

SHORTER NOTICES

The Australian Institute of Health (AIH) Publications

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The Health Technology Division has just released four reports by NHTAP,¹ a discussion paper by Narrilla A. Hirsh,² and a paper based on a report prepared for the John Hunter Hospital.³ All reports invite comment and are available from the Publications Section of the AIH (PO Box 570, Canberra, ACT, 2601) for a charge of \$A5 postage and handling.

Two new volumes in the Health Care Technology stream of the AIH series (numbers four and five) have been produced and are available from the Australian Government Publishing Service book shops.⁴

1. *Cerebrovascular Embolisation Units: A Report by the National Health Technology Advisory Panel* (Australian Institute of Health, November 1990), pp. 22, ISBN 0-642-15824-X; *Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation: A Report by the National Health Technology Advisory Panel* (Australian Institute of Health, November 1990), pp. 29, ISBN 0-15826-6; *Positron Emission Tomography: A Report by the National Health Technology Advisory Panel* (Australian Institute of Health, November 1990), pp. 37, ISBN 0-642-15823-1; *Non Laboratory Pathology Testing: A Report by the National Health Technology Advisory Panel* (Australian Institute of Health, November 1990), pp. 32, ISBN 0-642-15825-8.
2. *Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy: A Discussion Paper by Naarilla A. Hirsch* (Australian Institute of Health, Health and Technology Unit, November 1990), pp. 15, ISBN 0-642-15830-4.
3. *International Developments in FACS*, by B.L. Crow (Australian Institute of Health, Canberra, September 1990), pp. iv + 65, ISBN 0-642-15733-2.
4. *Medical Thermography*, by Wolodja Dankiw (Australian Institute of Health, Health Care Technology Series No. 4, Canberra, 1990), pp. v + 51, ISSN 1034-6481, ISBN 0-644-13483-6; *Implantable Cardiac Defibrillators*, by Delma E. Cowley, Lynne Conway and David M. Hailey (Australian Institute of Health, Health Care Technology Series No. 5, Canberra, 1990), pp. v + 30, ISSN 1034-6481, ISBN 0-644-13794-0.

Scitech Technology Directory, 1991 Edition compiled by Jane Ford

(Scitech Publications, Canberra, 1991) pp. 250, \$A110 plus \$A5 postage and handling, ISSN 1030-4649.

This is the fifth edition of an annual publication, first published in 1986. It is described as displaying a comprehensive overview of government, academic and private sector technology, industry and venture finance initiatives around Australia; providing a record of changes over the past year as well as a commentary on the impact of key government policies.

The enlargement of the volume was attributed to two major areas of expansion: new funding programmes in the environment field and the mushrooming numbers of tertiary institute technology centres offering services to the private sector, which is expected to continue significantly next year under the Co-operative Research Centres (CRC) scheme.

The Preface warns that due to the recent and continual restructuring of technology and industry development programmes in several states the future structure of departments is uncertain and therefore the directory is subject to those changes. It also points to continuing difficulties in the structures available to provide capital and resources to commercialise R&D efforts.

Australian Science and Technology Communicators Register by *Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce*

(Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra, 1990), pp. 219, ISBN 0-644-13740-1.

Following a conference in Canberra of science and technology communicators (S&T) the Department have produced a register collecting and listing details of programmes and people in the field of communicating S&T. As a part of the Science and Technology Awareness program, this volume represents the first stage in a continuing project designed to allow those involved in communication S&T to identify other such communicators and projects in the hope of facilitating co-operation, exchange of ideas and the development of networks within the field.

Suggestions for future editions, including the details of relevant people and projects not yet incorporated are called for, with appropriate contacts and forms being provided in the volume.

CIRCIT Working Papers Series edited by *D. McL. Lamberton*

(Centre for International Research on Communication Technologies (CIRCIT), Melbourne), ISSN 1035-5537.

The Working Paper Series¹ was established in 1990, as a means of early dissemination for research by CIRCIT staff, researchers in collaborative projects, visitors to CIRCIT and CIRCIT seminar speakers. The series will also serve as a means of providing other material, such as statistics not readily available, bibliographies and reprints.

These papers, issued on an occasional basis with current planning for an average of two per month are available on request from CIRCIT with only a charge of \$A5 for overseas airmail postage.

1. *Information Economics: 'Threatened Wreckage' or New Paradigm?* by D. McL. Lamberton (No. 1990/1), pp. 12; *Neither Fish Nor Fowl: Theorising Emerging Organisational Forms in a Small Open Industrial Economy (Australia)* by Jane Marceau (No. 1990/2), pp. 27; *Technology Transfer, Technocultures and Skill Formation: Learning from Australian Experience of Workplace Restructuring* by Bill