

Special Libraries Association president to visit Hobart

Keynote speakers announced for *Strait to the future*

Susan DiMattia, president-elect of the Special Libraries Association (United States of America) will be attending the 8th Asia-Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians Conference in Hobart next year as one of our keynote speakers. She will be attending as a representative of SLA as well as offering her expertise as a speaker.

Susan is an editor with Cahners Business Information, New York, responsible for *Library Hotline* and *Corporate Library Update*. She was a self-employed business information consultant from 1982 until March 1997 and has also held the following positions: business reference specialist, Suffolk Co-operative Library Systems, Beelport, New York; business reference

librarian, Huntington Public Library, New York; and head librarian of the Bank of New England, Boston, Massachusetts.

Her consulting projects include market research, strategic and organisational planning, staff training and development and resource analysis and collection development. She has also been an instructor in the Special Libraries Association's continuing education program, run at their annual conferences. She has published in *Special Libraries*, *Library Journal*, *Financial Analyst's Handbook*, *Simmons Library* and others.

And, just to show she does not work all the time, she loves to travel, to eat out, (her favourite food is ice

cream, but she does not like Vegemite); and her secret ambition is to play the harp with New York Philharmonic. Her favourite holiday includes a sunny day, a rocking chair, and a good book on the porch of the Edgertown Inn, Martha's Vineyard — that is until she visits Hobart!

Susan is just the first of several interesting and exciting keynote speakers, from overseas and Australia who will be coming to Hobart in August 1999. We hope we will see you there too!

The conference organising committee hopes you like the 1999 calendar we have included in this issue of *inCite*. Put it in your purse or wallet and start counting the days until you can join us in Hobart. ■



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