
The President's Page

As I reflect on the achievements of our Association since the last issue of this newsletter, I am impressed and humbled by the amount of voluntary time given by individuals, many of whom work isolated from others in similar libraries.

I am pleased to be able to report that significant progress has been made with two of the projects which were agreed to at the last Conference.

A group under the leadership of Ruth Millard has put a huge amount of work into negotiating a **consortium subscription** to the American Theological Library Association Religion Indexes on line. There are 20 libraries about to sign up as members of this consortium. This is a significant move in assisting theological libraries to increase the services offered to clients.

Volume 13 of the Australasian Religion Index is now completed and about to be printed. Last year's annual general meeting asked for this to be done by an interim means while we did further work on a possible electronic version and software to produce that on line. The ARI Management Committee has put a lot of time into finding a way forward; others have given freely of their time to edit the datasheets and to input the data. Thanks are owed to Helen Greenwood and Mark Hangartner (ARI Management Committee), Philip Harvey, Ruth Millard, Lawrence McIntosh, Lynn Pryor (ARI Editorial), Tony McCumstie who did all of the data input and Philip Harvey who proof read the volume.

Nominations

It will soon be time to consider putting names forward for the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and two other members of the Board of the Association. If you want to learn more, have a look at the webpage <http://www.anzsla.org.au>. The Constitution requires that these nominations are received by the Secretary in writing by the 9th of June. A nomination must be signed by the candidate, and by two members who propose and second the nomination. As I said at the last conference dinner, this is your Association, so please do consider offering yourself for nomination or encouraging others to do so. For a healthy association, we need to involve as many as possible. Please also consider any other items of business that you want on the agenda.

The Western Australian Chapter have been working hard to put together a programme for the **2003 Conference 10-13 July**. Please support them by coming to the Conference. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I would remind you also of the **Trevor Zweck Award**, and the process of nomination for this. The Award was agreed to at the 1994 Annual General Meeting, and it is awarded to a person who, in the opinion of the Board of ANZSLA, has made a significant contribution to the development of theological libraries in Australia or New Zealand during the previous twelve months. Members and Chapters are invited to submit nominations for this award. Further details are available from the Secretary, Stephen Connelly.

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