

Robyn Young, Conference Secretary, and the Committee for their excellent work in planning the LAA's first conference in Darwin.

1988 IFLA & LAA Biennial Conference

Hans Groenewegen has taken up the position of Treasurer for the IFLA Conference Executive Committee in place of Alan Bunsell who resigned late last year due to pressure of other business.

TAA has been appointed internal carrier for the conference.

Publicity materials are being produced for distribution in Darwin, and in Tokyo and New York for the IFLA and ALA conferences in August. The Sydney Opera House is to be the venue for the closing of the LAA conference, and the IFLA opening.

Guidelines for the Organisation of Biennial Conferences

Council has adopted *Guidelines for the Organisation of Biennial Conferences*. (GC 42/86) These cover all aspects of staging an LAA conference, from the roles of the many conference committees to seeking sponsorship and contracting speakers. The guidelines were developed largely as a result of Christine Crocker's work as Committees Co-ordinator for the Brisbane conference, and Council thanked Christine for initiating what will be a most helpful document for future organisers.

1990 Biennial Conference

Council has accepted with pleasure the invitation of the Western Australian Branch to host the 1990 conference in Perth. (GC 44/86) The Riverina Regional Group is keen to host a biennial conference in Albury, and Council has asked the Executive Director to investigate holding conferences outside capital city venues. (GC 45/86)

Election of 2 members of the Board of Education and Board of Examiners

Twila Herr from the School of Librarianship, University of Tasmania and Helen O'Brien, from Canberra College of TAFE, have been elected members of the Board of Education and Board of Examiners. Twila's term begins on 1 May, and she replaces Denis Richardson who did not stand for re-election. Helen has been elected to fill the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Gael Fraser.

Honorary Awards

On the recommendation of the Honorary Awards Committee Council has conferred the H.C.L. Anderson Award on Laurie Brown, State Librarian of Tasmania, and the Redmond Barry Award on Justice Rae Else-Mitchell, Chairman of the Commonwealth Grants Commission and former President of the Library Council of NSW and member of the Council of the National Library of Australia. Reports on these awards appear in this issue of *InCite*.

Publications Board

Council considers that there should be a better financial return from Association publications. It has asked the Publications Board to examine various aspects of the publications program, and has expanded the Board to include two representatives of Council and to place more emphasis on marketing. Martha Heeren, General Councillor-at-large, is to be one of the Council representatives. A comprehensive report by the Executive of the Board (the Chairman, Publications Officer and Executive Director) was prepared for the Executive Committee, and has been referred to the Board for its consideration. (GC 54/86)

LAA computer

The last of the software for the Datapoint system has now been completed. A review of the Association's total information processing requirements is to be carried out and no further development of the present system will be undertaken. (GC 56/86)

Interlibrary Loan Code for Audiovisual Materials

The Audiovisual Services Committee has revised this Code, and the revision has been endorsed by Council. A recommendation has been made to AACOBs that it be included in the Australian ILL Code. Council commended the Audiovisual Services Committee for its work on this revision. (GC 57/86)

SAIL project

Progress on the Survey of Australian Interlibrary Loans Project has been reported in *InCite*. The feasibility study has been completed, and the survey is being undertaken in April/May. Council commended the Project Director, Andy Exon, on the progress of the study. (GC 58/86)

Next Council meeting

The next meeting is to be held in the Hotel Darwin on Friday, 27 and Saturday, 28 June. Observers are welcome — please advise Angela Brommann if you wish to attend on (008) 22 1481.

Sue Phillips
Assistant Executive Director

CAVAL WORKSHOPS IN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

On 28 and 29 April, CAVAL launched its 1986 series of workshops in Australian Government publications. Michael Harrington, Supervising Editor, Service Publications, at AGPS, and one of Australia's foremost authorities in the field of government publications, led the first two sessions, which were held in the Borchardt Library of La Trobe University.

The first, a fullday workshop was directed at librarians familiar with Australian government publications. Dealing specifically with publications of the parliament, Michael classified them into five categories, and then expanded his discussion, analysing each of these and examining the problems associated with retrieving information from them. Participants from most sectors of the library community participated in this workshop.

The halfday workshop on Tuesday 29 April was the first in a series of seven workshops to be held each month until October. These are intended for librarians with little or no knowledge of Australian government publications. The first workshop provided participants with an overview of the structure of government and the nature of the government publishing programme.

The remaining workshops will be held at various locations throughout the Melbourne Metropolitan region, and details of them may be found in the Happenings column in *InCite*. For further details please contact Max Borchardt, Library Co-ordinator, CAVAL. Phone (03) 813 3844.

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