

VIEWPOINT

THE OPPORTUNITY of visiting the United States to participate in the 100th Conference of ALA in San Francisco was eagerly taken in June. While the occasion proved highly beneficial from the Association's and my professional point of view, there was also genuine pleasure and benefit on the part of ALA personnel – particularly from the presence of senior officers of so many sister associations.

I do not propose to comment on any individual sessions of the Conference; the topics covered, the quality of speakers and the associated activities encompassed the range with which conferees are generally familiar.

What is perhaps of relevance to our members is to mention that the issues concerning our ALA colleagues bear a remarkable similarity to those raised in this country. That fact became evident while attending the Membership and Council meetings of the Association and some of its sections.

The one area in which I was conscious of major difference was that of intellectual freedom. I concluded that the issue had more significance for our foreign colleagues than for our members.

Exchange of views and comparison of policies, practices and solutions to problems are areas which our officers have few opportunities to exploit. I was grateful, therefore, to be able to pursue those matters with appropriate personnel at ALA. I do not pretend to have solved any problems. Yet discussions were helpful and even consoling.

The time in San Francisco and subsequent visits to other cities enabled another task to be fulfilled. Our Association has invited three distinguished librarians from the USA as official guests and presenters of major papers at LAA22 in August 1982. In addition, a number of other librarians are coming from the USA to share their views with us.

I was able to spend some time with each of these people, time which I believe to have been mutually beneficial. The exchange has left me with the strong conviction that an outstanding selection of contributors has been made and the benefit to our members will be great indeed. Formal and personal contact has now been made with these people. The Association will continue to keep them informed of the state of librarianship in this country.

Jim Dwyer LAA President

Sport abstracts

FOOTSCRAY Institute of Technology has recently signed an agreement to act as the Australian clearing house for the Leisure, Recreation and Tourism Abstracts of the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau based in Oxford.

FIT already has a similar agreement with the Canadian Sport Information Recreation Centre, the other major data base in the leisure area.

Gerard Peguero, Head of User Services at FIT, anticipates that these developments will enable the Institute to commence publication of hardcopy indexes for sport, recreation and tourism by mid 1982.

AN error occurred in the 'People in the news' column, *Incite* no12, 17 July 1981. TONY BARRY was previously Director of Internal Information Services, Department of Science and Technology in the Public Service in Canberra – not at ANU.

Businessman helps 'steer' LAA 22



Jim Crawford . . . chairman

THE STEERING COMMITTEE for LAA22 is chaired by prominent Adelaide businessman, James Allan Crawford, Director of Commercial Motor Vehicles Ltd.

This break with tradition has been a rewarding experience for the Committee. Jim has negotiated on behalf of the Steering Committee for a variety of services ranging from gift packs, and air-freight of the VISA packages to New Zealand, to a guaranteed booking

for the Festival Theatre, which had been refused when the local Branch made the initial approach. He has given advice on financial management and has provided a Conference office, secretarial assistance and the boardroom of his firm is the venue for Steering Committee meetings.

This involvement is far more active than the independent chairperson role which was envisaged originally, but it typifies the energetic commitment of Jim Crawford to the task he undertakes.

Jim is no stranger to the library world. As a Councillor in his local district he agitated until a local library was established and continues to give strong support to this service as current Mayor of his Council. He was appointed to the Libraries Board of South Australia in 1972 and became Chairperson in 1977.

As Chairperson of the Library Service Planning Committee, Jim welded together a diverse group of individuals to produce a report *Library development in South Australia*, now known as the Crawford Report, which provided the blue-print for the planned growth of public library outlets in the State. South Australia now has 99 public libraries compared with 49 in 1977.

Another development resulting from Jim Crawford's initiative, is the growth of joint use libraries based in schools. Although the total envisaged amounted to 29, Councils have requested that 49 be established. Those opened to date are working successfully, serving both school and community.

His record of public achievement was recognised in the 1979 Australia Day honour list when he was awarded the Order of Australia for services to the community. We, the library world, recognise him as a tireless worker for our cause and a most approachable colleague.

Julie Do

Changes to ILL form

AACOBS Standing Committee has approved changes to the standard form to allow for the requirements of the new amendments to the Copyright Act.

These changes are:

- 1 Provision in the bottom right-hand corner for a date of making a photocopy;
- 2 Provision in the same area for a date of declaration held by the requesting library;
- 3 The words 'Authorised Officer' under the signature on the left-hand side;
- 4 Inclusion of procedures in the 'Use' section on the back of Part D.

Suggested procedures for requesting photocopies under Section 50 of the Act have also been approved, and are as follows:

- 1 Requesting library obtains necessary request and declaration and marks date of declaration on ILL request form;
- 2 Supplying library makes copy, marks date of making copy and despatches copy;
- 3 Requesting library stamps copy 'Made on behalf of (x) Library, declaration dated', before supplying the copy to requesting person or including it in its collection;
- 4 Supplying libraries should not supply photocopies where a loan only has been requested as the required declaration may not have been obtained.
- 5 Until stocks of existing inter-library loan stationery are exhausted, libraries should include the appropriate dates as near as possible to the right-hand bottom area of the form.

The changes will be incorporated in the next printing of the form. Orders for the next printing are being accepted by Moore Paragon until late August (see advertisement this issue).

P. Simmenauer

Convener, AACOBS Technical Subcommittee on Inter-Library Loan

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