



- the outcome of the ABA's inquiry into the future use of the sixth television channel; and
- the ABA's research program.

events by the Seven network and a possible breach of a licence condition by the pay TV licensee, FOXTEL.

Paris forum on young people and the media

PARIS: The International Forum of Researchers, *Young People and the Media, Tomorrow*, to be held in Paris this month will feature contributions from more than 140 individuals and organisations with expertise in the area of young people and the media. The ABA will be represented at the Forum and will be contributing in a number of ways.

The ABA's Chairman, Peter Webb, will be part of an international roundtable of regulators discussing various issues relating to children and the media, including research needs of national regulators, programming for children and protection of children from material which might be harmful to them. ABA General Manager, Gareth Grainger, will be speaking on behalf of the International Scientific Committee which defined the program for the Forum.

Other ABA presentations will outline the ABA's research program on children and the media and share its experience with the classification of children's programs and the operation of the children's television standards. Finally, future development of the ABA coordinated International Research Forum (IRF) will be a focus of discussions with the many IRF members who will be attending.

The Forum runs over five days, 21 to 25 April. Each of the first four days focus on a specific theme, starting with 'beyond media effects'. This is followed by 'media and social issues', 'the how and why of future research' and 'media education and media literacy'. The final day is given over to reports back from the many workshops that are part of the program and to discussion of shared visions for the future of research on young people and the media.

Future issues of *ABA Update* will provide reports on the outcomes of the Forum and the implications for research efforts in Australia.

ABA consults with producers in WA

PERTH: Representatives of the ABA recently visited Perth to seek the views of the Western Australian film and television production community about Australian content on pay TV.