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participants from areas ranging from those concerned with the security of major national communications systems to the operation of stand alone PCs. Discussions covered the need for security backup techniques. There were demonstrations of what happens when viruses get into your programs as well as a session on the legal aspects of the protection of information. The proceedings of the seminar have been published in a booklet "The First Port of Call in Computer Security and Backup" which is intended to be an essential computer-side reference book on the subject. Copies are available from ACADS-QLD.

Also in February, the Queensland region held an Executive lunch of ten engineers and systems managers on the topic "How best can ACADS serve the civil engineering Members of ACADS?". The round table discussion, lead by Melbourne based Councillor Ross Dutton (Davy McKee Pacific), canvassed the role of ACADS in the 1990's and the unique position that ACADS should fill in providing evaluations and information to members. A report with recommendations is being prepared for circulation and discussion by Federal Council.

As part of its annual programme of encouraging new memberships, on the basis of the more members the better the service, the Queensland Executive is contacting about 100 non-member professional firms in the A/E/C industries. We hope to see many of them appearing in future issues of this column to add to the following new members whom we welcome from the last quarter.

Apple Australia (Fred Hill), RD Design (Martin Shedd), COMDA (Andrew McIntyre).

## South Australia

Chairman Paul Heaft and Regional Manager Lloyd Davey report that a combined Christmas and farewell din-

ner was held to recognise the services given to ACADS by Greg Marsh, who served ACADS for 10 years, two of which were as Chairman of the local group and representing them on Federal Council.

The December meeting, a seminar on "Optical Disks", covered all aspects of these devices from CD roms to interactive video and the "Aussie Barbecue". Attendees gained much information of this new technology from the expert speakers and demonstrations.

The first seminar of the new year was most successful. It was held in conjunction with the ANAT (Australian Network for Art and Technology) in January and consisted of speakers from the areas of art, design and textiles, who demonstrated how the latest CAD/CAM technology can be used to advantage in their work. Following the seminar, the 70 participants inspected the work of the CAD/CAM Summer School — reported on page 5 of the December ACADS Quarterly. We welcome the following new Members:

Archi Tech (David Leigh), Pasmenco Metals — BHAS (Erik Rasmussen).

## Western Australia

Chairman Mike Webb and Regional Manager Len Rathmann begin as usual by welcoming the following new Members:

Apple Australia (John Krokosz), Random Access (Richard Barnsley), Curtin University of Technology — Dept of Architecture (Neville D'Cruz), Bassett Consulting Engineers (Mike Hill), Architekton (Stephen Brown), Carras Mining (Janice Carrier), Fraser Consultants (David Mofflin).

The 'holiday season' was free of meetings but provided a period for closer contact with members and, as can be seen above, for welcoming new

members into the hectic activities of 1990.

Whilst Expo 90 (28-30 March) has been to the fore in our planning, other activities include specialist meetings for Structural, Building Services and Geotechnical Engineers plus Project Management and GIS/LIS Systems.

Conference bookings for "ACADS Expo 90" are exceeding expectations and delegates are assured of an excellent programme. There will be 40 speakers at the conference and the exhibition will feature displays from over 40 major vendors. The Exhibition has been extended to meet demand and vendors are combining to share the available space.

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- The Dept. of Computing & Information Technology
- Ansett and Qantas
- The many professional organisations and magazines/journals who have appreciated the mutual benefits in highlighting what has now become the major annual technical computing event in the West.

## Tasmania

ACADS Representative, Jack Smith, tells us that one of the ACADS Member attendees at the very successful seminar held last November (2 Speakers from Melbourne and one from the UK), has organised a special 2-day function for architects in early May. Kees Wegman (002-34 5533) is the convenor and product vendors keen to participate should contact him direct.

Many thanks to the C&CA and Stafford Gill for their help with last November's seminar. There was a lot of interest in ACADS current programme of evaluation reports of new software for AS3600.