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Pacific Science Association

The Pacific Science Association, an international, non-governmental, regional scientific organisation, has announced the following congresses:

Fifth Inter-Congress, Manila, Philippines, February 3-7, 1985. Chairman of the Organizing Committee: Leland S. Villadolid. Congress Secretariat: Philippine Congress Organizing Centre (PCOC), P.O. Box 4486, Metro Manila, Philippines. Sponsored by the National Research Council of the Philippines. Theme: Transportation and Communication in the Pacific Basin.

16th Pacific Science Congress, Seoul, Korea, August 10-20, 1987. President: Tai-Whan Shin. Secretary-General: Choon-Ho Park, National Academy of Sciences, 1 Sejongro, Jongrogu, Seoul 110, Korea. Sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences. Theme: New Dimensions of Science, Manpower and Resources in the Pacific.

The Association Council has recently created a new Scientific Committee for Economics chaired by D.M. Lamberton, Information Research Unit, Department of Economics, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Australia 4067. The Council also reactivated the Scientific Committee for Science Communication and Education now chaired by Anne Pedersen, School of Education, 105 Huntington Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York 13210, USA. Enquiries about the activities of these committees should be addressed to the chairpersons. Suggestions for Congress programs should be sent to the appropriate Committee chairperson or to the Congress organisers.

Forum for Independent Information Personnel

A newly formed Information Management and Consulting Group is looking for more members. Formed a mere six months ago, the Information Management and Consulting Group met for the fifth time in June, 1983 with the Australian Institute of Management participating. Original impetus for the Information and Consulting Group sprang from independent information or library personnel within librarianship.

The Information Management and Consulting Group sees its main objective as bringing together skilled professionals involved

in information work on consulting or contract terms. The founders of the group, Helen Campbell and Sue Hill, say "The freelancers, consultants and information brokers already in the group value it as a vehicle for strengthening and marketing their skills, and there is no doubt this is *the* sunrise industry for entrepreneurs with such information skills".

A directory of professionals available for information management/consultancy, broking, freelancing or contract information projects will be published in 1983. Target audience for the directory of information professionals will be private and public sector, industry, schools, or any organisation with an unmet information-handling need. For further information, contact the Information Management and Consulting Group, GPO Box 5138AA, Melbourne, 3001, or Helen Campbell (03) 211 1671 and Sue Hill (03) 615 1551.

AGRIAA (The Agricultural Information Association for Australasia)

This new society has been formed to promote the improvement and awareness of information services in Australian agriculture. Its membership includes research workers, librarians, educators, marketers in private industry, private and governmental extension officers, consultants and farmers. The society publishes the *Agricultural Information Newsletter*. Enquiries to the Secretary, AGRIAA, Borchardt Library, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Australia 3083.

University of Sydney Sample Survey Centre

The output of privately and publicly funded survey research in Australia is growing rapidly; so is its application in political, industrial and other settings. Now entering its fifth year of publication, the *Centre Newsletter* is the only journal to monitor these developments. The *Australian Survey Digest* section abstracts and references information of any type generated by sample surveys on any subject — politics, business, media, women, health, welfare, work, unions, Aborigines, law, education, migrants, transport, etc. — reported in any of five Australian national daily and weekly newspapers or in any of six major Sydney and Melbourne papers. Enquiries to the Secretary, Sample Survey Centre, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia 2006.