

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr W.M. Horton,
President,
Library Association of Australia,
376 Jones Street,
ULTIMO 2007

Dear Warren,

You will recall that the technicalities of By-Law 16(a) and Joske have prevented a proper canvassing of membership opinion (either by plebiscite or at the Annual General Meeting) on the question of holding the IFLA Conference in Sydney in 1988.

You will also be aware that there is already considerable concern among the membership about the lack of consultation on this question.

We therefore request General Council to review its earlier decision to invite IFLA to Sydney in 1988. Such a review should take account of all matters raised in recent correspondence and other discussions on this matter. It should also ensure that the views of the membership are fully canvassed once the information on estimated costs of the IFLA Conference and its effect on the LAA Conference requested by the AGM. has been made available.

Yours sincerely,

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Editor's note: The rules for the contents of the Annual General Meeting were published in *InCite*, 1 June, 1984. Motions for discussion at the AGM had to be forwarded in writing to head office by 13 July and were published in *InCite*, 17 August, 1984. No motion to canvass membership opinion on the question of holding the IFLA Conference in Sydney in 1988 was received.



Short Shrift

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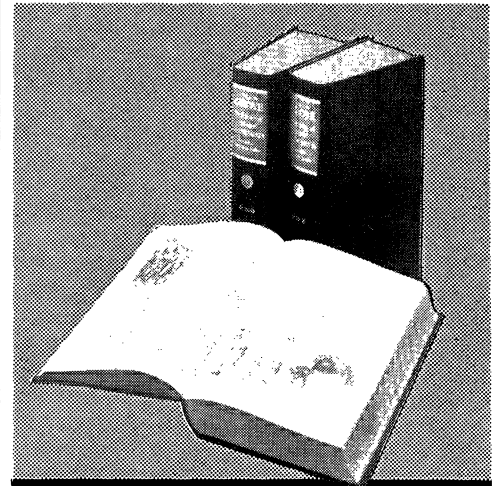
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