

The Mexican Earthquake

The Secretary General of IFLA, Margreet Wijnstroom, has written to the LAA appealing for financial assistance to aid Mexican libraries affected by the recent earthquake. Her letter is reprinted below.

Earthquake in Mexico: appeal for help

The catastrophe which struck Mexico last week must — without doubt — have hit also libraries and librarians badly. The profession in Mexico had already a hard time in coping with high inflation. Insufficient tools and manpower hampered the service to the users, notwithstanding the dedication of our colleagues. This rather dismal picture has now been turned into a real disaster.

As Secretary General of IFLA I make a strong personal appeal to translate your feelings of sympathy into concrete financial support. IFLA is looking forward to receive your contributions by cheque or by a payment into IFLA's bank account. Please state clearly with your transfer 'SOS: Mexico'.

The money will be put at the disposal of the Mexican Library Association or — in consultation with the Mexican LA — be earmarked by IFLA for special actions for the support of Mexican libraries and librarianship. A detailed account of the receipts will be given in IFLA Journal 1986 no. 1.

LET US NOT TALK BUT ACT!

With great trust in your solidarity,

Margreet Wijnstroom
Secretary General IFLA

The Association is willing to forward any donations to IFLA on behalf of the Australian library community.

If you would like to help our Mexican colleagues please forward your donation to:

SOS Mexico

Library Association of Australia

376 Jones Street

Ultimo NSW 2007

Please make cheques payable to the LAA.

Further reports on the appeal will appear in

InCite.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

New LAA Sponsored Employment Service in Queensland

The Queensland Branch of the LAA has recently established EQUL (Employment in Queensland Libraries), an employment service for librarians and library technicians in Queensland. EQUL is located at the Kedron Park Resource Centre at Brisbane College of Advanced Education and may be contacted by writing to PO Box 117, Kedron. Qld. 4031 or by leaving a message on the answering service (07) 357 5877

South Australian Workers Compensation System changes

The South Australian Government has released details of a new system called Work Cover which aims to reduce delays in contesting workers' compensation claims, ensure the implementation of safer work practices, allow the earlier return to the workforce of injured people and to improve benefits for injured workers and their families.

A new Workers' Rehabilitation and Compensation Corporation will be established which will be given wide powers to adopt rehabilitation programmes.

LAA Ergonomic furniture survey

The LAA has compiled a list of libraries which have purchased 'ergonomic' furniture for their staff. This list should be of use to libraries considering the purchase of such furniture and is available by ringing Louise Lansley on (02) 692 9233 or by writing to the LAA, 376 Jones St, Ultimo 2007.

RSI Information Service Canberra

The National Health and Occupational Safety Commission and the ACT Health Authority have established an information service to assist RSI sufferers in the ACT. It is located in the Health Promotion Building, Childers St, Civic and is open from 9am to 5pm on weekdays.

New EEO Act in Western Australia

The Western Australian Equal Opportunity Act 1984, was proclaimed to commence on July 8, 1985. It makes unlawful, in various situations, discrimination on the grounds of sex, marital status, pregnancy, race, religious or political conviction and covers both direct and indirect discrimination.

RSI Advisory Committee established at University of Tasmania

An advisory committee has been established to develop policy guidelines and advise management on how to deal with repetition strain injury at the University of Tasmania.

The committee has recognised the Technical Services area of the library as a high priority area.

Louise Lansley
Industrial Information and Research Officer

Collection Management in Academic Libraries

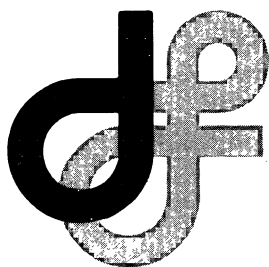
'The papers are without exception, well written, carefully and selectively documented, and representative of the wide range of opinion of informed Australian librarians.' Mary Rose O'Connor, *Australasian College Libraries*, Vol 3, No 2, 1985.

'These papers are of a consistently high quality and their publication is timely. They are likely to find a receptive audience among academic librarians seeking to clarify the options available to them in collection management.' Karl G. Schmude, *InCite*, Vol 6, No 7, 1985.

Collection Management in Academic Libraries. Edited by Kathryn Crow, Philip Kent and Barbara Paton. Brisbane: University and College Libraries Section, LAA. 1984. 88pp. LAA members price \$12; non members \$18 plus \$1.50 for postage.

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