



### A different view

I would like to comment on two items in your issue of 27 January, 1984. Firstly, on page 4, I would like to congratulate Ian McCallum on his winning of the Williamson award and to endorse all that was said about him. However, as one who has watched AUSINET from the beginning as a very close bystander, I was disappointed to read your statement that "the National Library and ACI embarked on the establishment of AUSINET". I hope that history will provide much fairer recognition for those other perceptive people who helped create AUSINET.

Secondly, on page 13 you report on the FIT conference on engineering information, at which I spoke. Your comment 'Views that emerged from the workshop discussions included the need for a national clearing house for engineering literature, etc ...'. I had thought that view, whilst it emerged, had also been squashed. Let me at least say, as leader of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, effort in the area, that I see no such need in Australia. Furthermore, I do perceive, and listed at the workshop, a number of serious needs. These are not reflected in your report. Perhaps I was the 'odd person out' but, as my name was mentioned earlier in the report, I would at least like to dissociate myself from the list of workshop views.

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(These reports were submitted by people who attended the meetings — Ed.)



### Associateship as a qualification

I would like to support Mr Geoff Carson's comments in his letter published in the February 1984 issue of the *Journal*, regarding the claim to use the Associateship as an academic qualification after a person's name, when that person may or may not be a member of the Association. I too gained my professional qualification through the LAA registration examinations when, in WA there was no other avenue to do so. In my opinion it is very unfair that we don't have an 'academic' qualification with accompanying diploma-type document and initials after our name, unless we retain our membership of the Association. There should be a distinction between the two.

I have written before on this issue and received a letter detailing my examination passes (which was not what I was after). Sincerely, I hope the General Council will re-think their stand on this situation.

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## Contest for the best student essay on AGRIS

THE FAO is sponsoring a contest for the best student essay on AGRIS, the International Information System for the Agricultural Sciences and Technology which is now celebrating its tenth year of service to the agricultural, fisheries and forestry communities of the developing and developed countries alike. During this period AGRIS membership has grown to 116 countries and 14 multinational organisations. Its data base, which will surpass one million bibliographic references in May 1984, is currently covering well over half the world's agricultural literature.

The student submitting the successful entry in the AGRIS Essay Contest will be awarded a prize of \$500 and a trip to Rome. The following rules will govern this award:

- 1 The author of the essay must be a regularly registered student in a school of librarianship or documentation. In the event of an essay written jointly by a group of students only the one named first will be eligible for the prize.
- 2 The essay must be submitted to the AGRIS Coordinating Centre through the Dean or Director of the School in which the author is registered. The essay should be unpublished. FAO reserves the right to publish any of the essays submitted and their copyright will belong to the Organization.



### NSW BRANCH COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP

NSW Branch Council is to sponsor a member of the LAA NSW Branch to the LAA/NZLA Conference 1984. The sponsorship will cover return economy airfare and conference registration fee.

To qualify for consideration to be sponsored, NSW members are asked to submit a paper, not more than 1,000 words in length, on what the theme of the 1988 LAA Biennial Conference to be held in Sydney, should be. The sponsorship is open to all categories of members.

Papers, including full name, address and membership number, should be with **Secretary (Julie Young) NSW Branch, c/- Library, Newcastle Technical College, Maitland Road, Tighes Hill NSW 2297 by 30 May 1984.** A committee appointed by NSW Branch Council will decide on the winner. The results will be published in *InCite*.

### Attention school librarians!

InCite No 11 will be a special issue to mark Children's Book Week.

Plans include a section of book reviews, written by children themselves, which will be published in time for them to be displayed during Children's Book Week.

Several publishers have already demonstrated their interest in the project by providing books for this purpose.

School librarians who would like children at their school to participate should contact me.

Brenda Pittard  
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- 3 The essay may deal with any aspect of AGRIS: e.g. its history, methodology, philosophy, as an example of international cooperation, its role in developing countries, its role in technology transfer, etc.
- 4 The essay should be between 1,500 and 3,000 words in length. It may be submitted in English, French, Spanish or Arabic.
- 5 The essays will be judged by a committee consisting of:  
Director, Library and Documentation Systems Division, FAO  
Chief, Systems and Projects Development Branch, FAO  
Head, AGRIS Coordinating Centre, FAO who will present a short list of the best essays to the Assistant Director-General, Department of General Affairs and Information who will make the final decision.
- 6 Essays should be submitted to the AGRIS Coordinating Centre, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Via delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy.
- 7 The final date for receipt of the essays in Rome is 15 July 1984.

### IN BRIEF

*Shades of Yes, Minister.* A press release from the Minister for Home Affairs and Environment announces new help for the Australian film industry.

This help is in the shape of a new and enlarged application form, with Explanatory Notes!

News from Canberra is that the National Library has lost the Film Archive. However, nothing official has reached the *InCite* office at the time of going to press.

The Regional Vice President for Australasia and the South Pacific for COMLA is Mrs Esther Wininamaori Williams. Esther is well known to many Australian librarians, having gained her post-graduate Diploma in Librarianship from Canberra CAE in 1973.

Carringbush Library, in association with Collingwood City Council and Collingwood History Committee, has recently published *Those Days*, the story of an industrial suburb told by people who have lived there most of their lives.

Most of the people involved were born in the late 19th or early 20th century, and their recollections, transcribed from taped interviews, tell of the day-to-day life of Collingwood in years gone by.

Copies of the publication may be obtained from Carringbush Regional Library, 415 Church Street, Richmond 3121 at a cost of \$6.95 plus \$1.50 postage and handling.



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