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• **1/5-11/12 ACT Special Libraries section.** *Librarian's Libations* come along to the Hyatt, at 5.30pm and have a noggin or two with the Specials. Every first payday of the month (1/5; 12/6; 10/7; 7/8; 4/9; 2/10; 13/11; 11/12). Contact: Libby Coates, ph (06) 266 2346.

• **14/5-17/12 ACT Branch meeting.** 5.30pm, NLA, Mezzanine Room. (14/5; 18/6; 16/7; 13/8; 17/9; 15/10; 12/11; 17/12). Contact: Lisa Spillers, ph (06) 249 3388, lisas@library.anu.edu.au.

• **16/5-15/8 ACT Cataloguers section.** *Conference planning meeting.* All cataloguers welcome. 12.30-1.30pm, National Library of Australia, Training Room A/B (16/5; 18/7; 15/8), Mezzanine Room A/B (20/6). Contact: Cheryl Bowman, ph (06) 252 6606, fax (06) 252 6906, cheryl.bowman@abs.gov.au

• **19/5 ACT Special Libraries section.** *Australian War Memorial picture collection and the resource centre with Bill Fogarty.* (The resource centre is closed to the public, so we will see all and can ask questions). 4.30pm. Acceptances: David Bradley, ph (06) 266 4134, fax (06) 266 2556.

• **20/5 ACT Library Technicians section.** *Chris Dawkins will talk on the subject enhancement program at ADFA.* CIT Campus, Building D (the room numbers will be on the front door as usual). Contact: Edith Hackworthy, ph (06) 268 8120, ehackworthy@adfa.oz.au

• **20/5 ACT UCLRS section.** Alex Byrne, Uni Librarian NTU and new President of CAUL on issues arising from: 'CAUL, West and Changing Directions for Universities and their Libraries'. ANU, Menzies Library, Macdonald Room, 1pm. Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph (06) 209 1117, fax (06) 209 1114, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au.

• **20/5 APSIG dinner meeting.** *South Asia: Renovating the National Collection.* Speakers: Erica Ryan and Royce Wiles. The India House, 6 Weedon Close, Belconnen (vegetarian available). Cost: \$18 BYO. Time: 7pm. Contact: Dorothea Polonyi, ph (06) 249 5652, Dorothea.Polonyi@library.anu.edu.au. RSVP by 15/5.

• **27/5 ACT Specials section and FLIN.** *Copyright and digital libraries: issues and solutions workshop.* 9.30-10.30am Panel session — Legal issues: producers, the Commonwealth and libraries; 11-12.30pm Successful case studies. NLA, 4th floor Conference room, \$50. Contact: Roxanne Missingham, ph (06) 242 1659, fax 06 241 3491, r.missingham@dwe.csiro.au.

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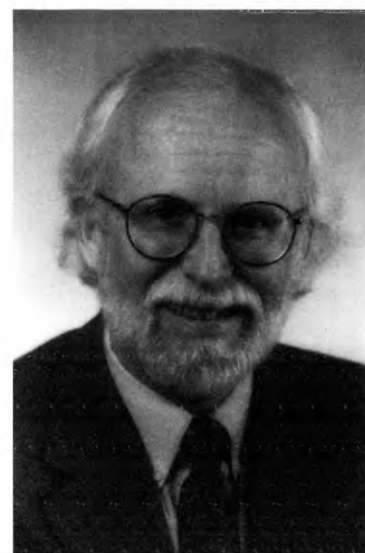
Defining a profession

On the edge, 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians' conference, Perth, 12-16 October 1997

Richard A Danner is associate dean for Library and Computing Services and Research Professor of Law at Duke University School of Law Library, at Durham, North Carolina. He is a person of diverse interests and talents, combining a career in librarianship, computing and academia, and is a brilliant speaker.

Richard is active in the American Association of Law Libraries and other library and legal professional organisations, and has published several books, numerous articles and edited the *Law Library Journal* for ten years.

He will be speaking on 'Defining a profession'. In his own words 'In the future, will the information needs of special library users be met by librarians, or by the technologists responsible for facilitating end user access to digital information? ... Do these changes require a new breed of information profes-



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sional?' For the answers to these and other critical questions, you need to be at the Perth conference.

For further information about registration, contact Motive Conventions, GPO Box Z5327, St Georges Terrace, Perth 6001. Phone: (09) 322 2666, fax: (09) 322 1417 and also see conference home page at <http://www.lib.murdoch.edu.au:80/edge/edge>. ■

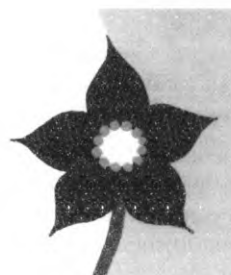
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The 9th National Library Technicians Conference is being held in Canberra at the National Convention Centre on 24-26 September 1997. The conference committee have been working hard to produce a top-notch program, in response to the replies received from the 'expressions of interest' brochure.

The Client, The Profession and The Technology are the themes for the three-day conference, with keynote speakers being Warren Horton, director general of the National Library of Australia; Jane Klobas, coordinator of the Master of Business Administration program, University of Western Australia; and Bob Pymm, manager, Collection Management of the National Film and Sound Archive, Canberra. The program continues with over thirty delegates representing most Australian states and the

United States of America, presenting papers as session and parallel speakers. Tours to over thirty of Canberra's libraries have been organised, along with a 'welcome to Canberra' cocktail party and the opening of the trade exhibition; conference dinner and farewell drinks.

The National Library of Australia is sponsoring pre-conference discussions and tours on the afternoon of Tuesday 23 September for full participants. An optional social program has been arranged for delegates and families to see 'Canberra city sights' on Monday afternoon 22 September. Visitors to Canberra may like to take advantage of post-conference tours on Saturday 27 September to ski or just visit the alpine village of Thredbo in the Kosciuszko National Park, or visit the



historic villages of Bungendore and Braidwood (the location of many Australian films) and one of the Canberra district's cold climate wineries.

September is springtime in Canberra which means *Floriade* and Canberra's spring flower festival with music, dancing, singing, art, films, plays and much more, indoors and out. Be prepared though, it is not unknown to have a frost in September, and the evenings can be cool.

Don't forget, earlybird registrations close on 25 July 1997. Registration brochures and any other information can be obtained from Conference Solutions, PO Box 238, Deakin West 2600, phone (06) 285 3000, fax (06) 285 3001, e-mail office@con-sol.com. ■