

Notes from the ED



High Honour to University Librarian

The Librarian of the Australian National University Library, Colin Steele, received the Knight Cross of the Order of Isabel la Católica at a ceremony at the Embassy of Spain in Canberra on 12 October, 1984. The other recipient of the Knighthood was Emeritus Professor Oskar Spate of the ANU. Both men were honoured for the contribution to the promotion of Hispanic culture.

Visiting Chinese Delegation

The Association is participating in the itinerary of the delegation of senior Chinese library officials visiting Australia between 7 and 22 November. The ACT Branch of the LAA held a dinner in their honour during their stay in Canberra and the newly formed China Subcommittee of the International Relations Committee is to conduct the visitors on a tour of Sydney and has also planned a banquet in their honour.

Alex Dix Visit

The new Chairman of AACOBS, Mr Alex Dix, made a short visit to LAA House on Monday 12 November, following an invitation from the Executive Director. The purpose of the visit was primarily to acquaint Mr Dix with the functions and services offered by the Association and to assist him in gaining a greater awareness of Australian librarianship.

Jenny Adams Executive Director

Inserts

All copies of InCite should contain an insert about the: 1985 Bookmark Diary and Directory.

Also NSW copies will contain the Schools Committee Newsletter and Queensland copies will contain their Branch Newsletter.

ACI a major sponsor of specials law conference

ACI Computer Services has signed an agreement with the organizing committee of the first Asian-Pacific Special and Law Librarians' Conference, under which ACICS will serve as a major sponsor.

The conference, to be held in Melbourne from 1-6 September 1985, incorporates the 7th National Special Libraries and the Second National Law Librarians' Conference.

Announcing the agreement, Dr Leigh Baker, Manager, Information Retrieval Division, explained that the agreement signified a further level of commitment by ACI to supporting and assisting the library community. He explained that in addition to the large-scale exhibition that ACI would mount anyway, as a major sponsor ACI was providing a range of support for both general and specific aspects of the combined conference.

Continuing Education

Members will be aware that the Association is to run its future CE programs by calling for tenders (*InCite* Vol 5, No 16). Firm tenders are due on 30 November and the Association called for expressions of interest by the end of October. The number of these was most encouraging and interest has been shown from divisions within the LAA, professional and paraprofessional schools of library and information studies, training and consultancy companies (both individually and institutionally based) as well as some large libraries.

Members of the CE Committee will meet, using teleconferencing facilities, a week or so after the close of tenders to consider all tenders received.

1986 Biennial Conference

If you haven't yet considered attending the 1986 Conference in Darwin, start considering now! Still recovering from the Brisbane Conference, the Executive Director visited Darwin from 14-16 October to look at possible conference venues, meet with prospective organisers and discuss the conference with the Conference Committee. Darwin is a fascinating city and will certainly provide a very different conference from those held in the past. The Conference will provide an ideal opportunity to combine work with a holiday and see some of the more unusual sights in Australia. An article in *The Convention* V 10 No 10 October 1984 gives an interesting and factual account of what the Northern Territory has to offer.

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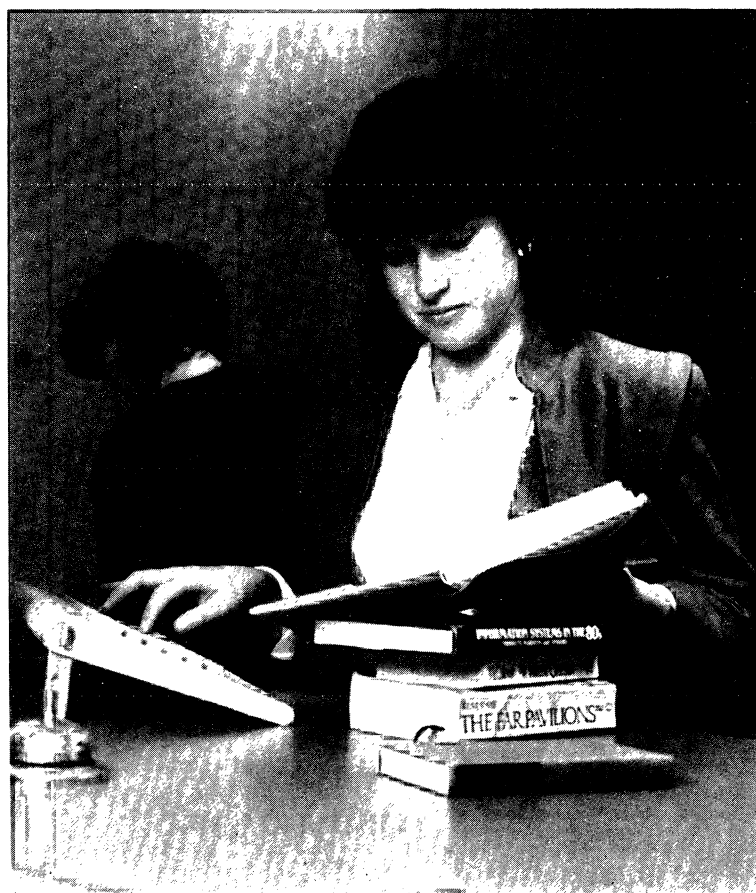
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