

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

My first few months as Executive Director have been extremely busy, and quite different to the bustle of activities in a readers services position in a university library during the long vacation.

I spent the first part of January in the USA promoting the Sydney IFLA/LAA Conference through the American Library Association's midwinter business meeting. This was held in San Antonio, and it attracted about 6,000 people, 4,500 of whom were librarians. As could be expected Australia in its Bicentenary year has a very visible profile overseas. Many American librarians are keen to come to Australia and the IFLA/LAA Conference certainly provides an attractive professional reason for a visit!

The American Library Association enthusiastically supported my promotion of the IFLA/LAA Conference by providing space in the meeting/registration area. I was able to share this space with the organiser of group travel from the USA, TV Travel. Ebsco Subscription Services generously gave me space in their stand in the Trade Exhibition area to distribute promotional material (ALPC bookmarks, the IFLA/LAA Conference circular; koala bear stick pins etc). The Australian content of the Ebsco stand provided some confusion but stimulated much interest. Overall it was a most successful and cheerful partnership.

The trip also gave me the opportunity to meet with Tom Galvin (Executive Director, American Library Association) and Jane



Sue Kosse discussing the IFLA/LAA conference program with Joe Weed, General Manager Advertising for Ebsco Subscription Services at the Trade Exhibition for the ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Cooney (Executive Director, Canadian Library Association). A number of bases for future contact and co-operation were established the results of which will provide real benefits for the respective Associations.

The 'Canberra presence' has also figured very highly on my recent agenda. The various options (renting or buying a building or office space in Civic or West Deakin, Canberra) as directed by General Council are being investigated. The information will be available for the General Council meeting in March. This is in addition to the report on the impact on services to members by a move to

Canberra which is being developed in conjunction with the NSW Branch.

More recently, the issue of time-charging for phone calls by Telecom has been of concern to the LAA. A policy statement is currently being developed, and will be available for use as the campaign gains momentum.

This issue, together with the political demise of the National Information Policy, has yet again highlighted the need for the LAA to have a well informed and active presence in Canberra.

Sue Kosse
Executive Director

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- libraries and related information services
- agree on a process for implementing the conclusions reached at the Summit

Proposed issues

Issues proposed for discussion have been divided into three areas: 'considerations' listing the scope of the issue; 'problems' associated with the issue and 'solutions/outcomes'. Proposed issues include collection development; document delivery; user pays; privatisation of government information; professional and para-professional education; users with special needs; new technology; conservation; public library infrastructure; school library resources; Australian databases; ABN; and the National bibliographic database.

A major aim of the Summit is for the highest possible degree of understanding and agreement. Attendance will be by invitation with a total of about 100 delegates and observers.

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Adelaide	Mar 1	Mar 4	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 7	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 8	—
Melbourne	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Mar 28	Mar 25	Mar 24	Mar 23	Mar 22	—
Perth	Apr 26	Apr 29	Apr 28	Apr 27	Apr 22	Apr 21	Apr 20	Apr 19	—
Brisbane	May 18	May 20	May 16	May 17	May 24	May 19	May 23	May 25	—
Hobart	Jun 7	Jun 10	Jun 9	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 14	Jun 16	Jun 17	—
Darwin	Jul 5	Jul 8	Jul 7	Jul 6	Jul 12	Jul 11	Jul 13	Jul 14	—
Canberra	Jul 19	Jul 22	Jul 18	Jul 20	Jul 25	Jul 21	Jul 26	Jul 27	—
Auckland	Jun 21	Jun 24	Jun 23	Jun 22	Jun 28	Jun 27	Jun 29	Jun 30	—

Costs of courses (including lunch) are:

INTRODUCTORY (Full Day) \$250 per person

ADVANCED (Half Day) \$180 per person

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