

IFLA 1988

The Annual General Meeting of the Association passed a resolution 'that the membership of the LAA should be provided, no later than the end of 1984, with (a) full details of the proposed cost and implications of the IFLA conference to the Association, and (b) the likely effect of the IFLA conference on the 1988 national conference'.

Although this motion has not yet been endorsed by General Council (as required by By-law 16A) it is appropriate to give members as much detail as possible on both the IFLA and the 1988 biennial conferences. To say that this was providing full cost details on the effects of IFLA on LAA '88 would not be true and, indeed, to do this is, at this time, impossible. Plans for both conferences are in the early stages. While there was an estimated budget drawn up for IFLA in 1983, when

Council resolved to offer to host the 1988 Conference, it was very much an estimate and while venues and timetables are still being sorted out, it is not possible to draw up anything more realistic.

It is necessary to remember that both the IFLA and the 1988 Biennial Conference committees were set up in early 1984. Since that time the committees have worked together to set up a timetable and venue for the conferences. The main venue for both conferences is to be the University of New South Wales and the dates are to be 27-30 August (LAA Biennial) and 30 August-4 September (IFLA).

While recognising that close co-operation will be required at all times, the committees have identified several areas where it would be advantageous to have joint committees and these are in the process of being set up, eg accommodation, transport and tours, etc.

The LAA is to make applications for use of

the Bicentenary logo for both conferences and a considerable amount of effort has been expended on gathering information for this application.

The IFLA Committee is developing a prospectus to present to potential sponsors, both public and corporate, as well as drawing up a list of sponsors.

A joint management committee has been set up and the membership is Barrie Mitcheson, Margaret Trask and the Executive Director.

The major tasks for 1985 are the establishment of sub-committees, the drawing up of budgets, and the setting of conference themes.

Further information will be provided as it is available. Full details of all documentation leading up to the decision to host IFLA are available on request from Head Office.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

VIEWS FROM THE PACIFIC

The LAA received a grant from the Australian Development Assistance Bureau to help bring five librarians from the Pacific region to the NZLA/LAA Conference in Brisbane in August. These librarians have now submitted reports about their experiences at the conference, extracts of which appear below:

Mataina Teo: Nelson Memorial Public Library, Western Samoa writes: . . . I fully endorsed some views expressed by the speakers in the session on 'Providing Library Services to Isolated Areas' who rightly stated the disadvantages faced by librarians . . . working in isolation compared to those working in metropolitan areas . . . It is only meetings or conferences such as this which make it possible for some of us to make contact with other fellow librarians and to update our knowledge of contemporary library development, technology, etc, lacking in our own country and service.

Vinay Sharma: Fiji Public Service Commission writes: 'This conference has been both informative and stimulating; it offered the challenge of different perspectives and gave us an opportunity of discussions with other practitioners from a variety of countries and backgrounds . . . we are taking back with us a wealth of knowledge and insight about new technology in libraries, the most recent developments in the profession, and where libraries and information centres will be heading in 1984. The substance of the conference was quite appropriate to the theme — 'Libraries after 1984' . . .

Kataloto Lopati: Tuvalu National Archives and Library said: . . . It was very interesting to see so many people involved in library work gathered together. This gave me the opportunity to meet and discuss the problems which we are currently facing with librarians from more well established libraries. The other important thing was in actually seeing the computers or the so called modern library technology and how they are used in library work. Having the Trade Fair at the same time enabled me to discuss with people concerned what my problems are in regard to library equipment and to see what kind of available equipment is suitable to our kind of library and climate . . .

Walter Huberts Basile: National Library Service, Honiara reports: One thing is distinct, comparing librarianship/library in Australia to countries of the South Pacific, eg the Solomon Islands, that there is a tremendous gap in terms of technology, etc. If the countries of the South Pacific are not exposed to

the latest developments in the library field, then it is very likely that this gap will continue to widen. Bringing in librarians from the South Pacific region to such conferences . . . exposes librarians of the South Pacific to modern librarianship issues.

Richard Overy: Librarian Archivist, Kiribati writes: . . . For me, the most stimulating of the plenary sessions were those papers presented by Dr Richard Hoggart — Why Read in an Electronic Age, and Patricia Battin — Effects of Information Technology on Library Management. Of the ordinary sessions those which were of interest to me were on Modern Technology and What it Does; Library Services to Remote Areas; Selection for Preservation; Pacific Collections; Telecom Viatel, Demonstration; and Children's Television and Literacy.

It is clear that these librarians found the Conference extremely worthwhile and it is hoped that delegates from developing countries will be able to attend future LAA Conferences.

Louise Lansley
Industrial Research
and Information Officer

ORANA PROGRESS REPORT

It has not been possible to organise a meeting to report on the progress of ORANA for publication in this issue of *InCite*.

A meeting will be arranged early in 1985, and a report will be published in *InCite*. Close contact between the LAA office and the editor of ORANA is being maintained.

Brenda Pittard
Publications Officer

Special offer

A new publication by the ACT Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia is at present available at a special pre-publication price. Entitled *Writing and illustrating for children*, it is a compilation of the seminar talks from 1975 and includes talks by H. F. Brinsmead, Annette Macarthur Onslow, Patricia Wrightson and Joan Phipson, among many others.

The special price is \$10, plus \$1.50 postage and packing, and orders should be sent to Children's Book Council, PO Box 420, Dickson, ACT 2602.

If the goddess had meant boys to rule the earth, she'd have given them the ability.



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- Moore Theological College Library
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- Library service to external students: a shared responsibility
- Annual reports of Australian College Libraries
- John Wallace Metcalfe: a personal recollection
- The Victorian College Library Industrial scene
- Supplying Australia's Libraries today: the challenge
- Changes in libraries and the effect on library technicians
- Over the horizon: a view from Moon-dah (Australian Administrative Staff College)
- Roseworthy Agricultural College Library
- E. Morris Miller and the Tasmanian Archives Office
- Teachers college libraries in Papua New Guinea
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