

HEALTH  
LIBRARIES'  
SECTION  
NATIONAL  
NEWSLETTER

MEET YOUR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE



Left to Right: Gaye Sweeney, Branch Council Representative; Elizabeth Hides, Correspondence Secretary; Brigitte Glockner, President; Susan Bolton, Secretary, Anne Harrison Award Committee; Caroline Dowling, Secretary, Minutes; Anne Batt, Treasurer; Cheryl Hamill, Editor, HLS National Newsletter.

Gaye and Elizabeth are with the Health Department of WA Information Services Section; Brigitte is at King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women Library; Susan is from the Health and Human Sciences Faculty of Edith Cowan University; Caroline is from Curtin University Therapy Library; Anne is at the UWA Medical Library and Cheryl is at Fremantle Hospital Library.

SOS Editor needs your golden prose to grace the pages of forthcoming newsletters. All contributions short of defamatory, derogatory, scandalous innuendo will be considered. Reports of workshops, handy hints on practice or service improvements, people on the move, anything of interest or value to the whole membership. Contributions to: Cheryl Hamill, Librarian in Charge, Fremantle Hospital, P O Box 480, FREMANTLE WA 6160. ph. 09 431 2780 fax. 09 431 2977.

- Publication schedule for 1992: 3 issues to be published.
1. 1 1st week of May
  2. Mid-September (Copy accepted up to 9th September)
  3. Early December (Copy accepted up to 27th November)

ALIA AWARDS AVAILABLE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello and welcome from your Western Australian President. A very special welcome to all new members of the Health Libraries Section. In these difficult financial times it is not easy to pay the membership fees. However, with your help and support we will try our very best to make ALIA even stronger and more effective on your behalf.

Last year in Canberra, I gave a poster-paper entitled 'Equality Stops at Your Salary', which highlighted our case for re-classification before the W.A. Industrial Arbitration Commission. Well, Commissioner Negus handed down his decision in March this year. While we were awarded a 'Level 7' (we had asked for a 'Level 8'), we still have the dubious honour to be the lowest paid 'Head of Department' of all Allied Health Professionals in Western Australia, and our proposed career structure was also not accepted. Our only way to further our case is to apply individually the principle of 'Progression Criteria' or to prove that we are nationally and/or internationally recognised in our profession. Should any of us be successful in this regard, we have to find the additional cost to our departments within our existing budget constraints.

Professor Patricia Layzell Ward and I believe that Commissioner Negus' decision has far-reaching implications for the whole library profession. Therefore, we will pursue this matter with the W.A. Branch Council of ALIA when we both return from leave in July. Coincidentally we both will be on leave from the middle of May to the middle of July.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other member of the National Executive if you have a problem, a suggestion, or just to have a chat by phone, letter, or fax.

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Two ALIA awards are now open for nominations. Nominations for both close on 1st June 1992.

LIBRARY TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR 1992

Do you know an outstanding library technician?

A library technician who has

- \* contributed to the advancement of library technicians
- \* published or presented a paper on aspects of library technicians' work or activities
- \* had personal achievements in the development of library and information services or the development of ALIA?

He or she could be the ALIA Library Technician of the Year.

This award is jointly sponsored by Co-op Subscriptions and the University Co-operative Bookshop Ltd.

LIBRARY MANAGER OF THE YEAR 1992

Do you know someone who fits the bill?

Is your library manager someone who has

- \* improved the services of the library?
- \* raised its productivity?
- \* introduced innovative approaches to services?
- \* improved relations with clients or in the library?
- \* approached decision making processes and staff communication in a new way?

If you answer yes to any of the above questions, your library manager could be the ALIA Library Manager of the Year.

Nominations forms for both awards are available from the Division Support Officer at the ALIA National Office, PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace ACT 2600. Phone (06) 285 1877 or fax (06) 282 2249.

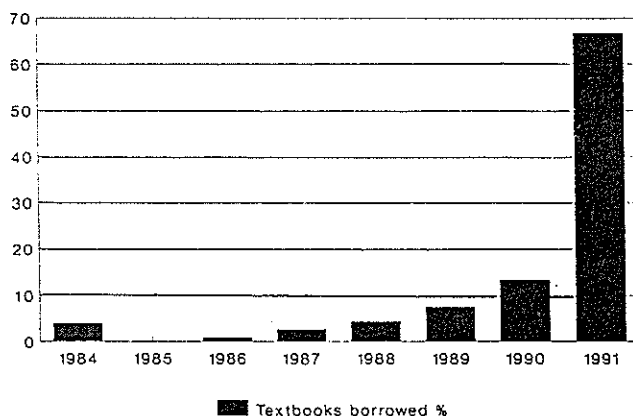
IS THE TESTBOOK COLLECTION COLLECTING DUST OR BEING USED?

This is a question I asked myself when we conducted a stocktake in December 1991 of all material held in the Medical Library at King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women.

The Medical Library's textbook collection was reclassified in 1985 from DDC to NLM. Therefore, all borrowing cards had to be re-typed.

In January 1991 computerised circulation was introduced, which made borrowing cards superfluous. The borrowing cards from textbooks borrowed in 1991 were discarded.

The stocktake provided the perfect opportunity to determine if the majority of textbooks were borrowed or collecting dust on the shelves. The borrowing cards of all textbooks not borrowed in 1991 were removed and sorted into the year of last usage. The following information transpired:-

COLLECTION USAGE

The above table shows that the majority of textbooks are being used and only a very small percentage is collecting dust on the shelves. If you have done a similar exercise regarding your textbook collection, I would like to hear about it and compare results.

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ANNE HARRISON AWARD NEWS

We note with sorrow, the death of Anne Harrison on 13th February 1992. The tribute already published in Incite on 6th April is recommended to those who wish to read the record of her achievement and of her contribution to the development of health librarianship in Australia.

The award will be administered by a Committee of the following people.

Susan Bolton, Secretary of the Award Committee,  
Edith Cowan University

Brigitte Glockner, King Edward Memorial Hospital

Caroline Dowling, Curtin University, Therapy Library

Gaye Sweeney, Health Department of WA,  
Information Services Section

Some members of the Committee will meet with Anne Harrison's niece, Helen Rewell, who lives in Perth. She has been invited to morning tea on the 14th May to meet with Anne Batt who was presented with the most recent award last year. They will discuss with her the history and purpose of the award.

The Committee is reviewing the full terms of reference of the award.

Any enquiries may be directed to:

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Health and Human Services  
Edith Cowan University  
Churchlands Campus  
Pearson Street  
CHURCHLANDS WA 6018

GLOBE LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships to the value of \$10,000 are offered to the library community by Globe Subscription Agency. The scholarships are for overseas travel / research and applications will be reviewed by a committee of librarians representing the national professional bodies. Funds are disbursed through a special bank account under the auspices of the State Library of New South Wales. Successful nominees will be contacted to provide additional information prior to final selection. Details available from:

Mr David Hawkins  
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Globe Library Scholarships  
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DUNDAS NSW 2117  
fax: 02 389 9988

NOTES & NEWS**International Nursing Index - Citation Index**

I am sure that many of us were disappointed to note the discontinuation of the publication of the Citation Index section of the *International Nursing Index*. Susan Bolton, the Health and Human Sciences Faculty Librarian at Edith Cowan University in WA has written to the publishers, the American Journal of Nursing Company, to express concern. She received a prompt reply of apology but, due to a perceived lack of use, they made no promises to reinstate the section. They are conducting a market survey and we can only hope that this convinces them to reconsider.

**Nursing [US]**

Another source of continuous vexation for we Antipodean dwellers is the inconsiderate and inconvenient practice of the US journal *Nursing*, of publishing two editions. One, an at home version packed with goodies which then get indexed and cause our bright eyed and bushy tailed customers to rush in, excited at having found the very article needed, only to have their hopes dashed and the sparkle removed from their eyes when they find that that article was not published in the poor-relation version of the journal received here in Australia. Once again the ever vigilant Susan Bolton from Edith Cowan University has again written to the publishers and the indexing company to register a complaint. No reply to date but she promises to keep us informed.

**WA Industrial Relations Commission Decision**

Some further information to that already provided by Brigitte Glockner in the President's Message on page 2 of this newsletter.

After many years of discussion on the relativities between allied health professionals in teaching hospitals, the Teaching Hospitals Executive Planning Group established a Professional Division Review Group to analyse relativities between chiefs and deputies in the allied health professions. The Review Group's decisions were not accepted by the hospitals and industrial action was threatened. The matter was then referred to the Industrial Relations Commission for settlement. Hearings began on the 18th February 1991 and continued until 22nd October 1991. The Commissioner's decision was finally handed down in March of 1992.

Four Chief Librarians and one claimed Deputy Chief Librarian position were considered in this process. An extensive case was put to the Commissioner and he made 2 visits to hospital libraries. The case was argued on changes in work value since the late '70's in general, and on specific work value changes for each position. The lack of any sort of career structure was stressed as was the comparatively low level of librarians positions against other allied health disciplines. Note was also made that librarianship suffered because of being a historically female dominated profession. Some of the comments made by the Commissioner in his decision may be of interest. "I took several opportunities in open conversation and on transcript to test with eminent experts, the theory that there was indeed an informal hierarchy of allied health professions in existence. The uniform response was that all eight callings are seen as equally important." [i.e. librarians, social workers, physiotherapists, pharmacists, occupational therapists, medical laboratory technologists, dietitians, and speech pathologists.] "On the evidence of the employers and on the facts as revealed it is clear that the work value of each of the eight professions per se is equal and is universally accepted as being equal." Size of departments was noted: "at the end of the day the manager of five employees cannot hope to gain equal status with one who manages fifty-five." [Departments such as Dietetics, and Speech Pathology are usually similar in size to the Libraries.]

Despite the comments above which seem to offer great promise to redress the inequity of the positions of chief librarians, the Commissioner finally gave greater weight to comparative analysis with other public service librarian positions. The result as Brigitte Glocker has already noted, is that we remain the lowest paid heads of allied health departments in the hospitals. Only 1 other Chief Dietitian is classified as low. The one claim for a Deputy Chief Librarian position was not allowed. There seems to be a general trend against deputy positions in principle.

As a result of the decision, the chief librarian positions were upgraded one level but as the some of the other positions had moved ahead anyway, the catch up we'd hoped for was not achieved.

Copies of the submission and the Commissioner's decision have been forwarded to the ALIA Industrial Officer and may prove helpful to any other states preparing such cases.

CONFERENCES

1992

US Medical Library Association  
92nd Annual Meeting May 15-21 1992  
Washington DC

ALIA Biennial Conference  
September 27 - October 2 1992  
Albury-Wodonga  
Contact: Roy Sanders  
Conference Chairman  
c/- School of Information Studies  
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US Special Libraries Association 83rd Annual  
Conference & Exhibit June 6 - 11 1992  
San Francisco, California: Moscone Convention  
Centre \*\*See address information at end of column.

Canadian Library Association Annual Convention &  
Exhibition June 10 - 14 1992  
Winnipeg, Manitoba: Winnipeg Convention Centre  
Attn: Susanne Fletcher, Conference Coordinator.  
\*\*See address information at end of column.

American Library Association Annual Conference  
and Exhibition June 25 - July 2 1992  
San Francisco, California  
Attn: Walter Brueggen  
\*\*See address information at end of column.

IFLA General Conference of the International  
Federation of Library Associations and Institutions  
August 30 - September 5 1992  
New Delhi, India  
Contact: Indian Library Association, Prof. Kumar  
IFLA 92, A 40-41 Ansal Building  
Mukherjee Nagar  
NEW DELHI

Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter of the  
Medical Library Association UNYOC  
28th Annual Conference October 18 - 21 1992  
"Networking: Effectiveness through Cooperation"  
Albany, New York: Albany Marriott Hotel  
Contact: Warren Hawkes  
Library  
New York State Nurses Association  
2113 Western Ave  
GUILDERLAND NY 12084

International Federation for Information and  
Documentation 46th Conference and Congress  
October 22 - 30 1992  
Madrid, Spain: Congress Palace  
Contact: ICYT Inst. de Informacion Y  
Documentacion en Ciencia Y Tecnologia  
Joaquin Costa, 22  
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fax. (01) 56 42 644

Online CD-ROM 92 October 26 - 28 1992  
Chicago, Illinois: The Palmer House Hotel  
\*\*See address information at end of column

1993

American Library Association Mid-Winter Meeting  
January 23 - 26 1993  
Denver, Colorado: Colorado Convention Centre  
Attn: Barbara McIkas, Conference Manager  
\*\*See address information at end of column.

US Special Libraries Association 84th Annual  
Conference and Exhibit June 5 - 10 1993  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
\*\*See address information at end of column.

American Library Association Annual Conference  
and Exhibition June 24 - July 1 1993  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
\*\*See address information at end of column.

Canadian Library Association Annual Conference &  
Trade Show July 1993  
Toronto, Ontario: Toronto Convention Centre  
\*\*See address information at end of column.

ALIA Specials, Law, Health Biennial Conference  
August 23 - 27 1993  
Broadbeach, QLD: Hotel Conrad  
\*\*See address information at end of column.

Online Cd-ROM 93 November 1 - 3 1993  
Washington, DC: The Washington Hilton  
\*\*See address information at end of column.

1994

Canadian Library Association Annual Conference &  
Trade Show June 1994  
Quebec  
\*\*See address information at end of column.

CONFERENCES (Cont.)

US Special Libraries Association 85th Annual  
Conference and Exhibit June 11 - 16 1994  
Atlanta, Georgia.

\*\*See address information at end of column.

American Library Association Annual Conference  
and Exhibition June 23 - 30 1994  
Miami, Florida

\*\*See address information at end of column.

ALIA Biennial Conference in conjunction with the  
NZLA September 26 - 30 1994  
Wellington, New Zealand

\*\*See address information at end of column.

1995

7th International Congress on Medical Librarianship  
May 15-21 1995  
Washington DC

US Special Libraries Association 86th Annual  
Conference and Exhibit June 10 - June 15 1995  
Montreal, Quebec

\*\*See address information at end of column.

1996

US Special Libraries Association 87th Annual  
Conference and Exhibit June 8 - June 13 1996  
Boston, Massachusetts

\*\*See address information at end of column.

1997

US Special Libraries Association 88th Annual  
Conference and Exhibit June 7 - June 12 1997  
Seattle, Washington

\*\*See address information at end of column.

1998

US Special Libraries Association 89th Annual  
Conference and Exhibit June 6 - June 12 1997  
Indianapolis, Indiana

\*\*See address information at end of column.

ADDRESS INFORMATION

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Contact: American Library Association  
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CHICAGO IL 60611  
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AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION  
ASSOCIATION

Contact: ALIA Conference Manager  
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Queen Victoria Terrace ACT 2600  
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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Contact: Canadian Library Association  
Susanne Fletcher, Conference Coordinator  
200 Elging Street, No. 602  
OTTAWA ON W2P 165  
ph. (613) 232 9625  
fax. (613) 563 9895

ONLINE CD-ROM 92, 93 etc.

Contact: Online Inc  
Exhibition Marketing  
462 Danbury Road  
WILTON CT 06897-2126  
ph. (203) 761 1466  
fax. (203) 761 1444

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION [US]

Contact: Special Libraries Association  
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OSBORNE PARK WA 6017

  
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Health Department of Western Australia

FROM THE LITERATURE

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Melbourne: Centre for International Research on Communication and Information Technologies (CIRCUIT Ltd) & Australian Council of Libraries and Information Services (ACLIS), 1991.

"In this report, two evaluation techniques are explored: the priority and performance methodology, and a form of cost-benefit analysis." This book is highly recommended as a practical methodology for evaluating the 'worth' of your service. One copy is sent free to all ACLIS members and additional copies or copies to non-members are available for \$25 from the ACLIS office in the National Library of Australia. (Ed.)

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Florance, Valeric

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Publishers' attitudes to multiple photocopying of journal articles in NHS libraries.

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British Medical Journal 304(6830) 28 March 1992: 792-3

Van Loo, John

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