

WORLD CE CONFERENCE

This is an interim report on the First World Conference which was organised on the initiative of Dr Elizabeth Stone (formerly of Catholic University of America, in Washington). It took place in the week before the main IFLA conference in Chicago (which I also attended in my dual capacities as Co-ordinator of the FLA Clearinghouse for Australia and South East Asia, and member of the IFLA Standing Committee on Library Schools — and where I was elected to the five person international executive of the newly formed IFLA Roundtable on Continuing Education).

The conference was limited to 150 participants from many countries, and speakers included three from Australia. Margaret Trask talked about 'Interconnections in the library and information science career development process' based on the past ten years at Kuring-gai CAE; Marianne Broadbent moved to the present on 'The LAA and continuing professional development: using co-operative efforts and resources'; whilst I looked to the future in my topic on 'International co-operation in the continuing education of librarians, using the distance education mode'. These, and 41 other papers, are included in the 434-page volume given to each participant on registration during the day preceding the conference (*Continuing education: issues and challenges*, edited by Esther E. Horne. New York: K. G. Saur, 1985, ISBN 0-89664-325-5).

I recommend this book as the fullest and most up-to-date source of information on continuing educational philosophies, technologies and activities in many parts of the world. The sessions I enjoyed most were 'Strengthening the quality of continuing education' by Alan Knox; and two hands-on sessions: 'Computer-conferencing as a tool for instruction' by Norman Kurland, and 'Online network of continuing education (ONCE)' by Joseph Natale. An interesting participative session was 'Learning styles of librarians and satisfaction with continuing education' by Jana Varlejs, which was based on her current degree research.

Some papers were received too late for inclusion in the printed work, and I would be happy to copy these for interested colleagues (check the book's contents list for likely titles). Personally, I would have preferred fewer concurrent sessions, and for the conference to

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have lasted a day or two longer to enable us to participate in sessions which we were forced to miss. As in all professional conferences, however, there were great 'invisible' benefits gained from informal discussions and interchanges during and after the twelve-hour (9 am to 9 pm) days. *Edward R. Reid-Smith*

INFORMATION ONLINE 86 — TICKETS FOR FREE ENTRY TO EXHIBITION

One of the objectives of the Information Online Exhibition is to encourage as many library users as possible to visit the exhibition to see for themselves the range of information services now available online. Any librarians wishing to obtain free tickets to encourage their users to visit the exhibition may do so by contacting ACMS — Australian Convention Management Service, Box 3695, GPO Sydney 2001 (telephone (02) 332 4622).

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