

After consultation with the National Catholic Research Council which was responsible for the publication of the first edition (at a considerable financial loss), some progress has now been made in planning its continuation. The original "8" diskettes have now been converted to 5.25 inch format. An investigation is also under way to convert the diskettes produced with a word processing programme into a database to allow print-outs by individual libraries, States, etc. I hope to have the results of this investigation and concrete plans for updating AULOTS ready for discussion at our joint ANZATS/ANZTLA conference in Canberra later this year.

Hans Arns.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is a privilege to be able to communicate with you through the medium of the ANZTLA Newsletter. I would encourage you also to use it to communicate with one another, by sending in news items, stories about your library, book reviews, or more scholarly articles. Our thanks also to Lynn Pryor and Philip Harvey for their contribution in making it all possible.

Newsletter Subscriptions. Now is the time to promote the Newsletter and to get it established on a sound financial basis. I understand that only 42 subscriptions have been paid up to date. Will you help to at least double this number by the time of the conference in September? Please check within your chapter or group of theological libraries that all ANZATS libraries are paying up. As from 1988, membership in ANZTLA is no longer being paid by ANZATS. Each ANZATS library must pay its own ANZTLA fee, and this should be for full membership (\$20), which includes the right to vote at meetings of the association. Libraries need to make clear that it is an institutional subscription and who the representative of the library is (i.e. the librarian-in-charge). I suggest the format: [Name of Library]
c/- [Name of Librarian-in-charge]

Other libraries in your chapter or group should also be encouraged to join as full members. Membership of the chapter implies membership of ANZTLA, but it must be formalized by payment of the prescribed fee. Other libraries and individuals may either join ANZTLA as members or subscribe to the Newsletter only (\$15). Please check out the Bible colleges, church diocesan and administrative libraries, and church CAE libraries, as well as academic libraries and librarians which have an interest in religion and theology. Where a library has more than one member of staff, any who are not covered by the institutional membership may join individually, thus demonstrating their solidarity with the association and earning the right to vote at meetings. Fees for membership and for newsletter subscription cover the calendar year.

AULOTS. Following the decision of the Melbourne conference to investigate the possibility of updating the Australasian Union List of Serials in Theological Collections, Hans Arns and Marianne Dacy have been busy, loading the existing data onto the computer at the Catholic Institute of Sydney. They aim to run off a list of each library's holdings and send it to that library for updating.

Standards. To date, only one chapter appears to have taken up the ANZTLA Standards document for study and response, (as requested by the Melbourne conference). If your chapter or group is not preparing a collective response, how about doing your own thing and sending a reaction to either the President or the Secretary - by the end of May?

Australasian Religion Index. The pilot project for the Australasian Religion Index has been set in motion by Gary Gorman and John Mills. If you have been asked to help with the indexing, please do so promptly and get your data sheets back to the Centre for Library Studies as quickly as possible. Hopefully, the first trial issue of the index will be in your hands within a matter of weeks.

1988 Conference. Local factors have determined the timing of the 1988 Conference at Burgmann College, Australian National University, Canberra, from Thursday morning, 8th September, to Saturday noon, 10th September. Unfortunately, this coincides with the beginning of a new academic term for some theological colleges. Nevertheless, it is hoped a good number of people will be able to attend. If your librarian is unable to attend, perhaps your representative at the ANZATS Conference will be able to stay on for the library conference.

1989 Conference. Both the Warden (Francis Foulkes) and the Librarian (Judith Bright) of St. John's College, Auckland are keen to host the 1989 conference. With South Australian and Victorian theological colleges changing over to a two-semester (four term/four quarter) system next year, it appears that the majority of the Australian states and New Zealand will be on vacation between 30th June and 10th July. This would appear to be the most suitable time to hold the conference, both from the point of view of those attending and those hosting (who have to have accommodation available). It is Winter, but I am told that July in Auckland is no worse than July in Melbourne! Fortunately, it is the low season as far as air fares are concerned.

Looking Ahead. In 1990, ANZATS will be holding its conference in Brisbane; in 1991, in Sydney. Presumably, ANZTLA will follow suit. Finding suitable dates, however, will be a problem for all concerned.

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CARD REPORTING TO NUCOS

From January 1988 the National Library will no longer receive and process card reports of new serial holdings for NUCOS. It will only accept card reports for amendments to holdings already in NUCOS following the ZNUC symbol. All other reporting to the National Union Catalogue will in future have to be via ABN or MARC NUCOM.