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**7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and
Law Librarians' Conference & Exhibition**
12-16 October 1997, Perth WA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION

HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION

AGENDA

To be held on Wednesday 15 October 1997 at 7.45am at **on the edge**, the 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health, and Law Librarians' Conference at the Duxton Hotel Perth, Western Australia. (A light breakfast will be provided).

1. Welcome to visitors. Present and Apologies.
2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting 8th October 1996
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Anne Harrison Report
6. Treasurers Report
8. 9th International Congress on Medical Librarianship 2005
9. National Guidelines for Hospital Libraries
10. Physical Requirements for Hospital Libraries - South Australia
11. Specials, Health and Law Librarians' Conference forward planning
12. Health Libraries Section National Executive
13. Other business

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GOODBYE HELO-L, HELLO ALIAHEALTH

Those of you who were on the HELO-L discussion list probably realise it has moved name and address recently. It has become ALIAHealth and now resides on the ALIANet server.

For those of you who have not yet joined us, please do so. If you have an email connection you are only one step away from connecting to one of the most useful information resources - your colleagues.

A Guide for the Novice Who is Unfamiliar with Discussion Lists

Lists are subscribed to (this is free) and all postings to the list from anyone anywhere are automatically sent to all members / subscribers to the list (also free). When you post to the list, i.e. to other librarians who have joined, you mail your messages to: aliahealth@alianet.alia.org.au

Remember to use an informative subject line. If your message is of interest only to South Australian librarians put that in the subject line to save others time and irritation.

There is no requirement for you to post to a list when you join, you may simply 'lurk' and observe other members discussions.

When you join a list, you are emailed a copy of the 'rules of the railroad' for that list, the etiquette expected of members, the nature of appropriate posting, and detailed instructions on the commands available from the list software. Save this message in a permanent folder.

When you join a list, leave it, or suspend your membership while you go on holidays, it is important to remember that you are communicating with a computer programme and not a person. The list software automates the processes of joining, leaving and suspending membership. When you want to join, address your request to:

listproc@alianet.alia.org.au

Put nothing in the subject line and in the main body of the message, type:

subscribe aliahealth yourfirstname yourlastname

Remember to turn off your automatic signature file.

ALIAHealth is an unmoderated list. There is no editor to vet your postings to the list. It is important that it be used responsibly. When people post questions to the list, consider whether it may be more appropriate to reply to the person individually rather than to the whole list.

There are a great many informative library related discussion lists. Some of us routinely scan these and redirect to ALIAHealth any that we think others may find of interest. There are similar lists in the US (medlib-l), the UK (lis-medical), and Canada (canmedlib). There is an e-doc-del list, and ifla-l list, a liblicense-l list (licensing of digital information), a scout report (new and interesting additions to the internet), serialaust (what it sounds like), slan (science librarians of Australia), an evidence-based-health list, and so on. If you want details of how to join any of these, let me know.

Cheryl.Hamill@health.wa.gov.au

on the edge of our seats hoping to see you in the West

A reminder that discount registration to the 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health & Law Librarians' Conference and Exhibition is on 1 September. Save money and book early.

Lost the programme and registration brochure?

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New to the Web?

Need to design a Web Page?

Are you a new Internet user looking for some help? Perhaps you're creating a Web page and need some assistance? If so, try the "Related Sites" on the PSMO Home Page on the World Wide Web (www.wa.gov.au/pms0).

Links will tell you how you can take a "Virtual Tour" of the Internet via brief twice weekly e-mails. If you are uncertain about what an Internet term means, try the link to the Internet Dictionary.

For new and experienced Web page designers, there are links to templates, practical web design hints, and updates on what is happening with HTML, the language of Web pages.

Moreover, there is information on how to design for disabled users. For example, visually disabled people use the Internet through text recognition readers. If you intend to have a text only version for them, save their time by placing the text only link at the top of your Web page.

Help for new Internet users & Web Page designers:

Web Address: www.wa.gov.au/pms0

Click on 'Related Sites' at the bottom of the page

INTERNET

Electronic Journal Market Overview 1997

<http://www.coalliance.org/reports/cjournal.htm>

At the above address, George Machovec, Technical Coordinator, Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries provides a brief overview of some of the major trends in electronic journal access as of early 1997. There follows a 13 page discussion of the general issues surrounding electronic journals.

OBGYN.NET

<http://www.obgyn.net>

This site boasts that it is "the World Wide Web's most comprehensive international resource centre for professionals in obstetrics and gynaecology, the medical industry, and the women they serve.

Edwards, M.J.A. *The Internet for nurses and allied health professionals*. 2nd ed. New York: Springer, 1997. ISBN 0-387-94888-0

Ferguson, T. *Health online: how to find health information, support groups, and self-help communities in cyberspace*.

Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley Publishing Co., 1996. ISBN 0-201-40989-5.

CAIRNS BASE HOSPITAL LIBRARY HOLDS OPEN DAY

Queensland Health staff and associates attended the Cairns Base Hospital Library Open Day on Thursday 17 April to celebrate International Special Librarians Day.

The theme of the day was "Putting knowledge to work" and during the Open Day, library staff demonstrated how to access that knowledge via, for instance, the internet or CD-ROM.

The Cairns Base Hospital Library provides a service to Queensland Health staff throughout far north Queensland. One of the important ways we provide a service to remote health facilities is by helping them to search Medline.

The hospital library has about 5000 books, 200 videos, and subscribes to about 200 periodicals. It offers the following services in addition to loans: mediated searches, internet access, and a contents page service for rural and remote staff. Membership of the library is open to all, but services to the general public are restricted to loans and on-site searching of databases. The internet is not available for public access.

Jan Weaver
Library Manager

From the Literature.....

NEW, NEWish & NOTABLE

Davies, R. Urquhart, CJ Smith, J. Massiter, C. Hepworth, JB *Establishing the Value of Information to Nursing Continuing Education: Report of the EVINCE Project*. Boston Spa, Wetherby: British Library Document Supply Centre (Theses Division), 1997 (British Library RIC report 44). ISBN 0-7123-3309-6 Price £12.00 sterling.

Urquhart, Christine J. Hepworth, John B. *The Value of Information Services to Clinicians: a Toolkit for Measurement*. [book & computer disk] Aberystwyth, Department of Information and Library Studies, University of Wales, 1995. ISBN 1-898831-15-7 Approx. £12.00 sterling.

For further details on how to obtain either the report or the toolkit, contact the Dept of Information and Library Studies at Aberystwyth. dils@aber.ac.uk

New Publication

Due out September 1997

*Health Libraries:
Challenges in the
Commercial Environment*

by Kathy Saurine
President, HLS Tasmania
with contributions from Elizabeth Hides(WA),
Ann Ritchie(WA), Mary Shepherd(Tas),
& Karen Andrews(NSW)

Published by AUSLIB

**Public/Private Partnership
Update News**

The Queensland Government looks set to establish collocated health/hospital facilities within the state. An advertisement in The Weekend Australian on 3-4 May 1997 called for the Registration of Interest to tender for the development of collocated health facilities at the following hospitals:

- The Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane
- Royal Brisbane Hospital, Brisbane
- Royal Women's and Children's Hospital, Brisbane
- Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane
- Redland Hospital, Redland.

Tasmanian News

Library staff within the Department of Community & Health Services in Tasmania congratulate Karen Carson on her appointment as the Department's Statewide Manager of Library and Records. Karen, previously Manager of Library & Information Services in the north of the State, took up her new role in May. In this challenging position Karen will manage the Department's libraries in the state and records management staff responsible for administrative records and non-acute client records. Records Management Officers within the Department are enthusiastic about the direction the two groups, library and records, plan to take in the near future. It will be of tremendous value to the profession to have a Librarian representing us within the senior management ranks of the Department.

Kathy Saurine, President, HLS Tasmania

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

**The Health Libraries Section National
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NEXT DEADLINE: 5 NOVEMBER

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faxed to the editor on (08) 9340 1124**

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Funding to attend on the edge →→→

The National Executive of the Health Libraries Section ALIA is calling for applications for funds to attend "On the Edge". Two grants each of \$500 will be made available to librarians who fulfil the following criteria:

- Professional member of the Australian Library and Information Association
- Work in a health or medical library
- Qualified within the last five years
- Have not previously attended a Health, Specials and Law Librarians Conference.

Applications should include qualifications, employment history and a short statement of approximately 500 words outlining the benefits they expect to derive professionally from attending "On the Edge". The successful applicants will be required to submit a short article outlining the highlights of the conference and the benefits they derived professionally from attending "On the Edge" to the National Newsletter.

Applications should be forwarded to:

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Health Libraries Section ALIA
Head of Department Library
King Edward Memorial and Princess Margaret Hospitals
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Perth WA 6001

If you require further information please call
Tricia Scolaro on (08) 9340 8465.

Applications should be received no later than 5.00pm Friday 26 September 1997 and may be faxed to (08) 9382 3055.

National Advocacy for Health Libraries

All interested Health Librarians are invited to attend a meeting to develop strategies to promote health libraries and librarianship in Australia.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 October at 1.15pm at **on the edge**, Perth.

The session will be chaired by Ann Ritchie, Hollywood Private Hospital, Perth.

☺☺☺ Please come along, bring your lunch and brilliant ideas! ☺☺☺