

Bullet LAN service fired at lawyers

A distribution of legal bulletins via LANs

Butterworths has just introduced a licensing agreement that breaks new ground in the field of copyright, allowing subscribers to its legal services to copy and distribute selected parts of its publications across their computer networks.

Called *Bullet LAN*, the license entitles law firms to electronically 'scan' the latest legal bulletins and circulate to all solicitors on their local area networks (LANs). Once a bulletin has been scanned onto computer, it can be treated like a normal text, document and distributed via e-mail, archived or incorporated in reports. Lawyers can also add notes to the electronic bulletins, and immediately print them, or send them, to colleagues for comment via e-mail.

A single *Bullet LAN* licence permits the copying of bulletins from any of the nominated loose-leaf services for which there is an existing subscription. Bulletins will continue to be distributed in hardcopy, and subscribers can convert the information into electronic form with a scanner equipped with OCR software.

A *Bullet LAN* licence is limited to single LAN at the one address and does not grant permission to duplicate any other parts of Butterworths' subscription services or books. The digest service *Australian Current Law* (ACL) is not covered by the agreement, as it will soon be available in electronic format. ■

FLIS brings us InfoManage

Freelance Library and Information Services Pty Ltd (FLIS) announce an exciting initiative to help Librarians keep informed of current international information management trends. This is particularly important with internationalisation of the information industry, of restructuring and shrinking budgets.

December 1993 will bring the first issue of a monthly newsletter designed to help us manage these challenges—*InfoManage: The International Management Newsletter for the Information Services Executive*—to be published by SMR International, Washington DC.

InfoManage will feature profiles and interviews with leaders in the library and information management profession; brief how-to articles on better management (addressing such issues as customer service, personnel management, QA programs,

etc., with case studies and examples from the workplace); editorials and comments about issues affecting information delivery; regular coverage of international information issues such as the future of information; book and journal reviews and product reports.

InfoManage will not contain advertising and is written for the individual practitioner. Guy St Clair, past President of the Special Libraries Association and well known to Australian Librarians from his visit here in 1991, is Managing Editor. Editorial advisers are sourced from Canada, UK, USA and Australia.

Australian subscribers, through FLIS, are being offered a special initial subscription rate of \$130 (a saving of nearly \$80) until 30 January 1994. Phone (03) 813 1925 or fax (03) 882 4274 for more information. ■

National indexing priorities

The Bibliographical Society of Australia and New Zealand Annual Conference will be held at the Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide, on 30 September-1 October 1993.

The Conference aims to support the NLA in its current project to determine national priorities for indexing Australian journals and newspapers. It will include:

- a panel session chaired by Fran Awcock on priorities for bibliographical projects (the speakers are primarily indexing or editing practitioners, who will be reporting on current projects and discussing future priorities for indexing and textual editing);

- a meeting to discuss collaborative indexing projects (the Chairman, Professor John Barnes, is working with the NLA to identify and evaluate indexes currently available, published and in-progress—and look at ways of systematically filling the gaps);
- a bibliographical projects poster session.

On the preceding day, 29 September, the ALIA Rare Books and Special Collections SIG will hold its first meeting for many years, to discuss common interests and future directions. Further information on this SIG meeting from Valma Itankel on (08) 207 7262 or Susan Woodbum on (08) 303 5224. ■

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