

# Exploring reference issues

National Reference and Information Services Section conference, 6–8 September 1999

**1**999 & beyond — *partnerships & paradigms* is the theme for the next National Reference and Information Services Section conference to be held at the Sydney Hilton in September this year.

The conference provides an opportunity for librarians and information professionals from universities, technical and further education institutions, public libraries, government and special libraries to explore the reference and service issues arising in the 90's and beyond.

Information professionals from the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia have accepted invitations to address the conference — Jerry Campbell, chief information officer, information services division,

University of Southern California; Arnold Hirschorn, director of libraries, LeHeigh University; and Neil McLean, university librarian, Macquarie University Library. Plenary sessions feature speakers such as John Lubans, deputy university librarian of the Perkins Library at Duke University; Barbara Buckley from the Research and Innovation Centre of the British Library; Tim Owen from the Coalition for Public Information, United Kingdom; and Maxine Brodie, director of information technology at the State Library of New South Wales.

The conference 'Call for papers' has been widely distributed and is on the internet, together with other conference details at <http://www.csu.edu.au/special/raiss99/>. It includes sponsorship information for



an exhibition that will showcase the latest developments in print and electronic reference services and systems.

For more information about the conference contact ACMS — Conventions and Exhibitions Pty Ltd on 02 9332 4622. ■

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