

# What you want from *inCite*

*The Editor has analysed your suggestions and comments...*

**F**IVE HUNDRED and sixty eight of you responded to the *inCite* survey sent out with issue 5. Almost exactly half that number (283) made comments—supportive or critical, constructive or negative. All these comments were printed verbatim in Agenda Paper 25 for the July 1992 General Council meeting. They ranged over a wide variety of topics and came out highly contradictory—almost every criticism by one respondent was matched by support from another.

A dozen respondents insisted on the need to maintain the distinction between *inCite* and *ALJ*—‘let’s see the two policy statements’—but no other single topic attracted this amount of support or opposition. In the end the following suggestions for new emphases or topics could be identified, and this ‘wish list’ was similar whether you were among the 61% who wanted 12 issues a year or the 35% who wanted 20 issues:

- a new *Job Line*;
- more on industrial issues;
- more on continuing education;
- more on professional development;
- career paths and career planning;
- case studies showing the variety of opportunity in the profession;
- more about the activities of ALIA Divisions (i.e., more *Feedback*)—Library Technicians and School Librarians were particularly mentioned, by half a dozen respondents each;

- more about small one-person libraries and isolated libraries;
- generally, more about grass roots activities;
- more of *Who’s Where*;
- profiles of significant Australian libraries;
- more on information technology and information management;
- results of research in the library and information field;
- management issues;
- international activities in the library and information field, particularly in our region.

Many of these items depend on the good will and efforts of the ALIA membership to write the copy. Branches and Divisions have already been contacted asking for their continuing support in this regard. Some items—the industrial and T & D issues—come back to ALIA House. Others require the Editor to commission reports or articles. These new emphases will take a little time to put in place, but we can make a start on all of them straight away.

Do you have a news item or pet topic up your sleeve? If you’re worried about whether a story is worthwhile, or exactly what might be needed in a particular case, the Editor is happy to help. Phone or fax him any morning at the ALIA office. Don’t forget that a good photo always brings the story closer to the reader, and with a clever caption may save you a lot of words. ■



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