

# CSIRO Libraries Conference

## 5-7 June 1989

**M**ore than sixty CSIRO librarians, senior CSIRO Corporate Centre staff and outside experts attended a CSIRO Librarians' Conference at Merrijig near Mansfield in country Victoria from Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th June.

The Conference included reports on current projects within the CSIRO Library Network and exposed delegates to new products and processes, including developments with the GEAC system.

The CSIRO Library Network System is now Australia's most advanced GEAC installation and is one of the world's leading GEAC sites. It was interesting to note that CSIRO has pioneered the installation and the 'Australianisation' of the GEAC Acquisitions Module and has led the way in data transfers to and from the Acquisitions database. CSIRO is the only Australian GEAC site to make extensive use of advanced features such as serials ordering and accessioning, and has successfully introduced invoice tape loading.

Speakers included senior CSIRO staff, who spoke on finance, budgeting

and current management techniques, and librarians from CSIRO Divisions and the Information Services Unit, who covered such topics as the needs of remote users, patents, gifts and exchange, developments with GEAC's Acquisitions Module, new cataloguing rules and ABN.

Outside speakers included Norma Tovey (Inmagic), Richard Siegersma (DA), who demonstrated Current Contents on diskette and various CD-ROM products, and Marianne Rajkovic from GEAC (Sydney), who demonstrated the GE Circulation Module and the GEAC 9000 Cataloguing Module.

The Conference also presented CSIRO librarians with the opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues including those peculiar to CSIRO as well as some that impact on the wider Australian library community.

Following the Conference, some delegates attended the Optical Disk Conference and Exhibition, held on 9-10 June at the Southern Cross Hotel in Melbourne.

The next CSIRO Librarians' Conference is planned for early 1991.



## Research into ethnic services librarians

Northcote Library is embarking on a research project to collect, compile and evaluate data relating to the employment of Multicultural Services or Ethnic Services Librarians and Information Professionals in Victoria.

ALIA will administer the project funds of \$11 675, granted by the Commonwealth Government through the Department of Employment, Education and Training's National Policy on Languages Multicultural and Cross Cultural Supplementation Program at the end of May.

The research project will fill an obvious gap. To date, no formal baseline research has been done in Victoria to determine where multicultural or ethnic services librarians and information professionals are working, the formal qualifications they needed to obtain their positions, and the nature of their job specifications and duty statements. Professional standards may well be suggested as a result of evaluation of the collected data.

An independent researcher, based at Northcote Library for 12 months on a part-time basis, will undertake the project. The research will be done in conjunction and consultation with a reference group, which will have input from the Working Group on Multicultural Library Services, the Continuing Education Officer of ALIA's Victorian Branch and other relevant ALIA officers.



## CD initiative in NSW TAFE Library Services

The Director General of NSW TAFE, Michael F. Brinsden, recently launched two initiatives developed by NSW TAFE Library Services.

The first was CD CAT, the CLANN network's catalogue on CD ROM, and the second was the expansion of online services to Grade 2 colleges.



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More than sixty delegates from forty-five CSIRO libraries converged on the alpine resort of Merrijig, Victoria, for the successful 1989 CSIRO Libraries Conference.