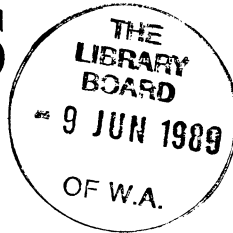


ALIA and ACLIS get together



The Presidents and Executive Officers of ALIA and ACLIS met formally on Monday 15 May to discuss issues of common interest.

This represents an important step in recognising that priority issues of common interest can best be dealt with through formal cooperation between the two organisations — at both national and State levels. At the same time, ALIA and ACLIS recognise that their two memberships have different expectations and that organisational priorities of one may differ from those of the other.

The historic meeting stemmed from a decision of ALIA's General Council in March 1989 that ALIA as an organisation should not be a member of ACLIS, but that ALIA members should encourage their institutions to be members of ACLIS.

The first meeting supported the proposal that ALIA and ACLIS should seek to cooperate:

- at the national level, through regular meetings of the Presidents and Executive Officers of ALIA and ACLIS;
- at the State level, through joint Executive Committee meetings of ALIA Branch, and ACLIS State, Committees;
- through exchange of council agenda papers and meeting minutes at national and State levels;
- through attendance of guest speakers at ALIA and ACLIS meetings, at both national and State levels, to discuss common issues; and
- through joint delegations to decision makers on issues of common interest.

Summit issues

The meeting also focused on the progress of responsibilities of the two organisations as assigned by the Australian Libraries Summit in October 1988.

ALIA's Working Party on User Pays

is currently seeking responses from ALIA Divisions on a proposed draft policy. It will present the draft and a report to ALIA's July General Council meeting for consideration. ACLIS has also developed a draft policy and guidelines on user pays for consideration.



Additional issues raised at the meeting included other Summit resolutions on joint responsibility, the involvement of both organisations in lobbying, Commonwealth Assistance to Public Libraries (CAPL), and multicultural library services.

Further meetings at the national level are planned between ALIA and ACLIS for August and December this year.



1 Left to right: Sue Kosse (ALIA Executive Director), Averill Edwards (ALIA President), Earle Gow (ACLIS President) and Gordon Bower (ACLIS Executive Officer) at the first joint meeting of ALIA and ACLIS.



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