

UNESCO *Memory of the World* workshop in the 'Top End'

Could an item or collection in your library be of national significance? How do you preserve documentary heritage — manuscripts, books, photographs and audiovisual and digital records — in tropical conditions?

Librarians and archivists gathered in Darwin at the Northern Territory Library on 30 August to find out the answers to these questions, in a workshop on the preservation of documentary heritage conducted under the auspices of the Australian National Commission for UNESCO.

Participants came from libraries around the Top End to hear about how to nominate items to the UNESCO *Memory of the World* Australian Register for documentary heritage of national significance.

There was lively discussion of a range of possible nominations for the Australian Register and ways in which to express the national significance of these items and collections, led by Roslyn Russell, a member of the *Memory of the World* Australian Committee who also chairs the Register Sub-Committee of the *Memory of the World* Programme's International Advisory Committee.

Alan Howell, of Preservation Solutions Australia, who is the Web Manager for the Australian *Memory of the World* Committee, conducted a session on preservation of documentary heritage, taking participants through the various threats to its survival, and identifying strategies for preserving it against deterioration.

The UNESCO *Memory of the World* Australian Committee is grateful to the Northern Territory Library for hosting the workshop in Parliament House, where the Library is located. Workshop participants enjoyed panoramic views over the harbour from the verandah during coffee breaks and lunch, a far cry from the devastation wrought on Darwin by two key events in its history — wartime bombing in 1942, and Cyclone Tracy in 1974.



(Left to right) Alan Howell, Anne Devenish, Assistant Director, Research and Collections, Northern Territory Library and Information Service, and Roslyn Russell, at the 'Top End' *Memory of the World* workshop.





NRC-CIST
Canada Institute for
Scientific and Technical
Information



Connect first to NRC-CISTI Library Services

and seamlessly expand your information world

Come to us for speedy access to a network of information professionals and resources. Discover one of the largest collections of scientific, technical, engineering and medical documents in the world dating back to 1521.

Fulfill your information needs with our fast and reliable document delivery service options and our new e-tools. Formal accounts are not required for our new eBook Loan and Pay Per Article services.

1-800-668-1222 (Canada & U.S.)
1-613-998-8544 (international)

Contact us to get connected!

info.cisti@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca
www.cisti.nrc.gc.ca



National Research
Council Canada

Conseil national
de recherches Canada

