

LIVING TOGETHER

LAA Program Highlights

The LAA program has been designed to be of interest to both local and overseas conference participants. Concurrent sessions cover five broad themes: industrial relations, management, education, technology and national policy issues. The diverse range of speakers will make this a highly innovative and stimulating program.

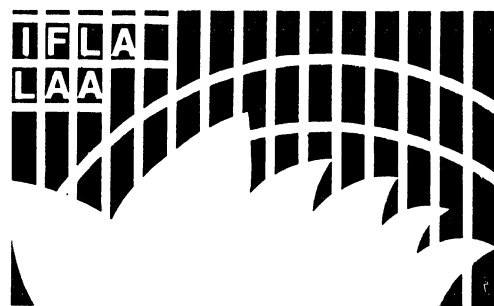
Special features in the LAA program include the Hypothetical, the Sound and Light finale and the Round Table sessions. The Hypothetical panel session a la Geoffrey Robinson will explore the issue of a roving computer bug randomly destroying data. In the collective hot seat will be Warren Horton, Des Tellis, John Levett, Diana Killen, Dorothy Peake, Ian McCallum, Carmel Maguire, Naida Tattersall, Helen Meredith, David Lewis, John Bennett, Dr Allan Pattison, George Walker and Rodney Cavalier. The compere will be Stephen Matchett.

The Round Table sessions are a new feature for the LAA and they cater for small groups of approximately 20 participants. The sessions provide a high degree of flexibility in the method of presentation as the speaker or the moderator will introduce the topic and then lead the discussion. The sessions will cover topics such as: 'Role of teacher librarians', 'Innovative users of microcomputers in school libraries', 'International exchange', 'Changing perspective of work and power in libraries', 'Information for independent living', 'Automated serials control in special libraries' and 'Public libraries: then and now'.

The LAA program will conclude with a Sound and Light finale which will be held in the Concert Hall at the Sydney Opera House. This show will contain highlights of the development of the library and information profession in Australia and will provide the stimulus and excitement to take the profession forward for the next hundred years.

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Exhibition news

The IFLA/LAA Trade Exhibition will be the place to be at lunchtime and before and after conference sessions. Close to Wentworth Avenue, the Round House and Square House are home to various restaurants and bars. The University cafeteria will be open for breakfast daily, so delegates can have something to eat and then casually browse through the Exhibition before the morning sessions. Other good spots to visit are the Asian Food Bar and the Fernery Restaurant.

Delegates can come back to relax at the exhibition via the Baker and Taylor mini-buses. A bus stop will be located outside the John Clancy Auditorium and the Round House. The route to be followed will be reproduced in the Conference Handbook and delegates 'between stops' will be able to hail buses to hitch a ride.

Free coffee will be available at the exhibition, with free wine and cheese served during lunchtime. The range of products and services on show makes this exhibition extra special.

Don't forget to linger longer at the stands of conference sponsors who have helped to bring about this event. At the James Bennett Library Services (JBL) stand you can meet members of their enthusiastic team. JBL is not just

about filling orders — an important part of the service is chasing outstanding orders, following up price and availability queries and, not least, listening to complaints and praises. Their library services advisors are on call and visit libraries regularly to keep librarians up to date on new services, initiatives and policies. Go along to the stand and see how they are taking book supply into the electronic age while still providing that personal level of service which has been the company's trademark since James Bennett set up shop 30 years ago.

Light your lamp and go along to the Brownbuilt stand and find out about their electronic ALADDIN COMPACTUS system. An in-built microcomputer controls the system and loads of up to 100 tonnes can be moved at the touch of a button. Another plus for ALADDIN is its compact design which offers important savings on floor space over conventional storage and filing systems. Talk to the Brownbuilt people — designing the installation to suit your needs and with the accessories you require is their business. No doubt they will tell you about ALADDIN's use in the new Federal Parliament building and that they are about to work some magic at the National Library. Of course brochures will be available on Brownbuilt's range of free-standing library shelving too.

Don't forget to fill in the exhibition questionnaire to be in the running for the GEMTEC boulder opal. This competition will take you to each stand. On the way around you will be able to see the latest technology — CD-ROM, laser videodiscs, computer software of all description — books, audiovisual materials and all sorts of services to make working in the library world easier.

For those delegates keen enough, bookings for IFLA Paris, IFLA Stockholm and LAA:90 in Perth can be made at each respective stand. The LAA stand in the registration area will be the source of conference goodies and information so come along and chat with staff who are looking forward to meeting you.

