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From Moscow with love!

The 57th Annual IFLA Conference will live forever in the memory of its 1600 delegates (or was it really only 1100?). The short-lived coup began and ended within the 'adrenalin-charged' conference week. In spite of the tumultuous events, Maxine Rochester reports that 'the conference rarely missed a beat', and the closing dinner was doubly joyous in consequence of the end of the coup.

The conference had an important significance for Australia, as reported briefly in a Stop Press notice in *inCite* 14. Warren Horton, the Director-General of the National Library of Australia, was elected to the IFLA Executive Board for a 4-year term (see also page 6). He received strong support from the Asia/Pacific countries, Canada, the UK, the USA and the Scandinavian countries. He is the first Australian to be elected to the Executive Board, which is the policy-making body for IFLA. It comprises the elected IFLA President and seven elected Executive Board members. □



Warren Horton ducked under the tank's gun barrel (note the flower) to take this photograph. The hotel where he and many delegates were staying faced Boris Yeltsin's 'White House', and they lived within sight of these tanks throughout the week!



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Maxine Rochester (Charles Sturt University), safely back home again, catches up with the news of the collapse of the coup.

Margaret Shaw (Australian National Gallery Research Library) is seen manning the barricade under the bridge by the 'White House'. In fact, this photo was taken just after the 'coup of fools' collapsed. Earlier in the week delegates had to climb over the barricade to get to the conference. Note the Russian flag flying proudly.



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