

The first female university librarian

In his letter in the 5 April issue Euan Miller states that Meg Cameron is the first female university librarian (in Australia). I doubt if Meg would want to claim this distinction because the first female university librarian was appointed as long ago as 1927! Her name was Miss M E Wood and details of her career can be found in *ALL-AS*, Volume 3, p.153.

Arthur Ellis
Librarian, U of WA

P.S. I suppose Euan's statement could be taken to mean that Meg was the first female university librarian at Deakin, but she was of course the first librarian at Deakin.

Institute of Information Scientists (UK)

The Institute has recently been discussing ways in which the Institute might do more for its overseas members. One suggestion has been a change in the fee structure so that all overseas mail—including the *Journal of Information Science* and the newsletter *Inform* (both free to members) go by air at no extra cost, instead of by surface

mail as at present.

The flat rate for all overseas members would be the same as for Members and Fellows (£58 in 1993) so that there is a real benefit. I should appreciate hearing the views of *inCite* readers on whether this offer would be likely to influence them to join the Institute. Strong support from potential overseas members would obviously contribute to the Council's discussion.

Please reply to me at the Institute of Information Scientists, 44-45 Museum Street, London WC1A 1LY, United Kingdom (fax: +0015 44 71 430 1270).

Sarah Carter
Executive Secretary

THAT calendar

I would like to thank Trevor Wakely (*inCite*, 8 Feb, pp 18) for his letter regarding MCB's Library Link calendar. I think the calendar is a classic and ordered one for my library. Thanks, Trevor, for letting me know about it. Please let me know about your next book-burning session as well.

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Chief Public Librarians

New President of the Queensland Association

Jill Peters, Johnstone Shire Council Library, has just been elected President of the Chief Public Librarians Association (QLD). The Association was formed primarily to provide a forum for library managers to discuss matters of interest and exchange information, aiming to ensure effective public library service for the people of Queensland. It also promotes and encourages consideration of all questions affecting librarians and librarianship in local government in Queensland.

The Association conducts an annual conference. In 1993 this was held in Mackay in March; next year's conference will be held in March/April in Townsville.

Among many issues on the 1993 agenda, one of importance was the

consideration of a plan to take Queensland's public libraries into the 21st century. There were numerous speakers, including the chairman of the Library Board of Queensland, Manfred Cross; the Deputy Director of the Division of the Arts, Kevin Radbourn and, from the State Library of New South Wales, Alison Crook, David Jones and Val Moon.

The Association has formed a Consultative Committee of six Chief Public Librarians to consider and report on matters of importance to all public librarians. This Consultative Committee has now also been appointed to a Library Board of Queensland Taskforce planning future development of public libraries in Queensland. ■

Nicholas Pengelley took up his appointment as Law Librarian, Monash University in April. His career began in 1979 in the SA Legal Services Commission. He was Senior Reference Librarian at the High Court of Australia 1987-90, after which he became Director, Information Services Network, Australian Taxation Office. He was a founding member of the SA Law Librarians' Group, and Editor of its Newsletter, as well as organising and participating in law librarians' conferences. In his new job, Nicholas has responsibility for one of the country's top law libraries, in which he will also oversee the development of the Australian Legal Literature Index database.

Ken McKay recently joined Co-op Library Services as Customer Services Officer. Many of you may know Ken from Harcourt Brace, where he spent four years in customer services. He brings to Co-op an extensive knowledge of medical and professional titles, which will be a great benefit to Co-op's clients. Ken is looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and establishing new ones.

Karen Cairns, Secretary of the ALIA TAFE Section, Victorian Branch, has been appointed Chief Librarian of Western Metropolitan College of TAFE. Karen was formerly Preston Campus Librarian at Northern Metropolitan College of TAFE.

Sue Kosse, ALIA's Executive Director for over five years, takes up the position of Coordinator, Reader Services, at the ANU Library on 28 June. More in our next issue. Meanwhile, we all wish her the very best of luck. ■