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Both Farapo and Peter made presentations to the meeting focusing on the challenges of providing a library service with limited resources. They were pleased that the organisers made space in the meeting schedule for an Asian and Pacific Forum to highlight some of these issues.

Peter Murgatroyd, Law Librarian at the University of the South Pacific, and Farapo Opa, Librarian at the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Papua New Guinea, attended the World International Justice Library Network Conference held in Canberra from 14-16 January. Peter and Farapo would like to extend their sincere thanks to John Myrtle, Principal Librarian at the Australian Institute of Criminology, for supporting their attendance and making it possible. Thank you to John Myrtle and Jennifer Power from the Australian Federal Police Library for organising a tremendous conference and for being such gracious hosts.

Both Peter Murgatroyd and Prof. David Biles, a consultant criminologist, highlighted the importance of viewing criminal, judicial and penal issues in the countries of the Pacific within a historical and political framework, and stressed the importance of understanding the culture and customs of the Pacific when being engaged in legal strengthening projects in the Pacific.