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SIXTH AIJA BIENNIAL COURT LIBRARIANS' CONFERENCE

18 July 2000

Venue: The Federal Court Conference Room on Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney

PROGRAM

* A representative of each Court/network to prepare a summary paper (one page) - to be made available to other delegates at registration - briefly outlining your library's administrative structure, and significant current developments/issues/challenges.

TUESDAY 18 JULY

- 8.30 am **Registration.**
- 9.00 - 9.15 am **Opening and Welcome** by the Hon Justice Catherine Branson, Federal Court of Australia, President, AIJA.
- 9.15 am **Session One: Strategic Directions for Libraries**
Convenor: Anne Wallace, Deputy Executive Director, AIJA
- Guest speaker:* Brenda [McConchie](#), AIMA Training and Consultancy Services
Commentaries: Imelda Payne, Director, Library and Information Services, Federal Court of Australia
Aladin Rahemtula Librarian, Queensland Supreme Court Library
- There have been enormous changes in the scope and role of court libraries and librarians in recent years. The impact of technology, resource constraints and the introduction of business planning into the court environment have all been forces for change. This session is designed to assist those involved in strategic planning exercises within libraries in task of identifying future directions, defining and marketing library services and ensuring adequate recognition and feedback for the important contribution that libraries make to the operation of our court and tribunal systems. Our guest speaker, Brenda McConchie, is an experienced management consultant with extensive experience of strategic planning in relation to library systems.
- 10.45 am **Morning Tea.**

- 11.15 am **Session Two: Current Awareness Services**
Convenor: James Butler, Librarian, Supreme Court of Victoria
Panel Session. Jacqui Elliott, Court Librarian, High Court of Australia, Kate Curr, Manager, Library Systems, NSW Parliamentary Library, Sue Scott, Director, On-line Legal Access Project, Law Foundation of New South Wales.
- A discussion session looking at:
- types of services provided,
 - different products - including the use of new technologies;
 - maintaining legal links and hot topics for court staff and incorporating these services into current awareness and promotional material; and
 - possibilities to avoid duplication and share information.
- 12.00 pm **Session Three: The Virtual Court Library - An up-date from New Zealand.** (*Convenor:* Lesley O'Loughlin, Librarian-in-Charge, Law Courts Library, Sydney)
- Speaker:* Dougal [McKechnie](#) - Manager, Judicial Libraries, New Zealand Department for Courts
- 12.30 pm **Lunch**
- 2.00 pm **Session Four: Mastering Metadata, Document markup and Legal XML** *Convenor:* Robert Elson, Deputy Librarian, Supreme Court of South Australia
- Speakers:* Allison Stanfield, Director E-Law Australia and Sue Scott, Director, On-line Legal Access Project, Law Foundation of New South Wales
- The development of legal mark-up language will have a considerable impact on the process of legal research and documentation in coming years. This session is designed to provide an introduction to some of the concepts and issues.
- 3.30 pm **Afternoon Tea**
- 4.00 pm **Session Five: Judicial Training** (*Convenor:* Sue Lynch Manager Family Law Information Service, Northern Area Office, Family Court of Australia)
- Panel members:* Jane Pritchard, Systems Manager Law Courts Library, Nicola Sanderson, Records Manager Federal Court Library, Sydney, Warwick Soden, Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia representative from Judicial Commission of NSW.
- Court libraries are playing an increasing role, not only in providing training for judicial officers in legal research techniques, but also in developing training packages and 'train the trainer' programs. This session will enable courts to exchange information on the work that is being done in this area in different jurisdictions and benefit from the exchange of ideas.
- 5.00 pm **Close**
- 7.30 pm **Conference Dinner** - (Venue to be advised)