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The Eleventh Australian Antiquarian Booksellers' Fair

The Fair will be held in Melbourne from August 30 to September 2, 1984. (See Happenings.)

Thirty participating booksellers, representing Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America (comprising Association members and invited non-members) will be offering for sale the finest and most interesting books, maps, prints and associated material covering five centuries of printing.

A selection of these will be the main feature of a combined catalogue, which is itself an innovation in Australia, although the idea has been used for many years at overseas Book Fairs. Each participating bookseller will have a single page entry in the catalogue. Also included will be relevant information concerning ANZAAB and general bibliographical details for the lay collector.

Since the first Australian Antiquarian Book Fair was held in Melbourne in 1972 (with nine exhibitors), the Australian Antiquarian Book Trade has come of age, with Book Fairs now being held annually. The emphasis is no longer purely on Australiana; there are now specialist booksellers in such diverse fields as Natural History, Cricket, Horse Books, Domestica, Modern First Editions and Performing Arts, to name but a few, which reflects the public's widening taste and awareness of the world market.

Everyone interested in the world of books is invited to meet top representatives of the Australian Antiquarian Book Trade in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The organisers are Kay Craddock [First Floor, 101 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, 3004. (03) 267 152] and Alan & Fiona McIlreavy [Shop 9-11, Kings Arcade, 974 High Street, Armadale, 3143. (03) 509 2670].

Updating workshops

RMIT is initiating a series of regular 'Information Resources' updates to help library and information workers keep up to date with the range of hardcopy and electronic resources continually becoming available.

The workshop sessions are designed for librarians, information workers and researchers. Those interested may choose to enrol for all three of the 1984 series, or for one or two courses only.

The series is being organised and coordinated by Marianne Broadbent with area specialists as workshop leaders. Participants will be involved in considerable 'hands on' experience of using and evaluating hardcopy resources. Database developers in the relevant areas have agreed to participate.

The three areas chosen for 1984 are:

- Sources of Australian business information Wednesday, August 8 with Joy Sheehan (James Bennett Pty. Ltd.) and June Anderson (Infoquest) as bookshop leaders
- Sources of information about lifestyles: leisure, sport recreation and tourism, Wednesday, October 10 with Fran Hegarty (Coordinator of ACHPIRST, Footscray Institute of Technology) as workshop leader, and
- Sources of information about the State and Commonwealth governments Wednesday, November 7, with Jill Wilson from the Government Publications unit of the State Library of Victoria as workshop leader.

Each course will be held from 4pm-9pm in the Library Lecture Room at RMIT Central Library; the resources of RMIT and the State Library of Victoria will be used. The registration fee of \$40 for each course includes afternoon tea, a light meal and course notes.

For program enquiries contact Marianne Broadbent in the RMIT Department of Librarianship, (03) 660 2963. For bookings contact Glenda Key or Sue McGibbony at Techni-search, (03) 660 2532. (Course nos. 256-258.)

Good news from Elsevier

Nick Krins of DA Book Depot advises that Elsevier are now sending their full range of journals to Australia and New Zealand via SAL (Surface Air Lift) at no extra charge. Any libraries that have already paid the airmail charge will of course be credited.

Elsevier are to be congratulated on having the good business sense to make such a move, which will no doubt enhance their reputation and increase goodwill in Oz and NZ.

About MINISIS

A visitor to Australian shores during March was Mr Colin Townsend, Canadian Manager for the Minisis Support Group, Systemhouse Ltd.

He gave a series of training courses, workshops and seminars on the MINISIS system, which is used by governments, corporations and various institutions for a number of applications, such as library data bases and systems; national information centres; records management systems; publication ordering and invoicing, and so on.

A single MINISIS file can contain over ten million records, each containing up to 4096 characters. By joining files, a record can be built to 32,000 characters long. The system is used extensively in the USA, S.E. Asia, Europe and Africa.

The Australian agent for the MINISIS system is Systematics Pty Ltd., PO Box 563, Chatswood NSW 2067.

On the job experience

New students in librarianship at the University of NSW now have the opportunity of finding out what it's really like to be a librarian.

A number of librarians at the university have cooperated in a scheme whereby a student can spend half or a full day as a 'shadow', observing as the librarian works. Time is allowed for discussion and students say that it is invaluable introduction to the profession.

In brief

A third edition of the *Directory of Australian Academic Libraries* is planned. Users of the second edition are requested to forward suggestions for improvements and additional information to the editor, Alan Bundy c/- SACAE Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale SA 5032.

WATCH OUT FOR . . . the SA Film Corporation's \$7.5 million budget film *Robbery Under Arms* currently being filmed in South Australia. Starring as the auctioneer is John Gray, Salisbury Site Librarian of the SA College of Advanced Education. John who has a number of similar parts to his credit uses the stage name Jonathon Leigh.

Mr James Mollison, AM, has been appointed Director of the Australian National Gallery for a further five years. He has been Director since 1977, following a five-and-a-half-year term as Acting Director.

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