

ANZTLA Affairs

In October Helen Greenwood and I were privileged to participate in the 2nd Forum of Asian Theological Librarians in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Further details of this consultation are included in this issue. As we prepared for the consultation we looked back on the work that we have achieved as an Association and when it was done we were amazed at what we have managed to do in a relatively short period of time. These achievements should not prompt us to become complacent or to rest on our laurels. The decision of the 1997 AGM to revise the "Standards for Theological Libraries" is a timely one and those appointed to this task should be encouraged. They are Wendy Davis and Jocelyn Morris and they would welcome any thoughts you may be able to send them.

I have received correspondence from Andre J Geuns, President of the Conseil International des Associations de Bibliothèques de Théologie who is keen to keep up the contacts established by Trevor Zweck. After the Asian experience I can see the benefit of keeping these international contacts going, not just for what we can gain from them but equally importantly what we can offer them from our experience and achievements.

The preparations for the 1998 Sydney Conference are firming up and the brochure for registration should be mailed to members early February. The dates for the conference are Wednesday 1st to Sunday 5th July and it will be held at Moore Theological College in Newtown.

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Forum of Asian Theological Librarians

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In October 1997 we were privileged to attend the Forum of Asian Theological Librarians in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. It was a gathering of librarians from countries throughout Asia and Australasia, India, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia and Taiwan as well as Australia and New Zealand. There were a number of papers presented, copies of which are available from either of us. One of them is reproduced in this edition of the *ANZTLA newsletter* as is the Forum's final report.

Theological librarianship in Asia

- * most librarians we met are trained in both theology and librarianship which is a reflection on the Asian attitude to professional qualifications and the importance of academic degrees.
- * there are existing theological library associations in India, Korea, and The Philippines as well as Australia / New Zealand.
- * that the existing Forum includes Protestant libraries only - there are no Catholic or non-Christian members.