

## THE PRESIDENT REPORTS ON ANZTLA'S SECOND CONFERENCE HELD AT RIDLEY COLLEGE 23-25 August, 1987

As a result of decisions taken at the second conference of the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association, ANZTLA will become structurally and financially independent of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools. However, the libraries of ANZATS schools will still remain a primary focus of attention of the association, and conferences will be held, where practicable, in conjunction with the conferences of ANZATS. In 1988, Australia's Bicentennial Year, ANZTLA will meet at Burgmann College, Australian National University, Acton, ACT, 4-6 September. Appropriately, the latter conference will feature the theme of "Australian Religious History".

A major new initiative of ANZTLA was the decision to investigate the feasibility of producing an Australasian Religion Index. During the next twelve months, a pilot project will be carried out in association with the Centre for Library Studies, Wagga Wagga, NSW, with Father Gary Gorman and Mr John Mills providing liaison with the centre.

In other decisions, a radically revised and greatly expanded "ANZTLA Standards for Theological Libraries" document was referred to regional chapters for further discussion; the National Catholic Research Council was encouraged to produce an update of the Australasian Union List of Serials in Theological Collections (AULOTS); it was decided to facilitate the exchange of duplicate periodicals by including duplicate lists with Newsletter mailings; the venue for the 1989 conference was tentatively fixed at Auckland, New Zealand; and membership fees for 1988 were fixed at \$20 for both individual and institutional members (including Newsletter subscription) and separate subscriptions to the Newsletter at \$15 (with a surcharge of \$3 for overseas subscribers).

The meeting re-elected as President and Secretary Rev Trevor Zweck and Mr Hans Arns respectively, and elected Rev Peter Mendham (St. Mark's, Canberra, ACT) as extra member of the Executive. The new Editor of the Newsletter is Mrs Lynn Pryor (Whitley College, Parkville, Vic) and Assistant Editor Mr Philip Harvey (Joint Theological Library, Parkville, Vic).

The keynote speaker for the conference was Mrs Fran Awcock, Director of Technical Services for the State Library of Victoria. She spoke of the need to preserve existing materials, to cooperate in collection development and in provision of services, and to exploit the new information technology for more effective service. Father Gary Gorman led a workshop on reference methods and materials, stressing the need for reference tools which are of good quality and relevant to the local situation. Mr. Hal Cain led a workshop on the practicalities and problems of cataloguing, automation, and interlibrary loans. In a final plenary session, Mr Patrick Lambe (who came to the conference as Assistant Librarian for the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, London, and left it as Librarian of New College, Oxford) gave information on the different types of libraries involved in the Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries, and Mr Kim Robinson reported on the American Theological Library Association Conference which he had attended in San Francisco.

(Rev) Trevor Zweck,  
President,  
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A representative group of Conference delegates - from NZ, NSW, SA and Vic.