
Editorial

It is with a great sense of relief that I present the August issue. Over the last few weeks I have been battling a hard-drive crash at work and a dreaded computer virus at home which have caused delays in production and enormous stress.

This issue of the Newsletter brings the first batch of papers presented at the recent conference in Perth. For those who were fortunate to be there to hear the various speakers, maybe the reading will bring memories of the particular occasion. My hope is that the papers read well for those who will experience the message for the first time.

We have been able to cajole two first time attendees to present their impressions—thanks to Kerrie Stevens (Harvest Bible College), whose article appears in this issue and Pek Goh (Murdoch University), who will offer her comments in the forthcoming Newsletter.

As an alternative summary of the conference, Philip Harvey gives *The Veep's View* in his incisive and unapologetic style.

Interest Spots in Perth were just that— all varied and informative: Michael Tunney (New Norcia), Audra Kunciunas (John Garratt Publishing) and Cindy Vanuaroro (Talua Library, Vanuatu) presented fascinating glimpses into their own particular experiences.

The December issue will contain the balance of papers, including Philip Harvey's article on Time Management (presented to the cataloging session at the beginning of the conference) and Grant Stone (Murdoch University) on *The Money Squeeze*.

A concern expressed in Perth—highlighted in *The Veep's View*—was that there are members who are not familiar with how to become part of the ANZTLA-forum. Please read page 36 and if your questions are not answered, then make contact with one or more persons listed on pages 37 and 38.

We are grateful for the full-page advertisement placed by Haworth Press and trust members will find it of interest.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the first Consultation of Theological Librarians held at La Trobe University, Melbourne, in August 1978. This was the first ever gathering of librarians in theological institutions in Australia and New Zealand. Although it wasn't until a particular consultation in Brisbane in 1983 that moves were made to consider forming an association, it seems to me that we need to record the history of those early days. In the next issue of the Newsletter, I hope to present various contributions from librarians who were the planners and promoters.

By way of apology—the long awaited article by Philip Harvey, cataloguer extraordinary, on *New Formats* (as promised last time) has been delayed, partly because fatherhood has been such a buzz!

The statistics for 2001 are included here as a Supplement, with thanks to Ruth Millard for all her efforts. Also included is information from the Forum of the Asian Theological Libraries Association (ForATL). Please read again the report by Jocelyn Morris in the last Newsletter (No. 49, pp.19-21) and take to heart her final reflection.

My grateful thanks to all who assisted in the production

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