Prix, and Zbygnien Rychlicki of Poland, the present holder of the Hans Christian Andersen plaque. On September 12 and 13 there will be a symposium on the Historical Development of Art as a Source of Inspiration in the Evolution of Children's Book Illustrations.

Ena Noel of IBBY Australia has been appointed as one of the judges for the international event.

### News From RMIT

After an exhaustive (and probably, for the candidate, exhausting!) process, Marianne Broadbent has been appointed as a Senior Lecturer. She succeeds Elaine Haworth who retired at the end of last year and is now living in England. Marianne will be responsible for developing courses in information management and information counselling some of which will be offered as units in courses in other departments within RMIT's Advanced College.

The Department of Librarianship has recently appointed a Continuing Education Advisory Committee. It includes members from various areas of librarianship appointed for their expertise in areas relevant to areas in which the Department plans to offer continuing education courses and for their interest in continuing education. The Committee will advise and assist the Department in developing a range of programmes.

### Children's Book Council Seminar

A seminar organised by the Children's Book Council in Canberra, Writing and Illustrating for Children, will be held on the weekend 24-25 September at Canberra Grammar Junior School Hall.

**Speakers:** Victor Kelleher, whose *Forbidden Paths of Thual* won the secondary section of the W.A. Young Readers Book Award, and whose *Master of the Grove* was this year's Children's Book of the Year.

David Martin, long established author of children's novels, including *Hughie*, *The Cabbie's Daughter*, and *Mr P and His Remarkable Flight*.

Judith Crabtree, who has written and illustrated two picture books, *Legs* and *The Sparrow's Story at the King's Command* as well as illustrating other books.

Patricia Mullens, who illustrated *Rummage*, last year's junior book of the year, as well as many other beautiful books.

Margaret Hamilton, who is publishing manager for Hodder and Stoughton.

Belle Alderman, who was ACT judge for the 1983 Book of the Year Awards.

**Cost:** \$8.00 students, \$10.00 CBC members, \$15.00 others. The Seminar is assisted by the Literature Board of the Australia Council. Further details - Belle Alderman, CCAE, (062) 52 2062.

### Australian engineering database added to AUSINET

This week the Institution of Engineers Australia takes a major step forward in improving access to engineering information. ENGINE, a new database covering all aspects of engineering in Australia, has been added to ACI's AUSINET national information service.

ENGINE indexes the publications of the Institution and includes annual reports, conference papers, journal articles, books and previously unpublished material.

If you need to know whether drawbar pull is a factor in tractor failure, or whether the sediment carried by the Burdekin River reaches the Barrier Reef, or are merely curious about the influence of Lawrence Hargrave's box kite on European aviation, ENGINE can provide the answers.

For people keen to know about such diverse subjects as Australia's engineering heritage, per capita car ownership, the price of oil in real terms between 1972 and 1983, or even the types of lighthouse illumination, ENGINE will shed its own light.

ENGINE joins 20 other Australian databases covering topics from AAP to zincalume. Access is open to anyone from anywhere in Australia. A terminal and an AUSINET sign-on, both available from ACI, are the only requirements. To search the new database costs \$65 per connect hour.

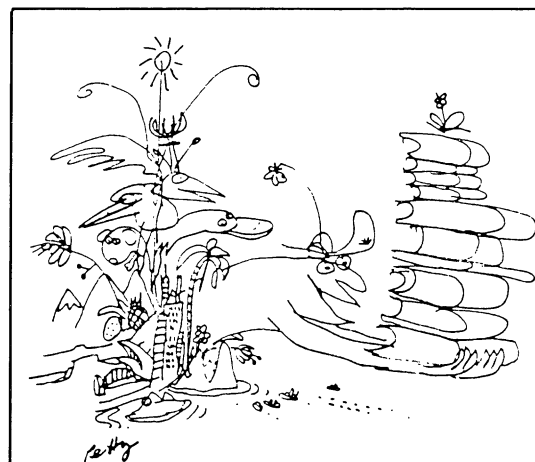
To find out more, contact Ian McCallum (03) 544 8433.

### Changes at Riverina CAE

Dr B. Cook has resigned his two positions as Pro Dean, School of Library and Information Science, and College Librarian, at Riverina College of Advanced Education, and has taken an appointment as Head of the College Resource Centre at Brisbane College of Advanced Education on August 1st.

Dr B. Cornish, Pro Dean of the School of Computing Studies at Riverina, has been appointed Acting Pro Dean of the School of Library and Information Science.

Mr B. Howes has been appointed Acting Associate Pro Dean of the School of Library and Information Science and will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the School. He has also been appointed Acting College Librarian.



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