

NEWS NOTES AND COMMENTS

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BRITISH AND IRISH ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIANS

The next annual conference of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians will take place at the University of Warwick in Coventry, September 11-14, 1981.

NEW PUBLICATION OF AUSTRALIAN STATUTES ANNOUNCED

The Attorney-General of Australia has announced plans to publish updated copies of Commonwealth and federal territory legislation in the form of pamphlets to be kept in binders. Existing pamphlets will be replaced whenever significant revision occurs. Lesser changes will be printed in pages to be placed in the binders following the respective pamphlets. This new publication policy is expected to provide a continuously current and complete set of Commonwealth Acts and territorial laws.

The project will reportedly begin with a reprint of ordinances and regulation of the Australian Capital Territory. Publication of updated reprints of Commonwealth Acts and Commonwealth Statutory Rules will follow. The bound volumes of statutes issued annually will continue to be published.

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REPRINT SOURCES

Due to the unavailability of so many items from antiquarian and out-of-print dealers, libraries must turn to reprints for crucial works (and, indeed, primary sources) of historical significance. Verlag Detlev Auvermann KG and Topos Verlag have produced impressive annotated catalogs of wide scope on books of such antiquarian character. The quality of the reprints themselves is noteworthy. Some examples of the titles reprinted include the *Projet* of the Code Civil by Cambaceres, the Montalvo edition of *Las Siete Partidas* printed in 1501 by Lucantonio de Giunta in Venice (although we have not received this as yet), *The Acts and Constitutions of the Realm of Scotland* (Edinburgh, 1566) and *Austin's Lectures on Jurisprudence*.

Slatkine (in Geneva) also has some law titles, for example Pasquier's *L'Interpretation des Institutes de Justinian* (Paris, 1847). Of course, Duchemin carries a number of reprints of particular significance for French legal history. The back run of *Revue Trimestrielle de Droit Civil* (Vols. 1-66) was jointly reprinted by Duchemin and Verlag Detlev Auvermann KG.

Zentralantiquariat der DDR in the German Democratic Republic also publishes a Reprint Catalog which offers a number of legal items. Keip Verlag K.G. in Frankfurt has just released their legal reprint catalog of only German language materials.

Xerox University Microfilms has a growing number of items available in microformat and copyflow. A number of very interesting manuscript offerings in microfiche is being distributed through Esselete Video in New York, representing microfiche of Russian and Soviet books done by INTERDOK (Interdocumentation Company) of Zug, Switzerland. INTERDOK has also reprinted numerous English legal manuscripts from Harvard, Lincoln's Inn, the Bodleian Library, Gray's Inn, and Yale. Professional Books has reprinted British maritime cases, the Law Commission working papers, and numerous other items.

In the United States, we are familiar with the Hein and Arno Press reprints in American Legal History, as well as the notable Rothman Reprints which include, *inter alia*, The Continental Legal History Series.

Greenwood Press has also reprinted some interesting items, notably the 1951 edition of Vyshinskii's *The Law of the Soviet State*.

The Hyperion Press in Westport, Connecticut, has been reprinting a number of very interesting items, including English translations of the works of Bartolus, von Jhering, and Savigny.

I would like very much to hear from anyone who has additional information on reprints of European legal materials either in hard copy or microform.

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COMPUTERIZED LEGAL RESEARCH IN AUSTRALIA

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Library has recently announced that the Attorney-General's legal information retrieval system SCALE (Statutes and Cases—Automated Legal Inquiry) is now available for use to members of the Commonwealth Parliament. SCALE offers the means to search the full texts of federal statutes and to retrieve information from such statutes in any combination of words.

Information about SCALE and the related computer assisted transcription system (CAT) is contained in the second annual report (1979-80) of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department (Canberra: