

CSIRO Review

Implementation of the CSIRO Board's decisions on the CSIRO Library and Information Services Task Force report and the Pappas, Carter, Evans and Koop (PCEK) Review of Corporate Services Department is now proceeding. It should result in a Corporate Centre with a stronger policy, advising and co-ordinating role.

The recommendation of the task force, which agreed with the underlying philosophy of the PCEK review and which endorsed the levels of operation recommended in that review, have been referred by the Chief Executive, Dr N.K. Boardman, to the Assistant General Manager, Information Services Unit (ISU), for further examination. A report on the ISU service levels is to be presented to the July executive committee meeting. A review of the site libraries is planned for the latter half of 1988.

The functions of the former Bureau of Scientific Services have largely been subsumed by two new groups, the ISU and the Public Affairs Branch. Responsibility for all corporate computer systems: operations and design, including CSIRO Library Network System (CLINES) and Australis, now reside with the Corporate Services' Management Information Service.

The Corporate Services Department includes: Library Services, Databases and Information Retrieval, Editorial Services; regional information offices, communications — institute support (rural research, Ecos and Index Res — News); the National Information Network and Film and Video Centre. The need to take account of shrinking budgets and the restructuring of CSIRO has required a re-ordering of priorities for the allocation of appropriation funds. This will lead to the devolution of some services to divisions, and the need to achieve higher levels of cost recovery for other services such as publishing, Australis, database production and document supply.

The final shape of library and information services throughout CSIRO will not be known until the library services on the CSIRO divisional sites have been reviewed. This is expected to be completed by the end of 1988.

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Schools Guide, Australian Wine Guide, Directory of Australian Composers, Directory of Australian Databases, Directory of Australian Music Organisations, Green Pages, Ozarts, Register of Freelance Publishing Services and Technology Directory are just some examples of those excluded.

It is reiterated that the comparison was conducted only on established serials having an ISSN (that is those which would have been listed in Australian National Bibliography). I deliberately excluded a comparison of the coverage of 379 DAD titles which do not have a known ISSN, given the insubstantial and ephemeral nature of some of these.

This comparison indicated major deficiencies in the coverage afforded by ASIP in this particular field (directories); I cannot comment on other areas. However, I would add an observation that the subject classification scheme used by ASIP appears to be generally inadequate and inconsistently applied.

The paucity of coverage highlights, in my opinion, an example indicating a requirement for more effort to be directed and a more professional approach to be taken by librarians in general, and by the LAA in particular, to the raising of the quality of bibliographic tools and resources available for Australian library and information work.

Ralph S. Reid.

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